



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

Dec. 20, 2020 Bulletin

Fourth 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. 20	9:00 a.m., Mass, Live @ Holy Spirit Virginia Boden
	10:45 a.m., Mass, Live @ St. Edward James & Margaret Brosnaham
Monday Dec. 21	5:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Pauline McDermott
Tuesday Dec. 22	9:00 a.m., St. Edward Edmund Baker
Wednesday Dec. 23	No Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday Dec. 24	4:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Streamed for Youtube Mass Intention: For the People
	7:00 p.m., St. Edward Mass Intention: Mary Baird
	10:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Recording Mass – no microphones Mass Intention: Mert Link
Friday Dec. 25	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Mass Intention: Pesik Family
Saturday Dec. 26	5:00 p.m., Mass Live @ Holy Spirit Recording Mass – no microphones Mass Intention: For the people
Sunday Dec. 27	7:00 a.m. YouTube Premiere (prerecorded Mass) 9:00 a.m., Mass, Live @ Holy Spirit William J. Cihak 10:00 a.m., Mass on KSIB 101.3 FM 10:45 a.m., Mass, Live @ St. Edward Dennis Ripperger

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Parish Office, 406 W. Clark Street, Creston
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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: 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

Bishop Joensen coming to Holy Spirit and St. Edward Churches— **New date!**

Bishop Joensen will be here to install Fr. Adam as pastor on Jan. 2nd– 3rd.

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.
- ⇒ Make sure all mailed end year donations have a post-dated date Dec. 31 on the envelope to receive credit for 2020. You can also donate online at www.uccat.org.

Christmas Masses

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.

Holy Spirit Church Winter Hours

The church will be unlocked at 8 a.m. and locked at 5:00 p.m. during weekdays.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"When your times comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will establish his kingdom firm." (2 Sm 12)

PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

SECOND READING:

According to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God. (Rom 16:25b-26a)

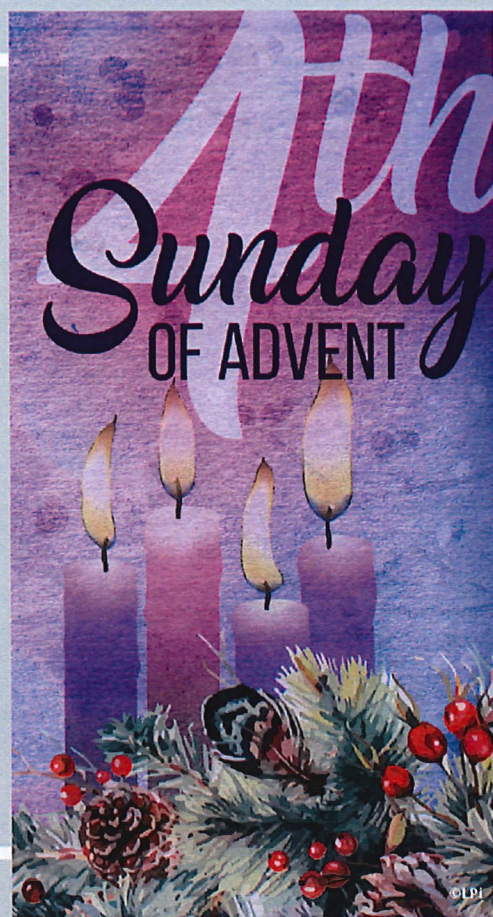
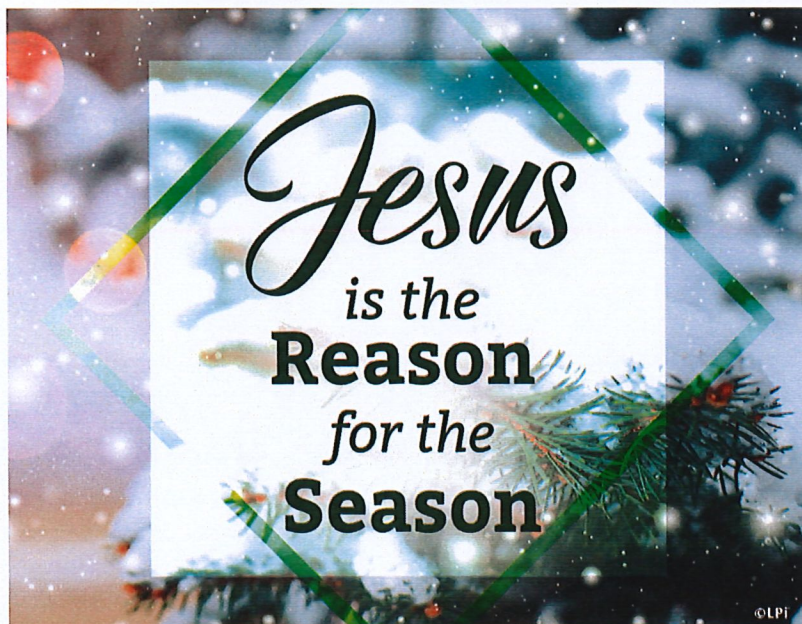
GOSPEL:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High." (Lk 1:31-32a)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Thursday:	Christmas Eve
Friday:	The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
Saturday:	St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Next Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"

SECOND READING

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith?

AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY

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A Christmas gift for you!

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

HOLY SPIRIT - GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 7,359
Dec.13th Tithes Received	
Envelope	\$ 14,575
Online	\$ 900
Tithes Needed YTD	\$ 176,616
Tithes Received YTD	\$ 166,310

ST. EDWARD - GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 952
Dec. 13th Tithes Received	
Envelope	\$ 850
Online	\$ 115
Tithes Needed YTD	\$ 22,848
Tithes Received YTD	\$ 19,650

St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Dec.24

Lector: Volunteer
Sacristan: Volunteer
Money Counter: NA
Cantor: Volunteer

Dec.27

Randy Pettit
Ide Family
Vol. + Sheila Brown

Saturdays Reconciliation

How to prepare for the coming of Jesus? John the Baptist said to repent. Reconciliation will be available Sat., Dec. 19, 9 –10 a.m., Holy Spirit Church.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the families that went Christmas Caroling Covid Style at Regency Park Apartments. You gave joy and big smiles to many lonely people.

Religious Education

No RE classes Dec. 23 and 30 for Christmas Break. Classes resume Jan. 6th.

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.

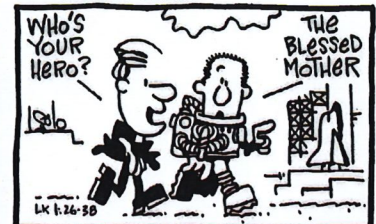
Drive-up ToGo Christmas Dinner

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 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 641-782-5278 by 3 pm on Dec. 23 to setup a delivery. On the day of the dinner, please call 641-344-1435 for deliveries to shut-ins.

Donations for Christmas Dinner: We still need pies, cooked turkeys, and monetary donations. Please contact Barb Hudson (641-202-2064) or Anita Studer (641-344-1435) and let them know how you can help. You can also donate money online, go to www.uccat.org



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Rectory Rerun Thrift Shop Hours for December

Monday – Donation drop off 8 AM – 4:30 PM

Dec. 21- Last Monday to be 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.

The Rectory Rerun Thrift Shop will be closed Dec.25-26 and will open back up on Dec. 29 at Noon.

Winter Weather Update: If we have inclement weather, we will not be open for shopping nor donations. Call the store before coming during bad weather (641-202-4488) or check Rerun Creston Facebook page.

Needed: Kids jeans in good condition, sizes 6-18.