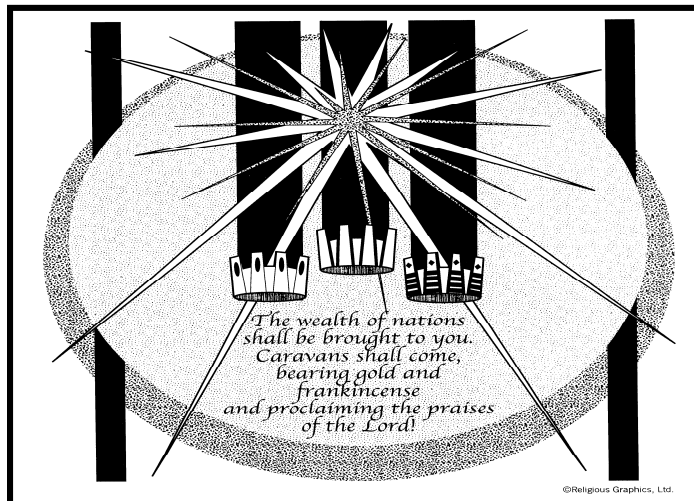


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

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The Epiphany of the Lord



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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

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The story of the three wise men, sometimes called kings, who followed the star and came to the spot where Jesus was born. They realized that he was something special. The gifts that they brought him were unique and not ones that you would give to a child with one exception, the gold. Gold is the gift for the king, frankincense is the gift for a priest, and myrrh is the gift for the prophet. They came from a great distance out of curiosity as well as honor, to honor Christ, the newborn King. Their names are traditionally Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar and their remains are in the Cathedral in Cologne Germany. Tradition holds that after the angels told them to avoid going to Herod they traveled around proclaiming what they had seen and they ended up in Constantinople. The relics were given to the Archbishop of Cologne in 1164 and they have remained in Cologne ever since.

There is also another tradition that happens on the feast of the Epiphany, and that is the blessing of people's homes. The tradition is to take a piece of chalk and write about the doors "20+C+M+B+18", which is the year with the initials of the magi Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. It also stands for the phrase *Christum Mansionem Benedicat* which is Latin for "May Christ bless this house." I invite all of you to do this blessing on your homes, while writing it or after writing it a prayer should be said inviting God to bless all who come into the home. "Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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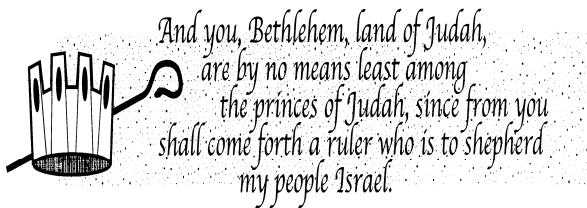
St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston  
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Tuesday, January 9th: Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit; Dinner and business meeting to follow. The committee: Betty Baker (chr), Artie Mullin, Susan Kosman, and Meg Crawford. Program: Quilts. Business: Construct a comforter to donate to St. Malachy raffle for scholarship.

## STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

If your marriage is hurting or if you just want to make a good thing better, check out The Third Option. This is an ongoing support group for couples who are working on a set of tools to help with better understanding, sensitivity and trust. Meetings are the first and third Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Mercy Medical Center's conference rooms in the East Tower in Des Moines.



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## SUMMER TIME

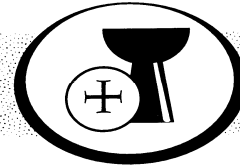
Catholic Youth Camp located at Panora, Iowa is already taking reservations for CYC! Visit [www.STMCenter.com](http://www.STMCenter.com) for complete information. CYC wants to make camp available to all families. Sponsorship request forms are available on the website. If you know of any families in need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

## WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 38: I've turned upside down in my Mom's womb and I am standing on my head! My knees are pressed up against my chest and there's not much room to stretch anymore.

## 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



Accept our  
gifts also,  
O Lord

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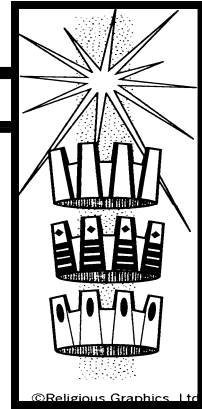
## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Monday</b> <b>January 8</b>	<b>5:00-6:00 p.m., Adoration</b> <b>6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Eddie, Dorothy, and Jimmy Peak
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>January 9</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center</b> Everett and Lorraine Brown <b>6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Mary Biddle
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>January 10</b>	<b>9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b> Carol Glynn
<b>Thursday</b> <b>January 11</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Jim and Twylla Klingensmith
<b>Friday</b> <b>January 12</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b> Vicki Jansen
<b>Saturday</b> <b>January 13</b>	<b>5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Aaron Mansour
<b>Sunday</b> <b>January 14</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b> For the People <b>10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> Dennis and Theola Bradley

