



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 21st, 2021

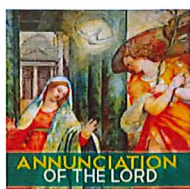
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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday March 21	9:00 a.m., Mass, Live @ Holy Spirit Teresa Harvey 10:45 a.m., Mass, Live @ St. Edward Dennis and Memphis Ripperger
Monday March 22	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit William J. Cihak
Tuesday March 23	8:00 a.m., Adoration 9:00 a.m., Mass, St. Edward Leonard and Gail Feld
Wednesday March 24	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Mass Check website (www.uccat.org) for video Norma Westphal
Thursday March 25	No Mass
Friday March 26	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Charles Kordick
Palm Sunday	
Saturday March 27	5:00 p.m., Mass Live @ Holy Spirit Recording Mass – no microphones Mass Intention: For the people
Sunday March 28	7:00 a.m. YouTube Premiere (prerecorded Mass) 9:00 a.m., Mass, Live @ Holy Spirit Jeremy Seddon 10:00 a.m., Mass on KSIB 101.3 FM 10:45 a.m., Mass, Live @ St. Edward For those buried at St. Edward Cemetery

Observances for the week of March 21, 2021



Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

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Radio: Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. aired on KSIB 101.3 FM
Parish Office, 406 W. Clark Street, Creston
St. Edward Church, 104 W. Union Street, Afton
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston
St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston
SACRAMENTS
Call the priest for an appointment.
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9-10 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church
Marriage Preparation: Contact the priest at least six months before making marriage plans.
Newcomers: Call the parish office to register.
Holidays: Check the bulletin for the time

Mass Online

⇒ Because we are back open and the number of views for the Monday and Friday online Masses has plummeted, we will no longer be streaming those services. The Wednesday School Mass and Sunday Mass will still be streamed online, to watch go to www.uccat.org
⇒ Sunday Mass broadcast on the Radio will not be changed at this time.



On March 12, the turnout was amazing at the Friday Fish Fry!

With such an incredible outpouring of support, we realize that the wait time was too long and we regret that some of our dear friends did not get served. For our March 26 Drive-Thru Fish Fry, we are doubling (at a minimum!) the number of fryers and ordering more food, so we should be able to promptly serve everyone on March 26.


HOLY SPIRIT AND ST. EDWARD

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Lenten Schedule

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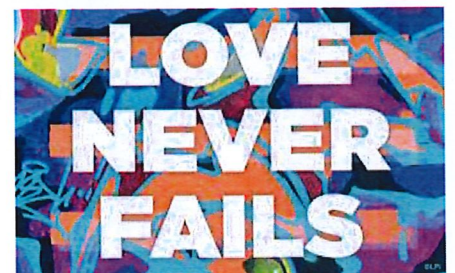
MONDAY 22	TUESDAY 23	WEDNESDAY 24	THURSDAY 25
Holy Spirit Adoration @ 5 PM Mass @ 6 PM Stations of the Cross ReRun Donation Day 8AM-4:30PM	St. Edward Adoration @ 8 AM Mass @ 9 AM ReRun Open Noon- 5PM	St. Malachy School Mass @ 9:15 AM Watch Live Streaming on Website St. Edward Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM	No Mass Read the Gospel during Lent 
FRIDAY 26	SATURDAY 27	Palm Sunday 28	NOTES
Holy Spirit Mass @ 9 AM Drive-Thru Fish Fry 5-7PM @ Holy Spirit ReRun Open 9-5PM	Holy Spirit Confessions at 9:00 AM Mass @ 5 pm ReRun Open 9AM-Noon	Holy Spirit Mass @ 9 AM St. Edward Mass @ 10:45 AM Bible Study at Holy Spirit 6 PM	www.uccat.org Listen to Mass at 10 AM on Sundays aired on KSIB 101.3 FM Office- 641-782-5278 holyspiritstedward@windstream.net

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes. ©LPi



AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY

March 21st, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

HOLY SPIRIT - GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 7,359
March 14th Tithes Received	
Envelope	\$ 8,396
Online	\$ 930
Tithes Needed YTD	\$272,283
Tithes Received YTD	\$255,556

ST. EDWARD - GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 952
March 14th Tithes Received	
Envelope	\$ 230
Online	\$ 115
Tithes Needed YTD	\$ 35,224
Tithes Received YTD	\$ 31,555

Palm Sunday - March 27

Mass, 5:00 p.m., Holy Spirit

March 28

Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit

Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward

Holy Thursday - April 1

Mass, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit

Adoration until 9 p.m.

Good Friday - April 2

Veneration of the Cross (drive-by procession), Noon, Holy Spirit

Good Friday Service, 5:30 p.m., Holy Spirit

Holy Saturday - April 3

Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m., Holy Spirit

Easter Sunday - April 4

Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit

Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward

ReRun Store Hours

Tuesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Phone: 641-202-4488

Mondays are donation day from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Thank you for your donations!

2021 ADA REPORT

Please help us reach our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. No gift is too large or small. Cards are available in the back of church if you need one.

As of March 12th:	Goal	Gifts Paid	#Donors
St. Edward	\$ 8,792	\$ 775	1
Holy Spirit	\$32,127	\$16,215	51



On April 23, St. Edward Parish will be starting Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1 catechist formation. The training will be on Fridays and Saturdays from 9AM - 5PM (April 23-24, May 7-8, Aug. 20-21, Sept. 10-11, Nov. 12-13, 2021 and Feb. 4-5, 2022). **What is CGS?** CGS is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at age three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and the catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the scriptures and the liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi over 50 years ago, CGS continues to spread worldwide and is used with adaptation in various Christian traditions. This Level I course grounds the participant in the theory and praxis of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd while also concretely preparing her/him to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3-6 year olds.

This training is at least 90 hours. The cost is \$500. If you are St. Edward or Holy Spirit Parishioner there are discounts if you commit to being a catechist or a substitute catechist for 3 years at St. Edward Parish. If you commit to being a catechist for 3 years, the fee is \$100 to cover meals during the training. If you commit to being a substitute-catechist for 3 years, the fee is \$300. **Registration and deposits are due by April 1.** For additional information the training please contact Michelle Moore (641-782-5278) or holyspiritsteward@windstream.net. To find out more about CGS go to www.cgsusa.org or to register online for the class go to www.uccat.org.

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Religious Education Updates

- March 24 - Confessions at St. Malachy school for RE students and catechists, starting at 6:45 p.m.
- Confirmation Retreat— March 28- Attend 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit then in basement. Retreat ends at 3 p.m.
- Save the Dates: Confirmation (April 23) & First Eucharist (May 1)