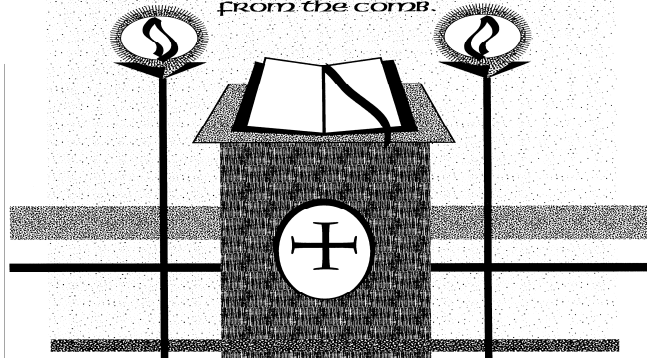


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 3/4, 2018 Bulletin

Third Sunday in Lent

*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
they are more precious than gold;
sweeter also than syrup or honey
from the comb.*



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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.

DEACON EPHRAIM UDOUSO

I was born on 28 April 1982 to sir and Lady John Simo douso (KSJ) in my village of Ukana Nsasak in Essien Udim Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, South-South Nigeria. I am the fourth child in a family of five (four males and one female). My parents were practicing Catholics and members of the Knights of Saint John (KSJ). They are both deceased now. My mother died a month after my diaconate ordination. I began my primary education in Government Primary School, Akpautong /ikot Ide. I completed my Primary Education in 1994 and as a boy of 10 years old, I pictured myself being a Catholic priest. I proceeded to the Queen of Apostles minor Seminary, Afaha Obong in Abak Local Government of Akwa Ibom State, South-South Nigeria. My final results were not very good on completion and I went to Community Comprehensive secondary school, Old Netim in Akamkpa Local Government Area of Cross River state, South-South Nigeria, where I obtained my West African Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (WASSCE) in 2002. I had a strong desire to become a priest and to respond to this internal yearning, I joined the Order of Saint John the Baptist in Nigeria and the Order sent me to study Philosophy in Saint Thomas Aquinas Major Seminary, Makurdi in Benue State, North-Central Nigeria. I finished my philosophical studies in 2008 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Philosophy; thereafter, I studied Theology in the Spiritant International School of Theology Attakwu in Enugu state, South-East Nigeria. On completion, I was ordained a deacon on the 4th August 2012 by Bishop Richard Pates of the diocese of Des Moines. It is worthy of note that I underwent the usual formation of a religious congregation. Our Order is monastic. So I had my Novitiate in the Monastery of Saint John the Baptist in Nigeria and was temporary professed in 2005. I did not undergo the postulancy year since we were the pioneer intake of this Order and I was finally professed. After the diaconate, I began looking forward to the day I would be raised to the order of the presbyter. However, this joy was short lived when I realized that my ordination was not insight because our Order's canonical status suffered. Our Founder did not do his homework well before getting us ordained. I was so sad. Our founder however had advised us to get any place that would accept us since it would be a long time until the status of our order is rectified. I was yet to recover from the new reality to begin the search for a place. The above time in my life was very traumatic and saddening as I thought of how to get integrated into the society being a religious. It left me with no choice than to try to mix with members of other ecclesial institutes. I then went to Lagos, South- West Nigeria to meet Military Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel (Rev. Fr.) Maurice Udotong. He took me in and I have been serving there as a deacon. It has been quite interesting to serve in a parish and with members of institutes of secular life. Now I enjoy working with these ones and have for three years now. It has totally changed my religious views and I have grown to really love the parish style of life. It's nice to see families and to teach and serve their spiritual needs.

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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 4th, 5:00 p.m.:** Ministerial Alliance Ecumenical Service, Salem Lutheran ELCA Church, 602 W. Townline, Creston. Rev. Tony Thurston 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 Fry Dinners:** March 9th and 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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

"I invite you to share in the important ministries of our Diocese which include priest medical and health-care, priest retirement, seminarian formation, Catholic education, youth and adult programming, pastoral ministry, Catholic Charities services, and administrative support. As you reflect on God's gifts to you, it is my prayer that you will support our ministries by giving as generously as possible. I ask you to prayerfully consider sacrificial offering to this year's appeal, which may be made through a pledge or one-time gift through your parish or online. All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated. Our website provides a thorough overview of how your gift is used to serve our faith community. You and your family will be remembered in my prayers throughout the coming year, and I ask that you also pray for me as well as the success of this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal." —The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates

