

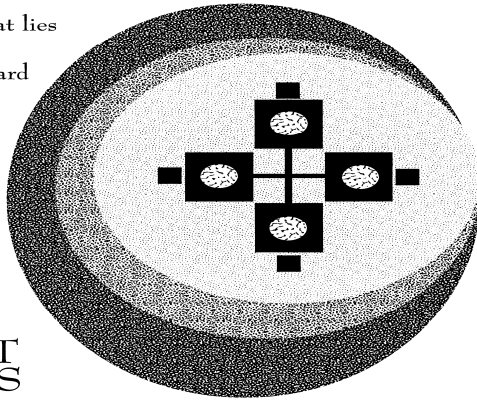
HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

April 6/7, 2019 Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Forgetting what lies
behind but
straining forward
to what
lies ahead,
I continue
my pursuit
toward
the goal,
the prize
of GOD'S
upward
calling, in
**CHRIST
JESUS**

Paul to the Philippians



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FROM FR. KEN

Spring has sprung, and the rains come with it, spring break is over, and it is the last couple of months until the end of the school year. As a kid, I always thought that the time from spring break to the summer break seemed to take the longest. There were no holidays or breaks to look forward to, the weather was getting nicer, and Summer was just around the corner. It was always hard to concentrate during that time, but as all of us did, we made it through it. As a kid I find often myself “looking forward” to something, and I still do that to a point as an adult. We hear ourselves saying, “after this happens, things will be great”, or “if I won the lottery, things would be wonderful”. When we do this, we sometimes miss out on what is going on in the right now. It is good to plan for the future, for things that we would like to do, or things that need to be done, but not at the expense of the people and things that need to be done today. I have been around many people who were close to death, and they have never told me that they have regretted spending time with their families, but I have heard someone tell me that they wished that they spent more time just being with family and friends. Throughout Scripture, Jesus spends time being with people, yes, He was preparing them for a time when He was not going to be physically next to the, but He often just spent time with the Apostles and other disciples. He ate meals with them, He walked on journeys with them, He went to celebrations with them. Jesus gave us an example to follow, to plan for the future and show us the way to Heaven, but also to spend some time enjoying life with our friends and family.

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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.

HOLYDAYS: Check bulletin for the time

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

40 days of Lent

◆ Ecumenical Service, April 7th, 5:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Creston. Speaker: Fr. Ken.

◆ Mondays at Holy Spirit: 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. A soup signup sheet is in the back of church. Table service is provided — just come and enjoy.

◆ Wednesdays: St. Edward will have Stations of the Cross and Chaplet of Divine Mercy beginning at 6:30 p.m.

ADDED RECONCILIATION TIMES

◆ Monday evenings between 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit (during adoration)

◆ Saturday, April 13th, 8:30-10:30 a.m., at Holy Spirit

◆ Wednesday, April 17th, 6:00-7:00 p.m., at St. Edward (during adoration)



KC Fish Fry April 12th at the Afton Community Center. Fish, baked potato/fries, salads, desserts. Serving 6:00-8:00 p.m. Free-will offering.

ALL LADIES: COME JOIN US

The Catholic Daughters will hold a potluck supper with the CCW on Tuesday, April 9th. Mass at 6:00 p.m. and a potluck supper following.

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

Kay is retiring May 31st and we are taking applications for the position of office manger. The office manager shall serve and be responsible at all times as secretary and business manager for the corporations of Paul VI, Holy Spirit Parish, Calvary Cemetery and St. Edward Parish at the direction of the pastor. This is a full time position. For more information contact Fr. Ken or pick up an application form from the parish office. Apply this coming week if interested.

UNPLANNED

The movie Unplanned will be coming to Creston's theater on Friday, April 12th. This is a sobering and powerful movie about the reality of abortion. Check the Creston News Advertiser for times.

MASS SCHEDULE



**Monday
April 8**

5:00-6:00 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Spirit
Vincent Falk

**Tuesday
April 9**

9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center
Those Buried at St. Edward Cemetery
6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Living/Deceased CD of A Members

**Wednesday
April 10**

9:15 a.m. Mass, St. Malachy School
Bert Pokorny

**Thursday
April 11**

7:00 a.m. Mass, St. Malachy Chapel
Intention of Darlene DonMoyer

**Friday
April 12**

7:00 a.m. Mass, St. Malachy Chapel
Carol Moberg

**Saturday
April 13**

5:15 p.m. Mass, Holy Spirit
Mert Link

**Sunday
April 14**

9:00 a.m. Mass, Holy Spirit
Sally Drapcho
10:45 a.m. Mass, St. Edward
For the People



- ◆ If anyone would like to give a donation to the flood relief collection for Iowa and Nebraska, please send your donation to the parish office or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Flood Relief".
- ◆ Envelopes are also available in the back of church for the Catholic Relief Services Collection. These envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the office.
- ◆ The Catholic Daughters will take donations after Mass this weekend for our local Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Center. The Catholic Daughters have designated April as Domestic Abuse Prevention month.

