


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 10/11, 2018 Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Lent

For GOD 
so loved the world
that he gave
HIS ONLY SON
so that EVERYONE
who BELIEVES
in him might not perish
but might have
ETERNAL LIFE

JOHN 3: 15

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FROM FR. KEN

This week we break out the rose or pink vestments again as a celebration that we really do rejoice in the Lenten season, even through our fasting. This Sunday is called Laetare Sunday from the entrance antiphon which states Laetare Jerusalem or rejoice O Jerusalem, it comes from the Psalm "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord...". Our celebration of Laetare Sunday is to give us hope through our fasting. So, how is the fasting going? Is it getting easier or harder? The purpose of fasting is to increase our self control so we can be better at moving away from sin. We rejoice in our self control because it really does lead us to freedom. When we are slaves to an addiction, no matter what it is, whether it be gossip, alcohol, drugs, pornography, or anything else, the addiction does not give us the freedom to live our lives as we should, we are slaves. Currently the number one addiction is pornography and it is affecting kids younger and younger. The building of our self control leads us to the true freedom that God wants us to have, so we can rejoice, even in our suffering. We also know that we are not in this alone. Christ himself was tempted and he overcame the temptation as an example for us. He himself suffered and he accepted that suffering also for us. We can overcome temptation, suffering, and death with His help. Lent is really a beautiful time of the year because of all of the opportunities to grow in our faith as we prepare for the upcoming Easter season.

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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

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Sunday March 11th, 5:00 p.m.:** Ministerial Alliance Ecumenical Service, First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Elm, Creston. Rev. Delores Doench 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.
- ♦ **Fish Fry Dinners:** March 23rd, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Afton Community Center sponsored by the St. Edward's Knights of Columbus. Menu: Fried fish, salad, baked potato/French fries and dessert. Free will donation.



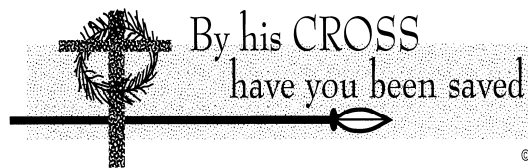
- ♦ March 23rd, 5:30-7:00 p.m., at St. Malachy School. Menu: Fried cod, baked potato, coleslaw, dessert and drink.
- ♦ If you would like to donate to the Catholic Relief Services Collection envelopes are available in the back of church. Your donation will help provide humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families and advocating on behalf of victims. Visit www.usccb.org/catholic/relief to learn how you are making a difference.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We hope all of our families at St. Edward and Holy Spirit will prayerfully consider a gift to the ADA. You may dropped your envelope in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. We are hoping for 100% participation. Thank you to all who have given.

REGIONAL FINANCE MEETING

The financial market may have a mind of its own but the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa can assist you in navigating these ever-changing waters. We'll help you get a read on the current investment outlook for parish funds and share the strategic plan that guides us at our upcoming regional meeting on Wednesday, March 21st, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Parish Hall.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday March 12	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit + Stations Dale Wagner
Tuesday March 13	9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center Leonard and Gail Feld 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Joe Aguilar
Wednesday March 14	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Eddie, Dorothy, and Jimmy Peak
Thursday March 15	11:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Funeral Mass for Carolyn Beecher
Friday March 16	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jim and Twylla Klingensmith
Saturday March 17	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mert Link
Sunday March 18	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Carol Moberg 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

CD OF A

The Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday, March 13th. Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner and Meeting to follow in Holy Spirit hall. March committee: Carolyn Downing (Chr), Joanne Gibson, Pat Cain, Ann Johnson. Program: Crisis Center Speaker. Business: Financial Review.

