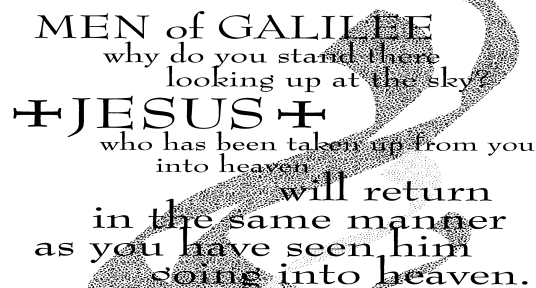


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

May 27/28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter



MEN of GALILEE
why do you stand there
looking up at the sky?
✠ JESUS ✠
who has been taken up from you
into heaven
will return
in the same manner
as you have seen him
going into heaven.

FROM FR. KEN

This Monday is Memorial Day. In this weekend, which is often considered the unofficial kick-off to summer, we take some time to remember those who have died, and in a very special way those who have died in service to our country. Remember this is not Veterans Day, we are not remembering those who are currently serving, or those who have served and are still living, we are remembering those who have given everything for their country, as is credited to purple heart recipient Howard Osterkamp "All gave some; some gave all." We live in a country in which we have many freedoms, two of the most important are those guaranteed by the First Amendment to our Constitution. This states: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." This is often twisted and turned to say that religion should have no part in the government, when in reality, it states that the government shall have no role in religion. This is something that many young men and women have fought and died for and is something that we need to maintain. While I would argue that we do not have a perfect government, we do have the basis set for a good one and that is worth fighting for. As we spend time this weekend with our families, remember to offer a prayer for all of those who have gone before us, most especially those who have served in the military and died for the rights that we enjoy. We commend these and all who have died in Christ to the loving arms of God.

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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.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held June 12th-16th at St. Malachy School from 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon. This is for students at both Holy Spirit and St. Edward and for students who will be in 1st-8th grade next school year. Mass will be celebrated everyday at 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$10.00 per student. Please contact Barb Hudson, 641-202-2064, for more information. (Registration forms are in the back of church.)

RERUN NEWS

- ◆ Due to Memorial Day weekend, there will be no sorting on Monday, May 29th. Sorting will be done Tuesday morning, May 30th.
- ◆ The shop is in need of clean plastic grocery bags.

SERVER TRAINING

Training will be held at both Holy Spirit and St. Edwards the weekends of June 3/4 and June 10/11. Training after both Saturday and Sunday Masses. Students who will be in 4th grade (and above) next school year are eligible to serve. Students who are already serving may come for a refresher class.

ON THE MINISTRY SCHEDULE?

To eliminate the hassle of picking up or having to mail ministry schedules we will try emailing them to families (at both parishes). Please let Kay know your email address. We will see if it helps getting the schedule to you. (Email kboden@iowatelecom.net)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Diocesan report as of May 19th: Holy Spirit is \$920 short of its goal. St. Edward is \$1,608 short of its goal. If we do not meet our assigned goal, the remaining balance will be taken from our parish funds.

All gifts are appreciated! Pledge cards are available in the back of church or at the parish office.

MEMORIAL DAY DINNER

The Prescott United Church, 401 6th Ave., Prescott will serve a dinner from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Monday, May 29th. On the menu: hamloaf, meatloaf, mac and cheese, vegetables, salads, desserts and a drink. Price: Adults \$8.00; Youth ages 5-12 \$4.00; under five — free.

MASS SCHEDULE

His presence among us continues forever

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Monday May 29	No Adoration 8:30 a.m., Holy Spirit For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday May 30	Adoration 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Leonard and Gail Feld
Wednesday May 31	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Ron and Kirk Levine
Thursday June 1	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Albina Pesik
Friday June 2	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Dick Fries
Saturday June 3	9:30 a.m., St. Edward Sister Mary B. Miller 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
Sunday June 4	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Patricia Auffert

THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 16: My mother can't feel me moving yet—but I am moving! And I can swim, and kick, and do somersaults! I'm not a lightweight anymore—I weigh six ounces! And I am about three inches long! I will keep growing until I am about 23 years old!

CALVARY CEMETERY

The Calvary Cemetery Board is looking for a sexton for the Cemetery. If interested in the position, please call the parish office or cemetery board members: Ron Dunphy, Paul Baker, or Dennis Kinsella. It is a paid position.

