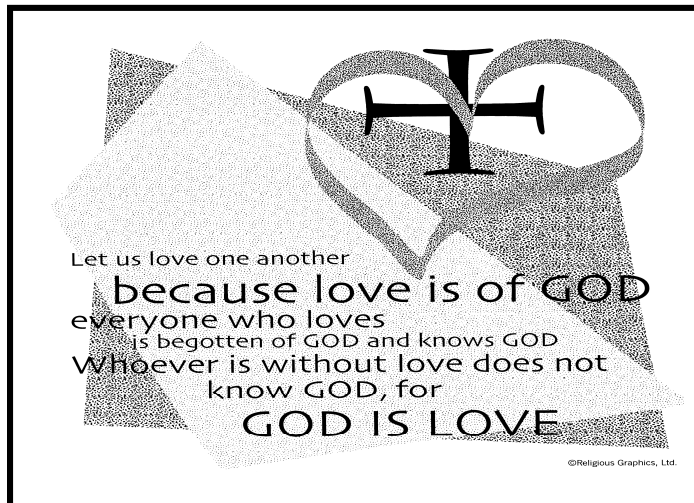


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

May 5/6, 2018 Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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 weekend we have the wonderful occasion to celebrate First Communion for our students at both parishes. This is a beautiful time for these children, they get to receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord and Savior. While this is such a special time for these children, it is no less special than next Sunday, or any other Sunday or the 2,185th time that we go to Mass and receive Him. A priest in seminary one time told us a quote and I forget who it was from and it went something like this “what we do daily, we can do dully if we cease to understand or refresh it.” What this means, is that sometimes we can forget how special it is to be able to receive the Body of Christ each and every Sunday. I remember talking to a missionary priest a number of years ago and he stated how lucky we were in the United States to have access to be able to go to Mass relatively easy. He said that in the region that he was from, the people had to walk for 2-3 hours each way to get to Mass, and they did it. Yes, the first time these kids receive Holy Eucharist is a wonderful event we cannot forget that the reason Jesus gave us this great gift is so that we can have the life-giving bread that comes down from Heaven. I invite each and every one of you to remember your own First Communion (I received mine from Fr. Pat Bacon). Remember how special that day was and what it meant to you. Is receiving Jesus today, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity less special today since it is not the first time? Take some time to remember what receiving the Eucharist is all about, taking the Savior of the World into ourselves to give us strength for our journey of life.

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

CONFIRMATION

Next weekend Bishop Pates will be here to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:15 p.m. Mass. We invite you to join in this celebration and to join us in the parish hall following Mass to congratulate these young parishioners.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

May 8th: Mass, 6:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit with dinner and business meeting following. Committee: Sharon Skarda (chr), Theresa Pudenz, Connie Purdum, Dora Coen. Program: "All the Marbles" Oil Men, Old Maids and Creston Civic Pride in the summer of 1930 by David Hargrove, Library Director. Business: Plan priest appreciation. Project: Graduation and Confirmation receptions.

ALMOST THERE!!

Annual Diocesan Appeal Report as of April 27th:

St. Edward: 98% of goal

Holy Spirit: 88% of goal

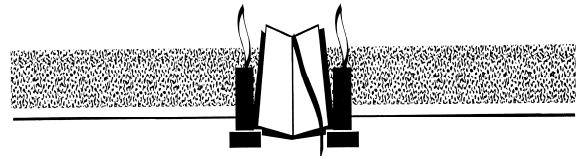
Please help us complete our Annual Diocesan Drive. We are so close to reaching our goal. All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have given. Pledge cards are in the back of church if you have misplaced yours. You may dropped your envelope in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

A new session of the Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide 12-week program begins May 8th at St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale. Gatherings begin at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. This is an incredible healing ministry that answers many questions while staying true to Catholic Church teaching. Contact Adam Storey at 515-237-5098 or email him at astorrey@dmdiocese.org for details.

THE MONTH OF MAY

Our Easter Journey takes us into May, the month of Mary, which our Holy Father Francis calls "a fitting time to begin to recite the Rosary daily." In whatever way we honor or relate to Mary, may we take time in May to recognize — through our Blessed Mother's example of faith, hope, and charity — a better way of loving others and responding to God's plans for our lives.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday May 7	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Benno and Pauline Baker
Tuesday May 8	9:00 a.m. Mass, Afton Care Center All Souls 6:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit For Deceased Catholic Daughters
Wednesday May 9	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Larry and Mary Benecke
Thursday May 10	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Sylvester Pesik
Friday May 11	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jessica Moeller
Saturday May 12	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Roberta Ambrose
Sunday May 13	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Stacie Nelson 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Your contributions connects people in the United States and around the world to the merciful love of Christ. Half of your donation stays in the diocese to support local communication projects. To learn more visit www.usccb.org/cc. Envelopes are in the back of church if you wish to make a donation.

