



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

Dec. 13, 2020 Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent

Due to the increase of COVID Infections, Bishop Joensen has mandated the use of masks at all liturgical celebrations through February 2nd. MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY AT MASS. The obligation to go to Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday Dec.13	9:00 a.m., Mass, Live @ Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller 10:45 a.m., Mass, Live @ St. Edward Catherine Baker
Monday Dec. 14	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Geraldine Grant
Tuesday Dec. 15	9:00 a.m., St. Edward Sheryl Keenan
Wednesday Dec. 16	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Mass Check website (www.uccat.org) for video Donna Baker
Thursday Dec. 17	No Mass
Friday Dec.18	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Denny Struble
Saturday Dec. 19	5:00 p.m., Mass Live @ Holy Spirit Recording Mass – no microphones Mass Intention: For the people
Sunday Dec.20	7:00 a.m. YouTube Premiere (prerecorded Mass) 9:00 a.m., Mass, Live @ Holy Spirit Virginia Boden 10:00 a.m., Mass on KSIB 101.3 FM 10:45 a.m., Mass, Live @ St. Edward James & Margaret Brosnaham

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Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston
St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston

SACRAMENTS

Call the priest for an appointment.
Reconciliation: Call the office to schedule an appointment
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



Holy Spirit Church

New Winter Hours: The church will be unlocked at 8 a.m. and locked at 5:00 p.m. during weekdays. Thank you to Bob and Lisa Miller for helping out with this task.

Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1. There will be 2 week bulletin during this time. Please get all bulletin announcements to the office by Dec. 21.

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve– Dec.24

4:00 p.m., Holy Spirit

7:00 p.m., St. Edward

10:00 p.m., Holy Spirit

Christmas Day– Dec. 25

9:00 a.m. Holy Spirit

Octave of Christmas, Mary

Mother of God– Jan. 1

5:00 p.m., Holy Spirit

Social distancing and masks are required during Mass. During the Christmas Masses, pews will be available on a 'first come, first seated' basis. If the church occupancy exceeds capacity, we will have additional seating in the basement. If the basement occupancy exceeds capacity, we will ask you to join us at the next Mass time. Thank you for your understanding.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Bishop Joensen

Bishop Joensen will be here Dec. 19/20 to install Fr. Adam as pastor. When the bishop installs a pastor, he blesses the relationship between the priest and parishioners.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10a)

PSALM:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

SECOND READING:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

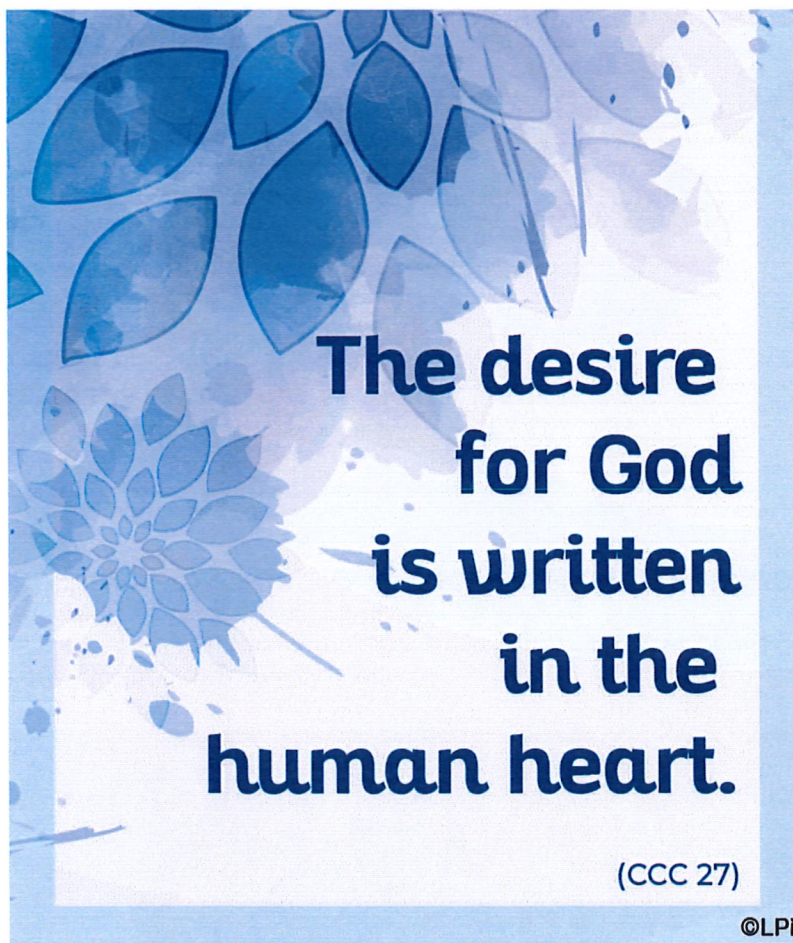
GOSPEL:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1:23)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?

