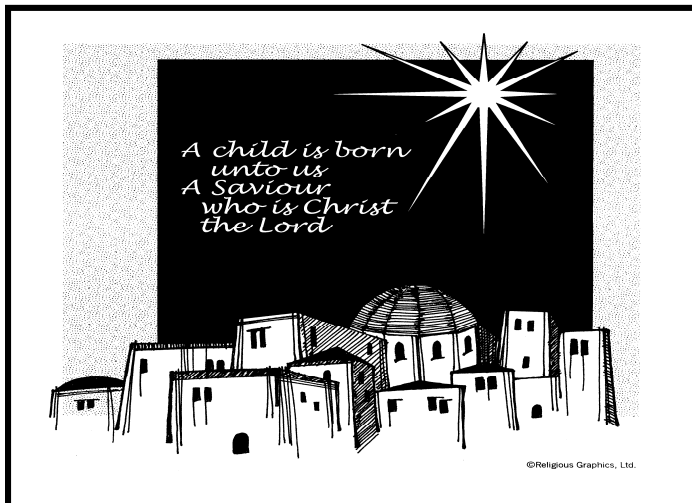


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

December 26/27, 2015 & January 2/3, 2016

Holy Family/The Epiphany



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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:

Merry Christmas! We began the Christmas season in the Church this week and we will celebrate it until January 10th which is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We also celebrate this week the Feast of Mary the Mother of God on January 1st or New Years Day. It is a day in which we remember Mary's role in the life of her Son, Jesus Christ. We often celebrate secular New Years Day with promises or resolutions like, "New Year, New Me." But often the new year's resolutions only last a few weeks, the gyms are full for the first few weeks of the year, but then attendance drops off pretty quickly. Instead of a "new year, new me," how about "new year, and I will do my best to be the person God wants me to be." The struggle with this is that we need to find out what that is and the best way for that is to ask Him. Studies show that it takes about six weeks to build or break a habit, good or bad. If we make the effort for six weeks straight to do something good in our lives or stop doing something bad, we have a better hope of making it stick. In this upcoming new year we should take some extra time to pray and ask God where He wants us to be so that we can become the person that Jesus Christ wants us to be. We continue to celebrate the Christmas season in which God himself came to live the life that we lead and to preach, teach, and give us an example of how we are to live our lives in the way of Christ. Find some good Christian resources, especially during these cold months, so that we can build the life of prayer in our lives.

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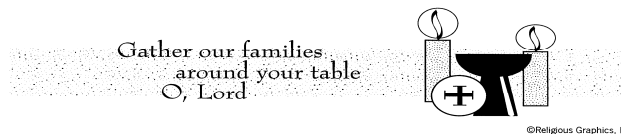
St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

WELCOME VISITORS

We hope you have enjoyed celebrating with us. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. We have much to offer for all ages and stages of faith. If you are a visitor from out of town, we hope you enjoyed your visit with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Registration forms are available in the back of church if you are new to the area and wish to register.

KNIGHTS NEWS

- ◆ No officers meeting in December.
- ◆ Next meeting: January 6th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
- ◆ If you can help at Open Table January 5th, please come to the church kitchen between 3 and 5 p.m.
- ◆ Yearly dues (\$25) now payable. Thank you in advance for a timely remittance.



START THE NEW YEAR BY.....

- ◆ Having daily scripture readings delivered to you on your mobile device. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers the readings at no charge. Visit <http://uscgb.org/bible/> to subscribe.
- ◆ Pray the rosary in a quiet place away the noise of life and all its distractions by visiting www.therosary3.com.
- ◆ Have you updated your will recently? Have you thought of including St. Edward Church, St. Edward Cemetery, Holy Spirit Church, Calvary Cemetery, St. Malachy School, or St. Malachy Foundation?

MARCH FOR LIFE

The Midwest March of Life in Des Moines is January 16th. Join us for Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral with Iowa's four bishops. The march begins at 11:00 a.m. on the west steps of the Capitol. A 12:30 p.m. luncheon follows with keynote speaker Melissa Ohden, founder of Abortion Survivors Network. Go to IowaRTL.org for details.

CREST AREA FOR LIFE

The next meeting will be January 5th, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church. Meetings are open to the public.



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Monday
December 28 **Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit**
6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Helen Hayes

Tuesday
December 29 **Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m., St. Edward**
8:30 a.m., St. Edward
Steven Pettit

Wednesday
December 30 **7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel**
KC: Joseph F. Kelly

Holiday Mass: Solemnity of Mary
Thursday
December 31 **5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit**
Pete and Ava Jean Weis
7:00 p.m., St. Edward
Joel Streufert

Friday
January 1 **9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit**
For the People

Saturday
January 2 **5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit**
C. J. Miller

Sunday
January 3 **9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit**
Kevin Eblen
10:45 a.m., St. Edward
For the People

Monday
January 4 **Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit**
6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Duane Brown

Tuesday
January 5 **Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m., St. Edward**
Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward
JoAnn Allman
1:00 p.m., Assisted Living
For those Buried at Hopeville Cemetery

Wednesday
January 6 **9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School**
Naomi Dunphy

Thursday
January 7 **10:30 a.m., Crest Haven**
Mary Ward

Friday
January 8 **7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel**
For those Buried at St. Edward Cemetery

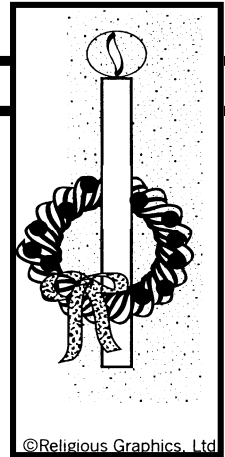
Saturday
January 9 **5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit**
Carol Glynn

Sunday
January 10 **9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit**
Red McManus
10:45 a.m., St. Edward
For the People

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	December 29	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 30	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday	January 2/3	Monthly Food/Personal Care Drive
Monday	January 4	CRHP Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hall
Tuesday	January 5	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	January 6	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Student/Sponsor Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Religious Education Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	January 7	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	January 8	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 9	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	January 10	Take Down Christmas Decorations after Mass



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
Dec. 20th tithes received	\$5,712.00

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Dinner a reality.....from monetary donations, bakers, cooks, servers, delivery people and the clean-up crew.....we could not do this dinner without you. Special thanks to Barb Hudson and Anita Studer for chairing the dinner.