- ♦ 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.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday March 5	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit + Stations Albert and Eleanor Walsh
Tuesday March 6	7:30-8:30 a.m., Adoration 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Sylvester Pesik 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Lorraine Victor
Wednesday March 7	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Joey Clear
Thursday March 8	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Rosalie Pesik
Friday March 9	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Chris Burlingame
Saturday March 10	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
Sunday March 11	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Dennis and Theola Bradley

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

March 7th: Monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. All Knights, mark your calendar. Hope to see you there.



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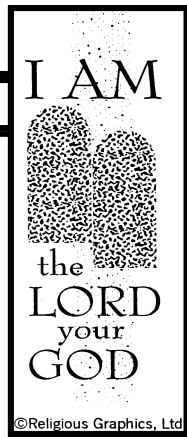
FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY

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

Saturday	March 3	St. Malachy Foundation Gala/Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. at SuperTel
Monday	March 5	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross following 6 p.m. Mass + Soup Supper in Hall
Tuesday	March 6	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 7	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Ed. Classes, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	March 8	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	March 9	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 10	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	March 11	8th Grade Retreat, 9:00 a.m., St. Malachy School



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
February 25th tithes received	\$6,045.00



ADDING ON.....

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

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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.

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.

PEO OMELET BUFFETT

An all you can eat Omelet Buffett will be held Tuesday, March 6th, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Elm, Creston. Serving from 11 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Omelets, pastries, fruit cup and drink. Adults: \$8.00; Ages 5-10: \$4.00; Children under age 5—free. Carry out orders please call 782-7765. The event is sponsored by Creston P.E.O. with proceeds going towards academic scholarships for Creston High School seniors.

APLACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

ASP luncheon this Sunday, March 4th, 11:30 a.m., at the Creston Presbyterian Church. Free-will donation. Salad/casserole luncheon.

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.

CD OF A

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

CELL NUMBERS NEEDED

If you drop your land line, please let the parish office know your cell phone number.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 10/11	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Bob Miller Alice Reed	Dottie Dunphy Mary S. McDonald
Eucharistic Ministers	Virginia Aguilar Linda Hartsock Pat Miller	Randy & June Huewe Tim & Linda Root Francis Doyle Karon Finn
Ushers	Paul Johnson Butch Miller Terri Koets J. & T. Latus Monte Neitzel	Dennis & Kay Kinsella John & Retta Baker Elaine Haines Joni Taylor
Servers	Sydney Strunk Sasha Wurster	Angel Saturno Rey Saturno Lourdes Saturno
Greeters	Ann Johnson Butch Miller	Dennis & Kay Kinsella
Rosary Musicians	Marsha Mohr C. Fredrickson Danna Buls Devon Buls	Paul Baker Lynn Baker Jolene Griffith
Money Counters	E. Haines, K. Freml, J. Huewe	

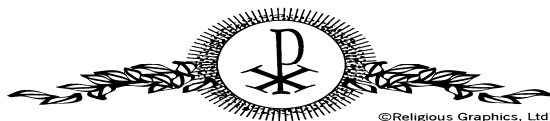
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Today's Gospel

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 particular line in this reading helps your faith?



EASTER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

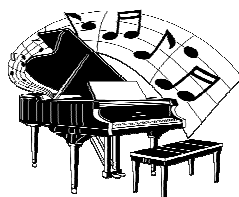
If you could help with the ministry schedule for Easter, a sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

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

Wednesday	March 7	Religious Ed. Classes, 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	March 8	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Friday	March 9	Fish Fry, 6:30-8:00 a.m., Afton Community Center



HELEN RETIRES

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! There aren't enough

thanks we can give to Helen Bryson for the many, many years of piano playing she has done at St. Edward's. Helen, your donation of time and talent has truly been appreciated!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 844.86
February 18th tithes received	\$ 685.00
February 25th tithes received	\$1,155.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 11	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Dan Rosener
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Simmerman Ellie Fry Karen Jones
Ushers	Ellie Fry Family
Servers	Jillian Valencia Paul McNeill
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!