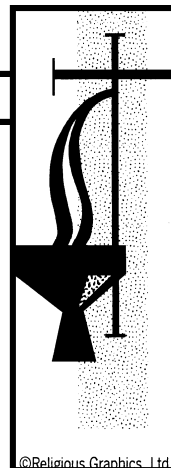
SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please pray for eternal rest for Jeremy Seddon, son of Cathy Seddon and Tony Seddon, and father of Kynzlee Seddon. May God grant His blessing and peace in the hearts of his family.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	April 7	Confirmation Discussion after Mass, Hall
Monday	April 8	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper following 6:00 p.m. Mass
Tuesday	April 9	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m. + Dinner Meeting to follow
Wednesday	April 10	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth/Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Education Class, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	April 11	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	April 12	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 13	Added Confession: 8:30-10:30 a.m. ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	April 14	First Eucharist Parent Session, Noon, St. Malachy School



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GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$7,233.00
March 31st tithes received	\$6,758.00



ADA 2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We have received 75 pledges. Please consider making a pledge/donation if you haven't already. No gift is too large or small. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the back of church or from the parish office. Thank you to those who have pledged.

RERUN NEEDS

- ◆ Good used men's jeans
- ◆ A volunteer to steam clothes
- ◆ Volunteers, especially for the check out counter on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.
- ◆ Thank you for all your support for this mission



START SAVING

The Ecumenical Backpack Ministry has met and Holy Spirit will be collecting the 2-pocket file folders again this year. We need 800 folders by July 1st. Please be watching for good buys or if you prefer we will accept monetary donations to purchase them.

GUEST DAY BRUNCH

The Arispe Women's Christian Fellowship Annual Guest Day Brunch is Thursday, April 18th, 10:00 a.m. at the Arispe United Methodist Church (corner of Division and Butcher, Arispe). There will be breakfast casseroles, fruit cups and mini-muffins. The Program will be: Appalachian Youth Mission Trip with speaker Sharon Bennett. RSVP by April 15th to Bonnie Riepe, 641-346-2566, or email briepe@iowatelecom.net.

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Five more volunteers are needed to complete our second team for Meals of the Heartland. Our parish will be helping on Wednesday, April 24th, at SWCC gym. Our time slot is 12:00 Noon (please be there by 11:45). Sign-up in the back of church if you can help.



EASTER MINISTERS

If you can assist with the ministries on Holy Saturday (8:00 p.m.) and Easter Sunday (7:00 and 9:00 a.m.), please sign-up on the sheet in the back of church.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Holy Spirit will be the host church for the ecumenical Good Friday Service on March 19th at 12:00 noon. Following the service we will serve soup for the luncheon. We are in need of a lector, 4-6 ushers, and 8 crock pots of meatless soup. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church if you can help. Musicians are also needed (please call the office).



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Psalm Sunday

April 13/14	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	L. Hartsock + V	Karen Fries + V
	J. Gibson + N	Bill Mullin + N
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Nelson	Steve McCann
	Lois Nelson	Dean Schulte
	Terri Koets	Mary S. McDonald
		G. & J. Bucklin
Ushers	T. & C. Sevier	Virginia Aguilar
	T. & K. Freml	Jamie Hayes
	T. & L. Root	M. Sickels Family
		Barb Hudson
Servers	Cade Simmons	Rendon Mohr
	Haley Simmons	Aubrie Mohr
		Reese Glynn
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	Virginia Aguilar
		Jamie Hayes
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Al Pokorny
Musicians	Linda Taylor	Rachel Ramaeker
	Aubrey Taylor	Larry Rayhons
M. 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: Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.

Question for Children: How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

Question for Youth: Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

Question for Adults: Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

PRAYER TREE

If you would like to be part of the prayer tree, or 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. (Holy Spirit)
- ♦ Patty Bradley, 347-8812, or philpattybradley@gmail.com. (St. Edward)

News from St. Edward



Tuesday	April 9	Catholic Daughters Mass, 6:00 p.m., + Dinner Meeting Following, Holy Spirit
Wednesday	April 10	Rel. Education Class, 6:15 p.m. High School/Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
Friday	April 12	Fish Fry, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Afton Community Center

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

10:45 a.m.	April 14: Palm Sunday
Lector	Dan Rosener
	Volunteer for Passion
Eucharistic Ministers	Darren Moore
	Olivia Moore
	Jessica Rosener
Ushers	Terry & Lisa Smith Family
Servers	Ansley Waigand
	Emma Vandel
Money Counters	Dennis Smith
	Emily McNeill



The new schedule was emailed last week. If you need a copy, they are available in the back of church.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 844.86
March 31st tithes received	\$1,105.00



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ANNUAL
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APPEAL

Please help us reach our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. To date we have received 11 pledges. No gift is too large or small. If you have misplaced your pledge card, they are available in the back of church.

HOLY
HOLY
HOLY
is the LORD

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