## A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Lord, You prayed that all who call you Lord  
Would remain one with You  
And with one another.  
Help heal our divisions and  
Quiet our discord that,  
By our sincere love for each other,  
All may see us as Your disciples.  
May all Christians be one, Lord,  
In our reverence for Your Word,  
In our respect for all life,  
In our regard for truth and justice  
In our remembrance of Your sacrifice.  
Watch over our thoughts, words, and deeds  
That we may never do anything to injure  
That Christian unity for which You prayed and  
To which You call us to strive.  
You who, with the Father and Holy Spirit  
Remain the very font of holy unity  
From which all love and life flow. Amen  
—Father Joseph Veneroso, M.M.

# News from Holy Spirit Parish



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	January 9	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner Meeting Following, Hall
Wednesday	January 10	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 11	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	January 12	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 13	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	January 14	CRHP Reunion, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Hall

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
December 24th tithes received	\$7,591.50
December 31st tithes received	\$8,396.00

## THANK YOU!

- ◆ The annual Christmas dinner was a huge success thanks to the hard work of our committee: Barb Hudson, Terri Koets, and Anita Studer. They were assisted by many parishioners and friends who made Christmas a special day for many people. Approximately 175 people were served. This dinner doesn't magically happen so thanks to all who donated money, cooked, baked, served, set-up and cleaned up, provided transportation and delivered meals.
- ◆ Many thanks to all our helpers on Christmas caroling night for Religious Education. We had a great turn out and many thanks from those we went and visited. What a special way to spread Christmas joy.

## KC FREE THROW CONTEST

The annual Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest will be held Wednesday evening, February 17th for RE students and Thursday, February 18th for St. Malachy School students. Winners will move on to regional competition. Good luck to all participants!!

## 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.

## PROJECT UPDATES

- ◆ We finally got the correct documentation to the diocese building committee and Bishop Pates gave his letter of proxy to me to begin the concrete and retaining wall work at Holy Spirit Church.
- ◆ St Malachy School addition: We are currently at \$1,000,000 in fundraising at this point, so \$50,000 short of our goal. Once we get to the \$1,050,000 number, the DEKKO Foundation will give us a finishing grant of \$350,000. I have been amazed at the wonderful response of the parish and community. The primary reason for the addition is for increased safety for our students. There are envelopes and pledge cards in the back of church if you would like to help, feel free to talk to Father Ken if you have any questions.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Annual St. Malachy Foundation Gala has been set for Saturday, March 3rd, at the SuperTel in Creston.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The schedule for January-March has been prepared. Copies were emailed. There are printed copies available in the back of church if you need one and the schedule is also posted on the parish website: [www.holyspiritcreston.parishesonline.com](http://www.holyspiritcreston.parishesonline.com).

## BAPTISM

Congratulations to Felicity Michelle Reed on her baptism, December 29th, at Holy Spirit. Felicity is the daughter of Colleen Reed.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>January 13/14</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Hartsock	Dottie Dunphy Chris Mansour Steve McCann
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Phyllis Allen Steve Heffern Marsha Mohr	Missy Sickels Virginia Aguilar Terri Koets Karon Finn Dean Schulte
<b>Ushers</b>	L. & MJ Dorgan J. & T. Latus T. & L. Root	R. & M. Baker Family Frances Doyle
<b>Servers</b>	Sasha Wurster Sydney Strunk	Megan Pellman Olivia Pellman Jacob Zachary
<b>Greeters</b>	J. & T. Latus	G. & J. Bucklin
<b>Rosary</b>	Ted Willets	Paul Baker
<b>Musicians</b>	Janet Schulte Danna Buls Devon Buls	Janet Schulte Jolene Griffith
<b>Money Counters</b>	Elaine Haines, Karen Freml, June Huewe	

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** *The mystery of the incarnation—Jesus is a gift to all humanity.*

**Question for Children:** In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

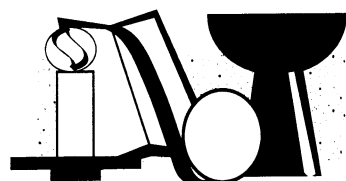
**Question for Youth:** The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

**Question for Adults:** How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?



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Renew your  
spirit at the  
table of  
the LORD

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>January 14</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Wayne Wuebker
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Darren Moore Jan Pettit Sharon Findley
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan and Emily McNeill
<b>Servers</b>	Gabrielle Valencia Logan Findley
<b>Money Counter</b>	Eric Ripperger Nancy Ford

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 844.86
December 24th tithes received	\$2,989.00
December 31st tithes received	\$1,025.00

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes resume this Wednesday, January 10th. The students will meet in the church for an Epiphany Celebration.



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## 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.