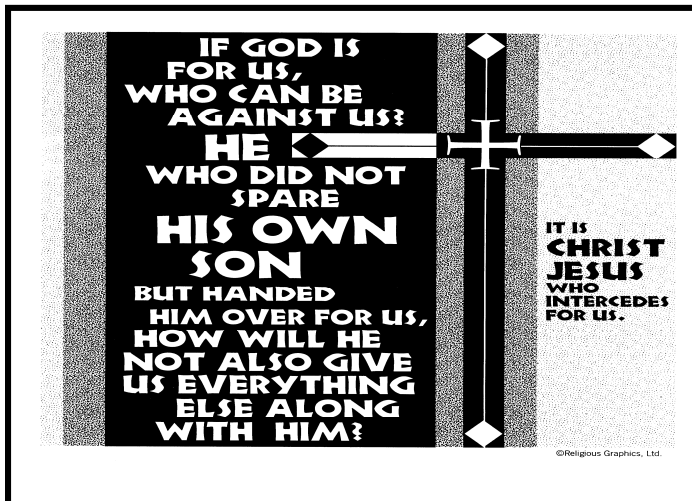


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

February 24/25, 2018 Bulletin

Second Sunday in Lent



FROM FR. KEN

This weekend we have a new face running around the parishes and school. His name is Deacon Ephraim Udouso and he is from Nigeria, but is now a seminarian for the Diocese of Des Moines. Next week he will be giving a short biography in place of my bulletin article. He has already met the students at St. Malachy school as well as a few people at daily Masses. He will be here until August when he will be heading off to St. Paul Seminary to finish his studies and to learn a bit about American culture. Feel free to ask him any questions about the faith, or about his life journey. With Deacon Ephraim here, this would be a good opportunity to talk about vocations to the priesthood. A word of encouragement or telling a young man that you think that he would make a good priest because of this... is sometimes all it takes to make him really consider the option. Even with being around priests in the parish life, young men can often not think about it for them. Yes, there can be many different challenges to being a priest, as one of my professors used to say "Long hours, low pay, no wife, why can't we sell this?" It is because while there are challenges, the benefits are out of this world! Being free to be to go whenever needed, or to be open to go to the hospital at 2:00 am is a comfort to those who need the spiritual help. I am always amazed at the relief on peoples faces when I do an anointing for someone who is close to death, or even the joy of baptizing a (sometimes screaming) baby, praying with someone who needs a blessing, or the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. These things are worth the countless meetings and other challenges. So if you see a young man that would make a good priest, tell him!

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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.

Parish Office, 406 W. Clark Street, Creston
St. Edward Church, 104 W. Union Street, Afton

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

SCOTT BOYLE
“TRAINING FOR HEAVEN”



**Lent, Disney and the
 Disciple’s Journey**

*Wednesday
 February 28th
 6:30-7:45 p.m.*

Holy Spirit Church

Join us afterwards in the church hall for snacks and meet Scott.

We are excited to bring Scott Boyle to our parishes. Scott is a 2012 and 2015 graduate of Notre Dame where he earned both his BA and MA in Theology. Most recently, Scott spent two years serving as a campus minister and youth minister in Indianapolis, IN. He now serves as the Assistant Director for Notre Dame Vision Summer Conferences and coordinates student catechetical outreach in the McGrath Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame. Scott is Passionate about helping young people discover their giftedness and travels all across the country speaking to groups and parishes about God’s call for their lives. Scott’s talk will be fitting for all ages. Bring your family and friends and come spend time “Training for Heaven.”

Lead us to 
 that Easter Joy!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	5:00 p.m. Adoration
February 26	6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit + Stations Helen Sheets
Tuesday	7:30-8:30 a.m., Adoration
February 27	8:30 a.m., St. Edward David Pugh
Wednesday	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School
February 28	Jessica Moeller
Thursday	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel
March 1	Living/Deceased CCW Members
Friday	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel
March 2	Dick Fries
Saturday	8:30 a.m., St. Edward
March 3	Vicki Jansen 4:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Marshel and Agnes Fredrickson
Sunday	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit
March 4	Florence Allen 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People



L E N T

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Sunday March 25th, 5:00 p.m.:** Ministerial Alliance Ecumenical Service, Jerusalem Methodist Church, 1965 REA Rd., Fr. Ken will be the guest speaker.
- ◆ **Monday:** Holy Spirit Parish we will have Adoration from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Fr. Ken will be available for confession during this time. Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. A soup supper will follow in the parish hall with a free will offering going to the Rice Bowl. Please join us for all or part of the evening.
- ◆ **Wednesday:** St. Edward will hold Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Rice Bowls** are available in the back of church. By using your Rice Bowl we pray together; Fast in solidarity with those who hunger; Learn about the challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world and give sacrificial contributions to support those in need.
- ◆ **Fish Fries:** March 9th and March 23rd, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Afton Community Center.



FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY

Iowa Catholic Men’s Conference is thrilled to invite all men to the 6th annual men’s conference on March 10th at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. National speakers and authors Dr. Allen Hunt and Trent Horn will be guest speakers. For details and registration, call 515-223-1150 or go to www.iowacatholicmensconference.com.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	February 26	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross following 6 p.m. Mass + Soup Supper in Hall
Tuesday	February 27	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Social Concerns Committee Serves Open Table Crest Area for Life, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	February 28	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Scott Boyle Presentation, 6:30 p.m., Church (RE Students attend)
Thursday	March 1	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 2	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 3	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon St. Malachy Foundation Gala/Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. at SuperTell



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
February 18th tithes received	\$6,691.00



Please join us for our groundbreaking ceremony for our addition to St. Malachy School. The ceremony will be held Wednesday, March 14th, after the school Mass at approximately 10:15 a.m. Bishop Pates will be with us to celebrate the beginning of our new building project!!

CREST AREA FOR LIFE MEETING

Monthly meeting: Tuesday, February 27th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. Everyone is invited.

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 dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291, or ppokorny@windstream.net.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Matura Union County Outreach Center—Food Pantry is in desperate need of toiletries. They need toilet paper, bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry soap and dish soap. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Their office is located at 207 B. North Elm in Creston.

OPEN TABLE

Holy Spirit Social Concerns Committee will be serving Open Table on Tuesday, February 27th. If you can help with serving or donating food, please call Mark O'Riley, 641-344-1159.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Keith and Katie Worland on the baptism of their children: Isabel Michelle Worland and Charles Martin Worland last Saturday, February 17th, at Holy Spirit.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS PLEASE

If you drop your land line, please let the parish office know your cell phone number. We are discovering we are missing quite a few numbers.

ST. MALACHY GALA: MARCH 3RD AT SUPERTEL

Join us for a fun evening supporting St. Malachy School.
Cocktail hour starts at 5:00 p.m. followed by a prime rib and chicken dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Life and silent auctions at 7:00 p.m.
Special music guest is Dustin Baird.
Tickets are available at St. Malachy School



Saturday night Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. on March 3rd



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 3/4	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Mark O'Riley	RE Students
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Heffern	RE Students
	Phyllis Allen	
	Theresa Pudenz	
Ushers	T. & C. Sevier	RE Students
	T. & K. Freml	
	J. & C. Mansour	
Servers	Keely Coen	
	Carly Green	RE Students
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	RE Students
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Mary S. McDonald
Musicians	No Musicians	Linda Taylor Dan Gibson
Money Counters	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

Ministers: Please find a substitute if you cannot fulfill your assignment.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Seeing Jesus

Question for Children: Name or draw a picture of a time you knew that Jesus was with you.

Question for Youth: The disciples had a very intense experience of Jesus on the mountain. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What was it like for you?

Question for Adults: In what ways does Jesus speak today, ways in which you can truly "listen to him?"



EASTER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

If you could help with the ministry schedule for Easter, a sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

Holy Saturday, March 31st, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1st, 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

News from St. Edward

Sunday	February 25	Breakfast after Mass
Wednesday	February 28	Religious Ed. Classes, 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. Scott Boyle Presentation, 6:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Church
Thursday	March 1	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall



Breakfast

The Annual Parish Breakfast will be THIS Sunday, February 25th, after Mass. Please join us in this time of fellowship.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY OF MARCH

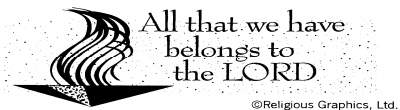
March 3rd: Confession, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Mass, 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER TREE

Please call Patty Bradley, 347-8812, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
February 18th tithes received	Report not received yet



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 4	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Eucharistic Minister	Dan Rosener Deb Weaver-Ripperger Sydney Weis
Ushers	Jim & Shayla Findley Family
Servers	Olivia Moore Draven Moore
Money Counter	Jerry Travis Nancy Ford