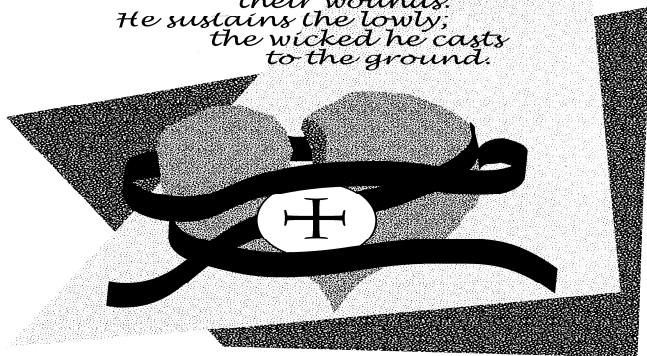


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

February 3/4, 2018 Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Praise the Lord for he is good;
he heals the brokenhearted
and binds up
their wounds.
He sustains the lowly;
the wicked he casts
to the ground.*



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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

Anyone who has been on social media for any length of time has at least one friend who constantly posts very weird stuff. I personally have a couple of friends who will post links to bizarre alien conspiracy theories, reviews for some strange product on the market, or how robots are going to take over the world. I have a couple of other friends that I have silenced their posts because they get a little too political on either side. Some of these are really funny, some are just downright scary, and the over the top political stuff just gets annoying, and I block it because I do not need that level of anger and hatred in my life. I do have to admit, if I have a bit of free time, I will follow some of the click-bait. There was a website I used to go to every once in a while, called News of the Weird. This was a collection of bizarre snippets of news, like a Russian man who stole an armored personnel carrier to go steal some wine. We are sometimes fascinated by the strange things that happen in real life, just get a group of priests together and bring up the topic of strange weddings or funerals, truth is really stranger than fiction. Something interesting is some of the strange things that happen in Holy Scripture. Just look at the miracles that Jesus performed; changing water into wine, driving out demons, curing the sick, raising the dead, and many other things. I can only imagine what would happen if social media was around when Jesus was doing these things. The accounts spread pretty fast for the time, in fact, it says that Jesus had a hard time finding solitude to pray. So take the time to read some of these stranger than fiction accounts in the Bible and let them bring you closer to Christ.

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

ST. MALACHY GALA: MARCH 3RD

The Annual St. Malachy Foundation Gala has been set for March 3rd at the SuperTel. Mark your calendar!! Saturday night Mass will be at 4:00 p.m.

DIAPER DRIVE



Lc Clinic is holding their annual Diaper Drive. They are collecting Huggies and Pampers in sizes newborn, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Diapers can be dropped off at the clinics during business hours: Creston Clinic: Monday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-7:00 p.m. Stuart Clinic: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00-6:00 p.m.

FREE THROW WINNERS

Winners of the K of C Free Throw Championship held January 17th/18th are:

Age	Girls	Boys
9	Braylee Pokorny	Jaxson Jondle
10	Taryn Fredrickson	Kurtis Bradley
11	Sasha Wurster	Joshua Schaeffer
12	Keely Coen	McCoy Haines
13	Keegan Bailey	Patrick Varner
14	Rylie Driskell	Briley Hayes

These winners are invited to compete in District Competition this Sunday, February 4th, 2 p.m. in the Clarke (Osceola) High School. Any questions call Bob McKee, 641-782-2352 (cell). A big thanks to Jan Lesan, Barb Hudson, Francis Doyle, Steve Heffern, Bob Jansen, Jerry Katzer, Butch Miller, and Adolfo Saturno for helping.

CALL TO THE DIACONATE

Any Catholic man who is interested in the vocation of deacon, is invited to attend one of the information nights being held throughout the diocese: February 5th, 7 p.m. at St. Bernard in Osceola or February 8th, 7 p.m. at All Saints in Stuart. If the man is married, his wife is also invited and encouraged to attend.

SUMMER TIME

Catholic Youth Camp located at Panora is taking reservations for CYC. Visit www.STMCenter.com for complete information. CYC wants to make camp available to all families. Sponsorship request forms are available on the website. If you know of any families in need of financial assistance for CYC fees, please let them know about this sponsorship program and direct them to stmcenter.com/sponsorships.



