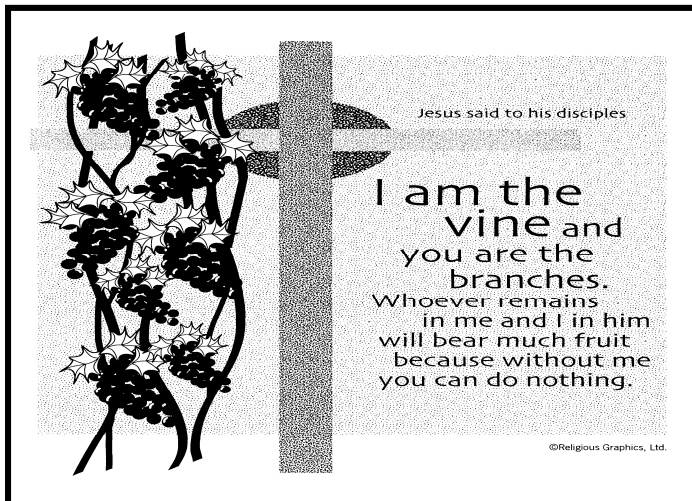


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

April 28/29, 2018 Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the priest for an appointment.

Reconciliation: Holy Spirit: Saturday, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:15-8:45 a.m.

St. Edward: Sunday after Mass

First Saturday of the month 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Marriage Preparation: Contact priest at least six months before making marriage plans.

Newcomers: Call the parish office to register.

FROM FR. KEN

The other day, I was reading an article about the Super Volcano that lies in Yellowstone Park. The cap of the volcano is 44 miles wide and when it erupts it will cause global destruction! It will throw lava for many miles, rocks and stones much farther, and the cloud of ash spewed out could cause a "volcanic winter" causing the earth to cool so much that many plants and animals would die out. The good thing that it only erupts about every 600,000 years, and the bad news is that it is 50,000 years over-due. Scientists are trying to figure out a good way to stop it from erupting! When the video started, there was ominous music and they had pictures and graphs to show what destruction would happen. Also, this week we survived another prediction for the end of the world. So, if you knew for a fact, that the world would end this week, what would you do? I can imagine that some would let all of their inhibitions go and there would be mass destruction. I also know that there would be a large group that would really rely on their faith and spend the last few days with God and their families. Many times, I have asked the question "if you could know the time and date of your death, would you want to?" We have this fascination with the end of the world, and I think that it is because we are not ready for it. Many times in Scripture Jesus tells us that it is not for us to know the time of the day that it will happen, but if we are ready, it will not matter. The Easter Season is a time in which we celebrate the resurrection, but it is also a time in which we await the Second Coming of Christ which will bring about the end. So, are you ready?

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St. Edward Church, 104 W. Union Street, Afton

St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston



A Vision for Excellence in
Catholic Education
 Inspired by a Caring, Committed, Faithful Community

The diocese's long-term strategic planning process for our schools will take into account the many challenges we face. Hear consultant Alan Meitler talk about secularism, technology, aging facilities, expectations of parents and more. Check out this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8DDdLPACXIE>

SO, SO CLOSE

Annual Diocesan Appeal Report as of April 20th:

St. Edward: 98% of goal

Holy Spirit: 86% of goal

Please help us complete our Annual Diocesan Drive. We are so close to reaching our goal. All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have given. Pledge cards are in the back of church if you have misplaced yours. You may dropped your envelope in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

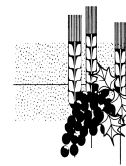
Monthly meeting: Wednesday, May 2nd, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. All Knights are invited to attend.

PAPAL HONOR

Five local Catholic couples will receive one of the highest honors given to a lay person by the Holy Father called the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal. Bishop Pates will confer the awards on Sunday, May 6th, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. Our congratulations to Connie and Dennis Purdum of Holy Spirit Parish who are one of the five couples being honored.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

A new session of the Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide 12-week program begins May 8th at St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale. Gatherings begin at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. This is an incredible healing ministry that answers many questions while staying true to Catholic Church teaching. Contact Adam Storey at 515-237-5098 or email him at astorey@dmdiocese.org for details.



I am the true vine
 says the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday April 30	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Bob Baker
Tuesday May 1	7:30 a.m. Adoration 8:30 a.m., Mass, St. Edward Leonard and Gail Feld 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Lorraine Victor
Wednesday May 2	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Dick Fries
Thursday May 3	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Living/Deceased CCW Members
Friday May 4	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Vicki Jansen
Saturday May 5	9:30 a.m., St. Edward Rev. Mark Reasoner 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit For the People
Sunday May 6	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Stella Maniscalco 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Lana Weis Gossman

AN INVITATION

You are invited to the Prescott United Church Disciples of Christ to hear Rev. Anne Gregory, a missionary from Thailand, speak on April 30th at the Prescott Church. There will be a free light supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by Anne's presentation at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to hear about her ministry and the humility that comes from living in a country different from the USA. For more information, please contact Pastor Mary O'Riley at 641-344-0701.

