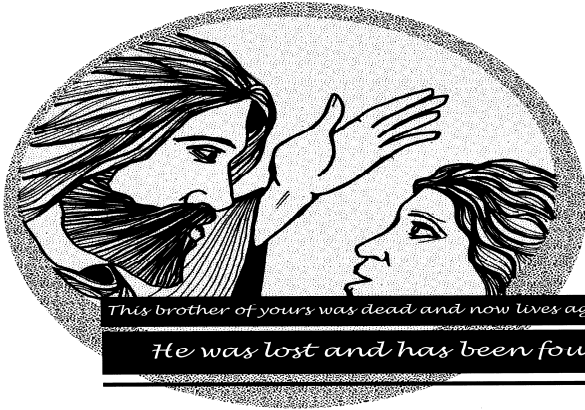


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

March 30/31, 2019 Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent



## FROM FR. KEN

If you can believe it, Lent is over half way finished and so this week we break out the rose or pink vestments again as a celebration that we really do rejoice in the Lenten season, even though we are fasting. This Sunday is called Laetare Sunday from the entrance antiphon which states Laetare Jerusalem or rejoice O Jerusalem, it comes from the Psalm "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord...". Our celebration of Laetare Sunday is to give us hope through our fasting. So, how is the fasting going? Is it getting easier or harder? The purpose of fasting is to increase our self-control so we can be better at moving away from sin. We rejoice in our self-control because it really does lead us to freedom. When we are slaves to an addiction, no matter what it is, whether it be gossip, alcohol, drugs, pornography, or anything else, the addiction does not give us the freedom to live our lives as we should, we are slaves. Currently the number one addiction is pornography and it is affecting kids younger and younger. The building of our self-control leads us to the true freedom that God wants us to have, so we can rejoice, even in our suffering. We also know that we are not in this alone. Christ himself was tempted and he overcame the temptation as an example for us. He himself suffered and he accepted that suffering also for us. We can overcome temptation, suffering, and death with His help. Lent is really a beautiful time of the year because of all of the opportunities to grow in our faith as we prepare for the upcoming Easter season.

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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, March 31st, 5:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, 301 E. Townline, Creston. Speaker: Pastor Mary O'Riley

◆ 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)
- ◆ Tuesday, April 2nd, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit
- ◆ Saturday, April 6th, 8:30-9:30 a.m., at St. Edward
- ◆ 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)



Holy Spirit/St. Malachy School fish fry Friday, April 5th, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Malachy School. Serving cod, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and drink. Adults \$8; kids \$6 (kids meal includes 1 piece of fish). Volunteers

are needed in many different ways including serving, set up, clean up, and donating desserts. Please sign up on the sheet in back of church to help at the fish fry or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849abaa2caaf58-fish>. We look forward to good food and great fellowship — see you at the fish fry!

- ◆ Knights of Columbus 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly meeting: Wednesday, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday  
April 1**

5:00-6:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Spirit  
Helen Harvey

**Tuesday  
April 2**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Adoration  
8:30 a.m., St. Edward  
Marna Becker

**Wednesday  
April 3**

9:15 a.m. Mass, St. Malachy School  
Dick Fries

**Thursday  
April 4**

7:00 a.m. Mass, St. Malachy Chapel  
Lorraine Victor

**Friday  
April 5**

7:00 a.m. Mass, St. Malachy Chapel  
Living/Deceased CCW Members

**Saturday  
April 6**

9:30 a.m. Mass, St. Edward  
Leonard and Gail Feld  
5:15 p.m. Mass, Holy Spirit  
Marshel & Agnes Fredrickson

**Sunday  
April 7**

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

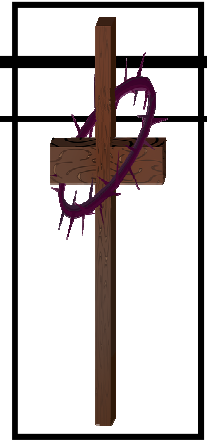
## OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

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.

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The historic flooding in Iowa and Nebraska includes wide portions of the Diocese of Des Moines. Bishop Pates is urging prayer for those impacted and inviting financial assistance. The communities which have been particularly struck are St. Mark Parish in Hamburg, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Glenwood, St. Mary Parish in Shenandoah, St. Patrick Parish in Missouri Valley, Holy Family Parish in Mondamin, and St. Anne Parish in Logan. Catholic Charities Des Moines is currently working with Catholic Charities USA to coordinate resources and needs in responding to this tragedy. We will take up a second collection this weekend. You may also contribute on line at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/pages/donation-form-flood-relief>. You may send donations to the parish office or place in the collection basket next weekend in an envelope marked "Flood Relief".

