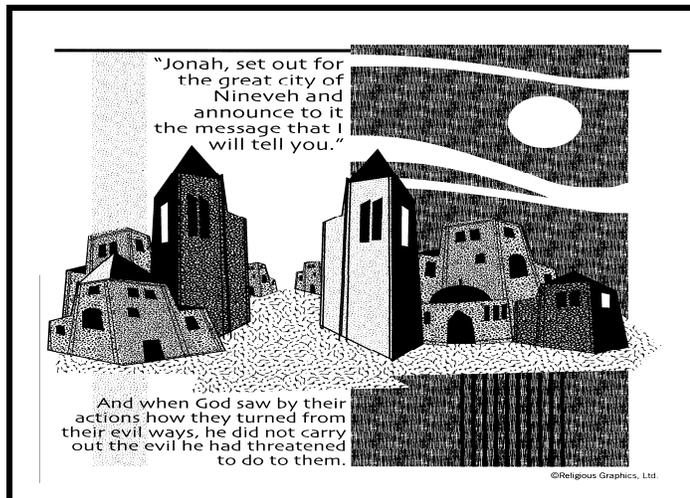


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

January 20/21, 2018 Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN

On Friday of this past week, Washington DC was flooded with hundreds of thousands of people in the 45th annual March for Life. If you have watched the main news outlets you probably didn't hear much about it, or you were shown a small group of counter protesters. It is pretty common knowledge that the Catholic Church is a strong leader in the Pro-Life movement, which goes well beyond the work to end abortions. It is one of the primary missions of the Pro-Life group, but not the only one. Each year, over 900,000 children are aborted in the U.S. alone, that is a staggering number and sadly in Washington DC, 38% of pregnancies end in abortion. It is estimated that one out of four women have had an abortion and we need to respond to them with forgiveness and love. When we talk about being pro-life in our Church it is more than just being anti-abortion, it is about supporting life from conception to natural death. This means that we should strive for the dignity of life from the time that the child is conceived to the time that we naturally die. We sometimes separate social justice and pro-life as two different groups, but they are intertwined. If we profess to support life we need to support those who are living, if we support social justice, then we need to have the first rule which is life. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves and then explained that all people are our neighbors, from the child conceived with a disability, to the child conceived on a hook-up, to the immigrant, to the prisoner on death row, to the elderly person in a nursing home or on a death bed. This is what it means to be Pro-Life. Pray for those who have been affected by abortion as well as for an end to it.

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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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- ♦ Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Des Moines offer a Christ-centered, safe, nurturing environment “Where Christ is the Principle.” Students learn about our Catholic faith, live out their faith by serving others in need and receive top academic training. Iowa Assessments and ACT scores are consistently higher than the state and national averages. Catholic Schools Week will be January 28th—February 2nd.
- ♦ Project Hope Second Collection will be taken up next weekend at all the Masses. Project HOPE gives children the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic Education by providing scholarships to families in need.

CATHOLIC TUITION ORGANIZATION

CTO is accepting pledges for 2018 for those interested in receiving the 65% Iowa tax credits. Last year, the supply of tax credits were all allocated by mid-October. If interested in pledging, go online to CTOIowa.org or call Jeanne at 515-237-5010.

ASP LUNCHEON

Appalachia Service Project is hosting a casserole/salad/dessert luncheon at the Crest Baptist Church this Sunday, January 21st following their worship service at approximately 11:30 a.m. Free will offering.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The Diocese of Des Moines and Bishop Pates, with Iowa Catholic Radio, invite you on a pilgrimage to Ireland and to the World Meeting of Families. Our pilgrimage includes eight days of touring Ireland, as well as the opportunity to celebrate family life with Pope Francis in Dublin. Get information by contacting Adam Storey at astorey@dmdioocese.org or calling 515-237-5056.

SEMINARY VISITS PLANNED

If you've been thinking about whether you're called to be a priest, take the time to visit a seminary and talk with our seminarians. Father Ross Parker is taking men ages 16-24 to visit St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque February 2nd-4th, St. John Vianney Seminary in Minnesota February 8th-10th and Conception Seminary in Missouri April 14th-16th. Contact Fr. Ross at vocations@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5050 and tell him you'd like to come along!



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday January 22	5:00-6:00 p.m., Adoration 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Tuesday January 23	7:30-8:30 a.m., Adoration 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Frank Kenealy
Wednesday January 24	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Mary Biddle
Thursday January 25	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Dorothy Baker
Friday January 26	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Joan Baker
Saturday January 27	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mert Link
Sunday January 28	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Kathleen Huewe 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 40: For 40 weeks I have been growing in my mother's womb and last night I was born! Hello world!!