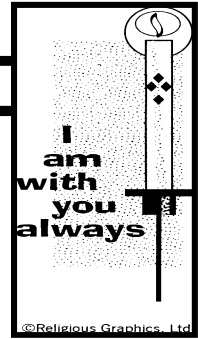
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

June 13th: Ladies Night Out to The Windrow. Dutch treat dinner at 6:00 p.m. All ladies of both parishes are invited to join us.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	May 29	Memorial Day Service, 9:30 a.m., Calvary Cemetery
Tuesday	May 30	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 31	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Friday	June 2	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 3	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon Server Training following Mass
Sunday	June 4	Server Training following Mass



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 6,837.36
May 21st tithes received	\$12,086.50

MEMORIAL DAY

- ♦ Mass: Monday, May 29th, 8:30 a.m., at the church (no adoration). Military Service at Calvary Cemetery at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ The Avenue of Flags will be on display at Calvary Cemetery over Memorial weekend. Help will be needed on Sunday, May 28th, 6:30 a.m. to put the flags out. They will be taken down Monday, May 29th, at 4:30 p.m. Volunteer help would be appreciated.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Next weekend is the monthly food drive for Matura and Creston Area Food Pantry. Non-perishable items and personal care items are collected and distributed to these two agencies. Monetary donations are accepted for the Food Pantry. There are envelopes available at the back of church if you wish to make a donation. Please make check payable to Creston Area Food Pantry. Place your donation in the collection basket or the box in the back of church. The Food Pantry is able to purchase food in bulk at a minimal cost with these donations.

PEW CUSHION RECOVERING

Thursday, June 8th, has been set for the next date to recover pew pads. We will work from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church. If you would like to help, please feel free to join us. We were able to cover 29 cushions on our first work day. Thanks to those who were able to help with round one!

PARISH PICNIC

The annual parish picnic has been set for Wednesday, June 14th, at McKinley Park (shelter house #4 — by the bear carving). We will gather at 5:30 and eat at 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled, table service and beverages provided. Please come join in this time of fellowship and bring a food item or two to share. Bring a lawn chair too if you wish! Spread the word. We will move to the school gym in case of inclement weather.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Team Spirit will be selling luminaries before and after Mass the next few weekends.

PRAYER TREE

If you would like to be part of the parish prayer tree or wish 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.



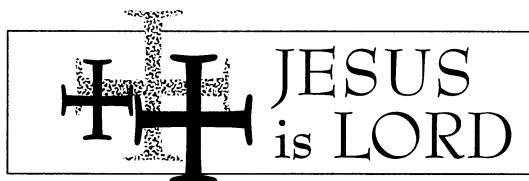
BACK PACK MINISTRY

Holy Spirit will once again be collecting colored pencils for the annual backpack ministry. Various churches and organizations collect school supplies to fill backpacks for area students. If you would like to donate pencils, please place in the container in the back of church or you may make a monetary donation and we can purchase pencils in bulk. Please have pencils or monetary donations in my mid-July. (Make checks to Holy Spirit Parish and place in the collection basket in an envelope marked colored pencils.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 3/4	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Mark O'Riley Pat Schlapia	Larry Rayhons Carole Rayhons
Eucharistic Ministers	Paul Somers Alice Reed Linda Hartsock	Tim & Linda Root Terri Koets G. & J. Bucklin
Ushers	J. & T. Latus Monte Neitzel D. & B. Baker Paul Johnson	L. & K. Bailey Family Francis Doyle
Servers	Keely Coen Carly Green	Aiden Evans Gavin Evans Tristan Evans
Greeters	Ann Johnson Betty Baker	Mary S. McDonald Ben Brightwell
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets No Music	Paul Baker Lynn Baker Jolene Griffith
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karen Fremi	

All ministers: If you are unable to be there, please find a substitute.



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: *We remain at the heart of Jesus mission.*

Question for Children: Jesus helps us be strong in our faith. When do you need to be really strong in faith?

Question for Youth: Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build our relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

Question for Adults: In these heartfelt instructions from a leader of the church, what are the ways in modern life that we sometimes suffer for our faith? Or are there no such ways?

News from St. Edward

Wednesday	May 31	Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 4	Server Training after Mass

CAMP FEES

At St. Edward's Parish Council meeting last Sunday, the Council voted to pay one-half the fee for a student to attend Catholic Youth Camp. Contact the parish office if you have questions or need to be reimbursed.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

June 3rd: Confession from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at St. Edward's; Mass at 9:30 a.m. (a reminder: Saturday morning Mass does not count for the weekend Mass).



Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 16th, for the annual parish picnic following Mass. More details will be coming.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
May 21st tithes received	\$843.00



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 4	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Randy Pettit
Eucharistic Minister	Darren Moore Ellie Fry Karen Jones
Ushers	Dan and Emily McNeill Family
Servers	Layla Lopez Olivia Moore
Money Counters	Carol Waigand Eric Ripperger