# News from Holy Spirit Parish



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	March 31	Confirmation Retreat, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Church/Hall
Monday	April 1	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper following 6:00 p.m. Mass
Tuesday	April 2	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Added confession time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 3	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 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	April 4	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	April 5	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Fish Fry , 5:30-7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Saturday	April 7	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	April 8	Confirmation Discussion after Mass, Hall

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$7,233.00
March 24th tithes received	\$6,116.00



We have received 64 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.

## MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Our parish will be helping package meals on Wednesday, April 24th, at SWCC gym. Our time slot is 12:00 Noon (please be there by 11:45). We hope to have enough volunteers to have two teams. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church if you would like to participate.

## EASTER MINISTERS

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



## RERUN NEEDS

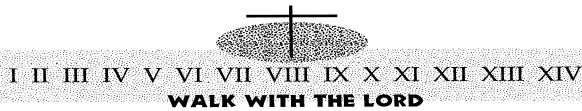
- ◆ Good used men's jeans
- ◆ A volunteer to steam clothes
- ◆ Volunteers, especially for the check out counter on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.
- ◆ Thank you for all your support for this mission

## PARISH COUNCIL RECAP

March 19th Meeting: CCW gave the *organization report*. Since October 675 people have been served at funeral dinners. They will provide the luncheon following the Ecumenical Good Friday Service. *Unfinished Business*: Pictorial directory is being proofed. Applications will soon be taken for the Parish Office Manager position. Kay retires May 31st. *New Business*: A retirement party will be held after a Saturday night Mass for Kay. A candle stand is being checked into and will be placed by St. Joseph. *Committee Reports*: *Building/grounds/safety*: church roof, sidewalk, and step repairs were discussed. *Family Life*: Coffee and rolls will resume in the fall. *Social Concerns*: Served Open Table February 26th/next date in August 27th. Food Pantry going well. *Liturgy*: Preparing for Holy Week and Easter. *Finance*: Due to a conflict meeting postponed until March 26th. *Faith Formation*: Busy with parent meetings for 1st Eucharist, 8th grade retreat, and confirmation retreat on March 31st. Students meeting with Fr. Ken for their confirmation interview. If enough teachers can be found we will have VBS. Trivia Night raised \$2,050 to help with funds for St. Malachy teachers to go to convention in Chicago. Donuts for Dad at SM School was very well attended. RCIA class is preparing for Easter. *Pastor's comments*: Lent is going well. Good attendance at Monday night Stations and Soup Supper. Several more confession times have been set.

## 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.



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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>April 6</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Dennis Nelson Jean Miller	RE Students
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Linda Hartsock Pat Miller Betty Baker	RE Students & Teachers
<b>Ushers</b>	B. & L. Miller J. & T. Latus	RE Students Family
<b>Servers</b>	Keely Coen Daniel Buls	RE Students
<b>Greeters</b>	J. & T. Latus	RE Students
<b>Rosary</b>	Ted Willets	Paul Baker
<b>Musicians</b>	Kyle Huck Danna Buls	Janet Schulte Jolene Griffith
<b>M. Counters</b>	Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe	

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

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** *God wants us to come back. Now is the time to reconcile.*

**Question for Children:** Who is the one person you most need to say "I'm sorry" to in your family?

**Question for Youth:** Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

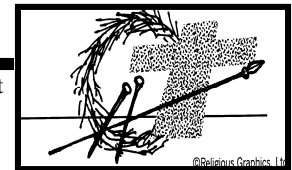
**Question for Adults:** How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Iowa Catholic Daughters have designated April as Domestic Abuse Prevention month. Our local CD of A chapter will hold a collection after the Masses at Holy Spirit and St. Edward on April 6th/7th with the donations going to the Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Center. Domestic abuse touches men, women and children. Thank you from the Victims of Abuse in our local area which will be assisted by the donations.

## News from St. Edward

Sunday	March 31	Confirmation Retreat following 9 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Wednesday	April 3	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. Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Saturday	April 6	Confession, 8:30 a.m./Mass, 9:30 a.m.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Retta Ripperger
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Ellie Fry Karen Jones Jan Pettit
<b>Ushers</b>	Darren & Michelle Moore Family
<b>Servers</b>	Steven Fry Olivia Findley
<b>Money Counters</b>	Dennis Smith Emily McNeill

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
March 24th tithes received	\$930.00



Please help us reach our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. To date we have only received 8 pledges. No gift is too large or small. If you have misplaced your pledge card, they are available in the back of church.



## FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

April 6th:  
Confession, 8:30 a.m.  
Mass, 9:30 a.m.