DIACONATE CALL

Any Catholic man who feels the call to the vocation of deacon should contact the diocesan vocations office. Bishop Pates is inviting you to learn more and consider applying for a four-year formation program that will lead to ordination. Email vocations@dmdiocese.org or call 515-237-5014. The deadline to apply is March 31st.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	March 11	8th Grade Retreat, 9:00 a.m., St. Malachy School
Monday	March 12	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross following 6 p.m. Mass + Soup Supper in Hall
Tuesday	March 13	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner & Meeting following in Hall
Wednesday	March 14	Ground Breaking Ceremony following St. Malachy School Mass ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Ed. Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	March 15	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 16	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 17	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
March 4th tithes received	\$7,471.00

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

Come join us for our ground breaking ceremony for the addition to St. Malachy School this Wednesday, March 14th, at approximately 10:15 a.m. (following the school Mass). Bishop Pates will be with us to celebrate this exciting event.



ATTENTION MEN

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a 1st Degree Ceremony on Wednesday, March 28th, 6:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit. If there are any men interested in joining the Knights, please contact Francis Doyle, 782-5725.

IT'S TIME

It's time to prepare the next ministry schedule. We are always needing more ministers: lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, servers (must be 4th grade or older), greeters, and rosary leaders. Please call the parish office, 782-5278, if you or your family would like to sign-up. Father will train you if you are interested in being a lector, Eucharistic minister or server.

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.

SPIRIT OF ST. MALACHY AWARD

Congratulations to Jacquie Eblen the recipient of this year's Spirit of St. Malachy award. Jacquie has demonstrated her life in faith and principles upon which St. Malachy School was founded and has offered distinguished service to the school which has enhanced the SPIRIT of St. Malachy School. Thank you Jacquie for all the support you have given to St. Malachy School and it's students!

SCRIP

We hope you had a chance to read the flyer in last week's bulletin regarding Scrip. Your participation in the Scrip program helps raise money for St. Malachy School and there is absolutely no cost to you! Consider giving it a try! We think you will like the ease and convenience of Scrip shopping.

WOMEN'S GUEST NIGHT

What: Salad Supper

Where: First United Methodist Church

When: April 5, 6:30 p.m.

Program: Diversity

Make your reservation by April 3rd by calling the church office at 782-2427.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Lc Clinic is holding their annual Huggies and Pampers Drive. Diapers are needed in sizes newborn, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Diapers can be dropped at the Creston clinic during business hours: Monday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00-7:00 p.m. If this is not convenient, diapers may be dropped at the ReRun Shop with instructions they are for the Lc Clinic.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 17/18	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	V. Aguilar Terri Koets	Steve McCann Karen Fries
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Miller Lisa Miller Marsha Mohr D. & B. Baker T. & L. Root	Al Pokorny Dean Schulte Mary S. McDonald Gary & J. Bucklin
Ushers	Butch Miller Joni Taylor	Missy Sickels Family Barb Hudson Paul Baker Sue Bissell
Servers	Daniel Buls Carly Green	Megan Pellman Olivia Pellman Reese Glynn
Greeters	Butch Miller Betty Baker	Sue Bissell Ben Brightwell
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets Janet Schulte Dan Gibbons	Al Pokorny Linda Taylor Mike Peters
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Ryan Mohr, Paul Varner	

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We believe

Question for Children: Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

Question for Youth: The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

Question for Adults: When is it difficult for you to believe? What line in this reading helps your faith?

CAROLYN BEECHER FUNERAL

Carolyn Beecher's funeral Mass will be Thursday, March 15th, 11:00 a.m., at Holy Spirit. Her family invites you to join them for Mass and a luncheon following the service in the parish hall.

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.

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News from St. Edward

Sunday	March 11	8th Grade Retreat, 9:00 a.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	March 13	Catholic Daughters Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner + Meeting following, Holy Spirit
Wednesday	March 14	Religious Ed. Classes, 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	March 15	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Sunday	March 18	Parish Council Meeting following Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 18	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Sydney Weis
Eucharistic Minister	Darren Moore Jan Pettit Sharon Findley
Ushers	Monty & Diane Ide Family
Servers	Gabrielle Valencia Trevor Fry
Money Counter	Jerry Travis Nancy Ford



It's time to prepare a new ministry schedule. Contact Sheila Brown if any changes are needed. New ministers are always welcome!

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
March 4th tithes received	\$550.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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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.