FOOD PANTY TIME

January 2nd/3rd will be our monthly food/personal care drive for the local Food Pantries (MATURA and the UCC Food Pantry). Your generosity gives many local residents a helping hand.

RERUN SHOP

- ◆ ReRun phone number: 641-202-4488
- ◆ The ReRun Shop will be closed Friday, January 1st and Saturday, January 2nd.

TAKE DOWN TIME

The Christmas decorations will be taken down after Mass on Sunday, January 10th. Helping hands and strong backs are appreciated!

CONFIRMATION MEETING.....

For students and their sponsors: Wednesday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m., at St. Malachy School.

THANK YOU

Touched by your thoughtfulness, Lifted by your kindness and Renewed by your goodness! Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas — The Liturgy Committee

FOOD PANTRY

The United Church of Christ Congregational located at 501 W. Montgomery, has a food pantry open every Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This is open to those in the Creston area who could benefit from this service. The food consists of frozen products, dairy, produce, bakery, and non-perishable items. On your first visit you will sign-up with your name, address, names and birth dates of dependents in the household. You will also verify by signature that your income is within the guidelines established by the Food Bank of Iowa. If you would like more information or have questions regarding the Food Bank, please call Kathy Goodrich, 641-202-4513.

(Holy Spirit Parish's monthly food/personal care drive is split between the Food Bank and MATURA)

BACK IN THE ROUTINE

- ◆ Religious Education classes will resume Wednesday, January 6th, 6:45 p.m., at St. Malachy School.
- ◆ RCIA classes will resume Thursday, January 7th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Dec. 31 5:15 pm	January 1 9:00 am	January 2 5:15 pm	January 3 9:00 am	January 9 5:15 pm	January 10 9:00 am
Lectors	Bob Jansen Joanne Gibson	Volunteer	Pat Schlapia Linda Hartsock	Dottie Dunphy M.S. McDonald	Jean Miller Mark O'Riley	Al Pokorny Pat Pokorny
E. M.	L. Iyagbaye II Dean Schulte T. & L. Root Karen Fries	Volunteer	D. & L. Nelson Pat Miller	R. & J. Huewe Missy Sickels Theresa Pudenz Terri Koets	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen Alice Reed	G. & J. Bucklin Mary S. McDonald Karon Finn Francis Doyle
Ushers	R. & M. Baker Family Butch Miller	Volunteer	J. & T. Latus T. & C. Sevier T. & K. Freml	D. & K. Kinsella Virginia Aguilar Jamie Hayes L. & P. Blakesley	J. & C. Mansour Paul Johnson Monte Neitzel D. & B. Baker	M. Sickels Family B. Hudson Family
Servers	Sydney Strunk Reese Glynn Anthony Eblen	Volunteer	Haley Simmons Ashton Carter Noah Drey	Keegan Bailey Kolbey Bailey Macy Adamson	Keely Coen Carly Green Danika Schultes	Alexis Baker Ashlyn Baker Marie Mullin
Greeters	Butch Miller Ann Johnson	Volunteer	J. & T. Latus	D. & K. Kinsella	Betty Baker Ben Brightwell	M.S. McDonald Sue Bissell
Rosary			Ted Willets	Al Pokorny	Bob Jansen	Paul Baker
Musicians	C. Fredrickson Katie Brennan	Lynn Baker Danna Buls	Linda Taylor Rose Wignall Kateri Foster	Julia Weisshaar Bill Mullin	Molly Ternus Elizabeth Sadler	Lynn Baker Heather Sitek
Money Counters				Scott Coen Paul Varner Ryan Mohr		Syd Hudek Bob McKee Mary McElroy

News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	December 27	Monthly Plate Collection to Maryknoll Missions
Saturday	January 2	Monthly Confession, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	January 6	Religious Education Epiphany Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Church Devotions, 6:30 p.m. (join the Epiphany Prayer Service) Confirmation Student/Sponsor Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Holyday: December 31, 7:00 p.m.

Please volunteer

	Jan. 3 10:45 am	Jan. 10 10:45 am
Lector	Mark Weis	Wayne Wuebker
Euch. Min.	Ellie Fry Karen Jones Georgia Pettit	Mara Weis Jan Pettit Sharon Findley
Usher/Greet	Jeff. Welch Family	Ellie Fry Family
Servers	Gus McNeill	Molly McNeill Layla Lopez
Money Counters	Randy Wuebker Darren Moore	Randy Wuebker Darren Moore

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
December 20th tithes received	\$604.00

EPIPHANY PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, January 6th, the RE students will be celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord with a prayer service at the church. All parents are encouraged to attend and sit with their children. The service will begin at 6:30 and children may leave with their parents afterwards. If parents are unable to attend the service they may drop off and pick up their children at the regular time.