SECOND READING

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?

GOSPEL READING

John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. Do you humbly accept God's call in your life?

AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY

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Donations for Christmas Dinner: We will need cooked turkeys with broth, pies, and monetary donations. Please contact Barb Hudson (641-202-2064) or Anita Studer (641-344-1435) and let them know how you can help.

A Christmas gift for you!

Coming soon! Fr. Adam and the Parish Council will be giving out a Christmas gifts to each family during Christmas Masses!

HOLY SPIRIT - GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 7,359
Dec. 6th Tithes Received	
Envelope	\$ 3,256
Online	\$ 315
Tithes Needed YTD	\$ 169,257
Tithes Received YTD	\$ 150,835

Thank you to everyone that purchased gifts for families in needs from the Adopt-a-Family tree.

ST. EDWARD - GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 952
Dec. 6 Tithes Received	
Envelope	\$ 850
Online	\$ 85
Tithes Needed YTD	\$ 21,896
Tithes Received YTD	\$ 18,685

St. Edward Parishioners

The new 2021 tithing envelopes are at the back of church. Please pick up yours after Mass. If you need help getting them, please call the office to make arrangements.

St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Dec. 13

Lector: Randy Pettit
Money: Volunteer
Counters: Sheila Brown
Sacristan: Ide Family

Dec. 20

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Counters: Sheila Brown
Sacristan: Ide Family

Drive-up ToGo Christmas Dinner

The Parish will be hosting the annual Drive-up ToGo Christmas Day Dinner on Friday, Dec. 25 from 1-2 pm at St. Malachy School (use the east alley by the gym). The menu is turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll and pie. The dinner is open to everyone in the Creston or surrounding communities. The meal is free of charge. There will be a delivery service of meals to shut-ins in the Creston Area only. Call the parish office by Dec. 22 to setup a delivery. On the day of the dinner, please call 641-344-1435 for deliveries to shut-ins.

Reconciliation

There will be additional opportunities to go to reconciliation during Advent. A great way to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Sat., Dec. 12, 9 – 10 a.m., Holy Spirit Church
Sat., Dec. 19, 9 – 10 a.m., Holy Spirit Church

Rectory Rerun Thrift Shop Hours for December

Monday – Donation drop off 8 AM – 5 PM

Mondays until Christmas—Open 9 AM to 5 PM

Tuesday—Noon to 5 PM

Friday—9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday—9 AM to Noon

New! State requires masks to be worn.

We are always needing more volunteers, please contact Phyllis Allen at 515-493-9149.

Mark Your Calendars—Creston Area Food Pantry

Holy Spirit Parish will be helping the Creston Area Food Pantry on Sunday, January 3rd. We need 5-7 volunteers to help at the Food Pantry that day from noon to 2:00 p.m. (please be there at 11:30 a.m. for instructions). A sign-up sheet is at the back of church. The Creston Area Food Pantry is located at 417 Wyoming Ave. For more information or ways to help please call Joyce Baker (344-3428). Please wear your mask.

Caroling Covid Style

On Dec. 16, we will be going Christmas Caroling as families at Regency Park Apartments, 612 Grand Ave., Creston. We will start at 6:30 p.m. and meet at the Center. Come as a family and do not share cars with others. We can walk around in groups of 3 families, with social distancing and masks worn. The Diocese approved this outreach to the lonely at this difficult time. Barb will have song sheets and additional info!