News from Holy Spirit Parish



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	April 30	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	May 1	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 2	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. KC, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	May 4	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 5	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon First Eucharist Practice, 10:00 a.m. First Eucharist at 5:15 p.m. Mass + Reception following in the Hall
Sunday	May 6	Mothers Day Breakfast following Mass, Hall

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
April 22nd tithes received	\$5,240.00



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Several of our local agencies are collecting items to help those who are in need of supplies and food to care for their families.

- ♦ The MATURA Food Pantry located at 209 N. Elm in Creston is really low on toiletries. They could use: toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, toothpaste, paper towels and Kleenex. You may drop off your donations Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ The Crisis Intervention and the Advocacy Center has a wish list of needs for their clients: some of their needs are gifts cards for groceries, gas stations or phone cards, diapers, toiletry items, used cellular phones and chargers, car traveling kits for victims fleeing danger, school kits for children, financial donations for medical care. You can also adopt a family for Christmas, birthdays, and other special events; offer free services such as auto repairs, lock changes, and repair work. A complete list is available in the back of church. A cart is in the back of church to collect items or contact Retta Ripperger with the Catholic Daughters, 515-782-0918.
- ♦ The parish's monthly food drive is next weekend and non-perishable food or monetary donations are collected and distributed between the Creston Area Food Pantry and MATURA.
- ♦ Baby Bottle Boomerang is a drive coming up from Mother's Day to Father's Day to fill a baby bottle with coins, currency or checks. Bottles will be available when the drive kicks off. Proceeds going to support the pro-life ministries of Life Matters Worldwide. More info next week.

The Knights of Columbus will serve a Mother's Day Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, May 6th. Mark your calendar!!! On the menu: French toast casserole and egg and bacon casserole. The committee: Steve Heffern (chr), Dennis Hopkins, Jeff Kinsella, John Baker, Jon Moberg, Rick Benson, Jeff Mostek, Bill Mullin, Levi Evans, Bob McKee, Paul Boden, Scott Coen, Ben Adamson, Austin Berry, Roger Baker, Matt Ramaeker, Frank Ripperger and Francis Doyle.

MEALS OF THE HEARTLAND

Thanks to all who helped assemble meals for those in need and to those who contributed to help purchase the meal ingredients. It was a successful and gratifying day!

ST. MALACHY GALA UPDATE

Thank you for your gracious and generous support for the St. Malachy Gala. Without your support this event would not be possible. The Gala raised \$55,360 from live and silent auctions. The proceeds go to St. Malachy School.

PRAYER TREE

If you would like to be part of the parish prayer tree or wish to place a name on the prayer tree, please email or call: Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or dmwchhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291, or ppokorny@windstream.net.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 5/6	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Al Pokorny Pat Pokorny	Mark O'Riley Mary S. McDonald
Eucharistic Ministers	To be announced	R. & J. Huewe Larry Rayhons T. & L. Root
Ushers	T. & C. Sevier T. & K. Freml L. & M.J. Dorgan	Adolfo & Fidelina Saturno Family
Servers	Keely Coen Braylee Pokorny Daniel Buls	Anthony Eblen Vincent Eblen Jacob Zachary
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	Virginia Aguilar Sue Bissell
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets Lynn Baker D. & D. Buls	Mary S. McDonald Lynn Baker Mike Peters
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karen Freml, June Huewe	

*Please be at church 10 minutes before Mass begins.
If you cannot be there, please find a substitute.
Thank you!*

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Question for Children: How do you keep yourself connected to Jesus in your daily life?

Question for Youth: Jesus is the vine—we are the branches, connected to Him as our life-source. When do you feel most connected to Jesus in your everyday life? How can you go there more often?

Question for Adults: How does your own connection to Christ, the vine, affect your daily life? What image from this reading helps you see the importance of this connection to Christ?

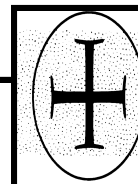


SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friend of Charles "Chuck" Ehm, brother of Rudy (Mary) Ehm. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

News from St. Edward

Wednesday	May 2	Devotions, 6:30 p.m. KC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Saturday	May 5	Confession 8:30-9:30 p.m./Mass, 9:30 a.m. First Reconciliation, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 6	First Communion + Honor High School Graduates



Believe in the name
of Jesus Christ and
love one another

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 6	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Alex Pettit
Eucharistic Minister	Dan Rosener Deb Weaver-Ripperger Sydney Weis
Ushers	Jeff & Marge Welch
Servers	Olivia Moore Draven Moore
Money Counters	Phil Bradley Carol Waigand

PRAYER TREE

Please call Patty Bradley, 347-8812, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree. You may also call Patty if you wish to be notified of those added to the prayer tree.



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
April 22nd tithes received	\$894.00

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

May 5th:

- ◆ Confession from 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Mass, 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ First Reconciliation, 2:00 p.m.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

Sunday, May 6th, we will celebrate two special occasions after Mass. A reception will be held for the students who made their First Holy Communion at the 10:45 a.m. Mass and we will honor those graduating from high school this year. We hope you can join us as we honor these young parishioners.