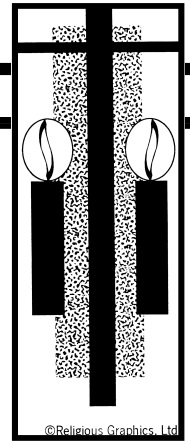
COUNSELING SERVICES

Struggling with how to handle personal challenges? Contact Catholic Charities receptionist Cheryl Thorp at 515-237-5045 for more information or to set-up a professional counseling appointment. Most major insurance is accepted and a sliding fee scale is available for those without insurance.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday	May 5	First Eucharist at 5:15 p.m. Mass + Reception following in the Hall
Sunday	May 6	Mother's Day Breakfast after Mass, Hall
Monday	May 7	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	May 8	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m. + Dinner & Meeting to Follow, Hall
Wednesday	May 9	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Friday	May 11	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 12	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon Confirmation Practice, 9:00 a.m. Confirmation at 5:15 p.m. Mass + Reception to Follow, Hall



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
April 29th tithes received	\$5,453.00



The Knights of Columbus will serve a Mother's Day Breakfast after Mass this Sunday. On the menu: French

toast casserole and egg and bacon casserole.

Please join us in the parish hall immediately after Mass. The committee: Steve Heffern (chr), 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, Roger Baker, Matt Ramaeker, Frank Ripperger and Francis Doyle.



At the 5:15 Mass this weekend the following students will receive their First Holy Communion: Anthony Acuna, Wyatt Burwell, Shaylee Coen, Brooke Huck, Austin Jondle, Karlie Kruse, Savannah Ossian, Janessa Pokorny, Willow Pryor, Rohwyn Randall, Logan Stehr, and Zoey Wagner. Please join us downstairs for a reception to continue the celebration and to congratulate these students.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Baby Bottle Boomerang is a drive from Mother's Day to Father's Day to fill a baby bottle with coins, currency or checks. Bottles will be available in the back of church. Proceeds going to support the pro-life ministries of Life Matters Worldwide. Contact Pat Pokorny, 782-4291, or Betty Baker, 782-7998, for more information.



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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

St. Malachy Board of Education has two openings for the 2018-2019 school year. Please consider volunteering your time to support our great school. Please reach out to Jennifer Simmons to learn more about the position or to express your interest: jsimmons@crestonstmalachy.org.

RERUN HOURS

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

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Stop over and check out the great buys!!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 12/13	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Kelsey Bailey	Steve McCann
	Linda Hartsock	Bill Mullin
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Simmons	Francis Doyle
	Mark O'Riley	Steve McCann
	Steve Heffern	Al Pokorny
	Phyllis Allen	G. & J. Bucklin
	Bishop Pates	
Ushers	B. & L. Miller	Jacquie Eblen Family
	Family	John & Retta Baker
	T. & L. Root	
Servers	Haley Simmons	Mallory Tallmon
	M. Kinsella	Abby Tallmon
	Hope Woods	Reese Glynn
	Hannah Woods	
Greeters	T. & L. Root	John & Retta Baker
Rosary	No Rosary	Paul Baker
Musicians	Janet Schulte	Linda Taylor
	Dan Gibbons	Larry Rayhons
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Ryan Mohr, Paul Varner	

*Please be at church 10 minutes before Mass begins.
If you cannot be there, please find a substitute.*

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Love one another.

Question for Children: In what ways do you experience God's love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

Question for Youth: Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

Question for Adults: Concretely, how do you show love to others?



Registration for Catholic Youth Camp continues to run slightly ahead of last years numbers. Register now to ensure your campers have a spot. Go to <http://stmcenter.com> to register online or get more information about CYC.

News from St. Edward

Sunday	May 6	First Communion + Honor High School Graduates + Reception
Tuesday	May 8	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m. + Dinner & Business Meeting Following, Holy Spirit
Wednesday	May 9	Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 12	Confirmation, 5:15 p.m. Mass + Reception Following, Holy Spirit

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 13	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Randy Pettit
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Simmerman
	Ellie Fry
	Karen Jones
Ushers	Mark Weis Family
Servers	Jillian Valencia
	Bridget Hopkins
Money Counters	Phil Bradley
	Carol Waigand

PRAYER TREE

Please call Patty Bradley, 347-8812, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree. You many also call Patty if you wish to be notified of those added to the prayer tree.



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
April 29th tithes received	Report not received yet



Today we celebrate two major milestones: First Holy Communion and High School Graduation. We celebrate this special day with First Communicants Adam McNeill, Alexandra Clarke, Cyler Wuebker and Cash Abildtrup. Congratulations to Payton Flaherty, Trevor Jones, Margaret Pugh, and William Weis who are graduating from high school. Please join us after Mass as we celebrate!