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Carolyn Beecher, wife of the late Robert Beecher and mother of Bill (Anne) Beecher and Mary Ann Beecher and Deb Scott. May she, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

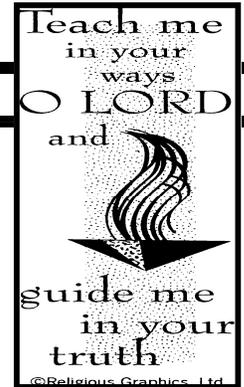
ST. MALACHY GALA

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

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	January 22	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	January 23	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 24	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Education for Grades 1-8, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	January 25	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	January 26	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 27	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	January 28	Catholic Schools Week: Brunch following Mass, Hall



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
January 14th tithes received	\$5,317.00

RERUN HOURS

Monday Sorting: 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Phone: 641-202-4488



Several of our regular volunteers are on vacation during January and February. We are in need of volunteers. If you have an hour or two to spare please stop over and lend a hand. Help is especially needed in the sorting and marking areas. It's a great place to make new friends and help the community too!

CRESTON AREA FOOD PANTRY

- ◆ Annual Community Open House with Soup Supper, relishes, and desserts: January 27th, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the O'Riley Center, 417 Wyoming Ave., Creston. Free will donations accepted for the food pantry a 501c3 organization.
- ◆ February 4th Holy Spirit will be helping with distributions at the Food Pantry. Work time 11:30-2:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church.
- ◆ Food distribution every Sunday from noon-2:00 p.m., lower level of the O'Riley Center.

BRUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

Brunch will be served by the PTO after Mass next Sunday, January 28th, to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Free will offering. Come join us!!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Council met January 16, 2018. *Organization report was by the CD of A.* They have some new members, will be making a quilt for St. Malachy Gala, there is some interest in the convention coming up in July at Sioux Falls, brought in Abortion Dialogue and several other churches and organizations attended the presentation, filled purses with personal care items and gave to the abuse center, and held a soup supper in the fall. *Unfinished Business:* We have the approval from the Bishop and cement work at the church will begin as soon as weather permits. *School Addition:* Have had wonderful response to the drive and everything falling into place. Just need final updates to contract and will be ready for the bishop to sign off and work to begin. Perfect timing as our preschool numbers are now up to 44 for the fall session. *Celebration of Catholic History in Creston* will be combined with the Food Fair this Fall. We hope to have Scott Boyle (a speaker at NCYC) as a guest speaker to the parish, school, and RE program during Lent. Details are being worked out. Our float in the lighted Christmas parade went together well and had several adults and students who rode/walked along. Christmas dinner served at least 175 people. *Committee Reports:* Building & Grounds: Discussed earlier. Family Life: Will serve coffee and rolls February 18th. Social Concerns: All tags taken from the giving tree but not all items were returned so had to purchase items. Feb. 4th parish will help at the Food Pantry. Food Pantry Soup/Ice Cream Supper January 27th. We serve Open Table February 27th. Liturgy: Decorated and took down for Christmas. Finance: Year end report has been mailed. We will have two check signers on checks over \$5,000 except for school/Paul VI monthly assessment checks. Faith Formation: RE students went caroling; Lenten Activity Night will be February 7th; Feb. 18th First Eucharist Parent meeting; students will be helping with some upcoming Masses. We are checking for a time to hold Vacation Bible School. Board of Education will meet next week. RCIA: We have four who are attending class. ReRun doing well. The half price sell moved lots of items.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 27/28	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Alice Reed Marsha Mohr	St. Malachy Students and families will fulfill the ministries
Eucharistic Ministers	Betty Baker Mark O'Riley Teresa Pudenz	
Ushers	T. & C. Sevier T. & K. Freml J. & C. Mansour	
Servers	Sydney Strunk Daniel Buls	
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	
Rosary	Marsha Mohr	
Musicians	C. Fredrickson Dan Gibbons	Linda Taylor Danna Buls Devon Buls
Money Counters	Syd Hudek, Mary McElroy, Bob McKee	

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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We are called.

Question for Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

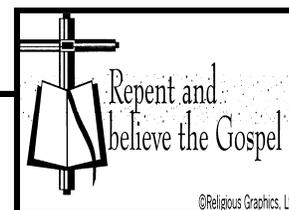
Question for Adults: If someone asks you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

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

Sunday	January 21	Parish Council Meeting following Mass
Wednesday	January 24	RE, 6:15 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	January 25	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 28	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Simmerman Ellie Fry Karen Jones
Ushers	Sharon Swanson Family
Servers	Ansley Waigand Josh Lopez
Money Counter	Eric Ripperger Nancy Ford

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
January 14th tithes received	\$685.00

DEVOTIONS

Wednesday evening devotions will resume January 28th.

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.
- ◆ Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the worst, and a soul that never loses faith in God.