Heal our hearts
with your love, O LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday February 5	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Tuesday February 6	7:30-8:30 a.m., Adoration 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Patricia Auffert 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Living/Deceased CCW Members
Wednesday February 7	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Lorraine Victor
Thursday February 8	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Dorothy Baker
Friday February 9	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Eddie, Dorothy, & Jimmy Peak
Saturday February 10	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
Sunday February 11	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Todd Fief

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m., in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the friends and family of John "Jake" Miller, husband of Margie and brother of Butch Miller, Marie Link, and Marilyn Soda. May he, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

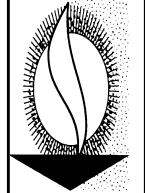
ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times February 17th:
9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School
12:00 Noon, Holy Spirit Church
5:15 p.m., St. Edward Church
7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Church



News from Holy Spirit Parish

Fill
our
hearts
with your
light,
LORD



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	February 4	Help at Food Pantry, 11:30-2:00 p.m.
Monday	February 5	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	February 6	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 7	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School (Help with Lenten night) Lenten Family Activity Night, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	February 8	Liturgy Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hall RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	February 9	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 10	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	February 11	KC Breakfast after Mass, Hall

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
January 28th tithes received	\$5,560.75

LITURGY COMMITTEE

February 8th: Meeting in the parish hall. Time to prepare for the season of Lent.

**Lenten Family
Activity Night**
February 7th, 6:45-8:00 p.m., St. Malachy School

This night is for everyone in our parish and school to begin preparing our hearts for the Lenten season. Children must bring a parent, grandparent or another adult to help with the activities. It is a fun night for all. St. Malachy School families are encouraged to come. RE families are required to attend.

A sample of some of our craft activities:
*Making a Lenten tree, butterflies, painted Easter eggs, and sand art crosses.
There will be Bingo, door prizes and cookies!!*

For more information contact: Barb Hudson, 641-202-2064

BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

The Knights will be serving breakfast next Sunday, February 11th, following Mass. On the menu: French toast, sausage links, and eggs. The committee: 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, Steve Heffern, Roger Baker, Matt Ramaeker, Frank Ripperger and Francis Doyle (chairman). Profit goes to St. Malachy School and our Religious Education Department.

NEWLY BAPTIZED.....

We welcome to our parish community: Jay Alan McClellan, son of Taylor and Jessie McClellan. Jay was baptized January 27th at Holy Spirit. May he continue to grow in God's loving care.

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. Thank you!!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 10/11	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Bob Miller Joanne Gibson	Al Pokorny Pat Pokorny
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Miller Lisa Miller Marsha Mohr	Karen Fries Mary S. McDonald R. & J. Huewe Paul Baker
Ushers	T. & L. Root T. & K. Freml J. & C. Mansour	Jacquie Eblen Family Sue Bissell
Servers	Hope Woods Hannah Woods	Halle Evans Reese Glynn Ayden White
Greeters	T. & L. Root	Ben Brightwell Sue Bissell
Rosary Musicians	Bob Jansen C. Fredrickson Rose Wignall	Paul Baker Linda Taylor Mike Peters
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe	

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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Let us preach the good news to all!

Question for Children: What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus knew that his mission was for everyone, not just one village or group of people. How can you reach out to others (outside of friends and family) and offer them hope and Good News?

Question for Adults: If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?

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.

News from St. Edward

Wednesday	February 7	RE, 6:15 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School (Help at Lenten Night) Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	February 8	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

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.



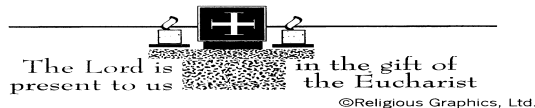
The Annual Parish Breakfast has been set for Sunday, February 25th, after Mass. Mark your calendar.

AFTON COMMUNITY CLUB.....

Will be offering a \$5 lunch (cheesy potatoes/ ham casserole, green beans, bread & butter, dessert and drink) at the Community Center after Church this Sunday. There will be games and a great time to socialize.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
January 28th tithes received	\$805.00



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 11	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Sydney Weis
Eucharistic Minister	Dan Rosener Deb Weaver-Ripperger Kathy Simmerman
Ushers	Fritz and Lois Weis
Servers	Hayden Waigand Logan Findley
Money Counter	Eric Ripperger Nancy Ford