

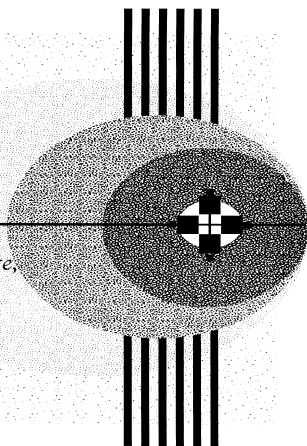
HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

August 27/28, 2016

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Conduct your affairs
with humility and you
will be loved more
than a giver of gifts.*

*Humble yourself the more,
the greater you are,
and you will find favor
with God.*



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FROM FR. KEN

Have you ever sat down to your computer planning on doing work and said “I need to look this up on the internet” and then end up spending two hours looking up crazy cat videos? It is amazing that some of the things in our lives that are meant to help, end up distracting us. I know that I can find myself turning on the television for just a few minutes and two hours later I am still watching it and I have eaten half a bag of Doritos. Sometimes we have good intentions to do something productive and allow ourselves to get distracted. This happens so often in our lives, but also we can allow it in our prayer life. We plan to spend 20 minutes praying every morning, or we plan to pray the rosary every day, or we are going to really focus on the Mass, but then something distracts us. We begin to pray the rosary and realize that we forgot to change the laundry, so we go and take care of that real quick so we can get back to praying, then the phone rings, and then we end up back on the internet looking at cats riding roombas. God understands that we can get distracted in prayer, but we need to do our best to fight through the distractions, whether it be at Mass or in our private prayer life. When we catch ourselves distracted, just refocus and try again, don’t end up going farther into the distraction by focusing on it. There is no such thing as bad time or wasted time with God, it always helps us out in some way. Remember St.

Teresa once said “If I stopped praying every time I got distracted, I would never finish the Lord’s Prayer!” Keep spending time with God and see the fruits of that time grow slowly in our hearts.

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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

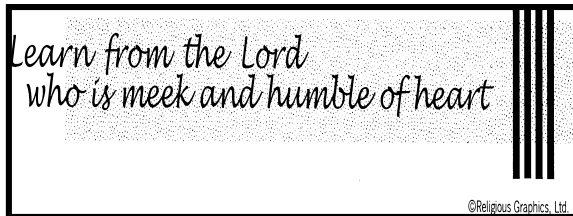
St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

KNIGHTLY NEWS

- ◆ The Knights will be doing work in the sacristy on Monday, August 29th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Join us if you can.
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus Council 1228 is attempting to contact the following members: Paul Goldsmith, Matt Deluhery, Terry Horning. If anyone knows a phone number or address, please contact Rick Brown, 515-468-8431 or rick@christisalive.net or let them know we are attempting to contact them.
- ◆ After Mass on Saturday, October 29th, the Knights of Columbus will take a heritage picture in front of the altar. This photograph will be hung in the church basement at Holy Spirit. It has been a long time since we had a group picture. All current and former Knights are encouraged to be in the picture.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A KNIGHT?

The Knights of Columbus will hold an Initiation Degree at 6:30 p.m. on August 31st. New guys should meet at the front door of Holy Spirit. To become a Knight you need to be a practicing Catholic man 18 years or older.



CHURCH CLASSES

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about it, please call the parish office, 782-5278, or talk to Fr. Halbur. We are making a list of interested persons and will start classes in September if there is interest.

CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE

The Christ Our Life Conference September 24th-25th at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines is expected to draw up to 10,000 people for a weekend of faith formation, praise and prayer. Join Bishop Pates in hearing Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput, Father Tom Hagen, Father Michael Schmitz, Jackie Francois Angel, Mart Hart, Jesse Romero, Alex Jones, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Steve Angrisano and Ike Ndolo Band. Go to www.ChristOurLifeIowa.com for tickets and details or contact Virginia Aguilar at 641-340-2745.

MASS SCHEDULE



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Monday August 29	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Tuesday August 30	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Lewis Ripperger
Wednesday August 31	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School LeAnn Keenan
Thursday September 1	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Lee Keenan
Friday September 2	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Dick Fries
Saturday September 3	Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit C. J. Miller
Sunday September 4	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Duane Brown

MOMS FOR MOMS

Catholic Charities' Moms for Moms program is recruiting volunteers to become life changing mentors for single mothers living in Central Iowa. Our goal is to connect young families with experienced mothers who can provide encouragement and positive parenting skills to increase confidence and stability of families living in our community. Spending 1 hour a week with a young mom can have a powerful impact not only for her, but you'll find it rewarding too. For more information, please contact Kelsey Tyrrell at 515-237-5027 or ktyrrell@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

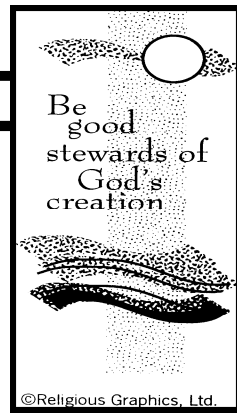
FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

- ◆ No Adoration or Mass on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th.
- ◆ For those attending Mass at St. Malachy School on Wednesday, there is additional parking in the new lot just east of the school.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	August 29	Sacristy Work Day, 9:00 a.m. CRHP Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 30	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 31	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Initiation of New Knights, 6:30 p.m., Hall
Thursday	September 1	Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	September 2	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 3	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	September 3/4	Food Pantry Drive



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
August 21 tithes received	\$5,336.00



FOOD FAIR: SEPTEMBER 11TH

The Food Fair is scheduled from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Malachy School grounds. As always, workers are needed!! If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact either Lisa Miller, 641-202-2385 or Tonya Green, 641-345-2480, who are this year's co-chairs. We will be needing pies, dessert bars, desserts (contact Chris Wintermute at 641-340-3207), chicken, broth and homemade noodles. Please contact Lisa or Tonya if you can help furnish items.

ATTENTION WOMEN

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be meeting on Monday, September 12th, 11:30 a.m., at the ReRun Shop. Lunch will be provided. All Catholic women are members of the CCW and are invited to this time of fellowship. Also, a great chance to see the ReRun if you haven't already!!

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Next weekend will be the monthly food drive/personal care items drive. Items are divided between the Creston Food Pantry and MATURA. MATURA is in need of canned/non perishable food items. Cash donations may be given to the Creston Food Pantry which buys needed supplies in bulk from the Iowa Food Pantry. Envelopes are in the back of church beside the donation basket for the Food Pantry. As always, any and all donations are truly appreciated.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a serious need for more musicians for the weekend liturgies. If you can play the piano, organ, guitar or cantor, please consider helping us out. Just once a month would be a big help! Due to various factors our list is dwindling. *A round of applause to the great set of musicians we have!!!! You are truly appreciated!!*

RERUN NEWS

Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past year who have helped make this a very special ministry for our church and school. Special thanks to all the men who have helped load the truck each Wednesday with our "overflow". Remember that everyone is welcome to stop in for an hour or two during our open hours or Monday mornings as we sort donations. All help is greatly appreciated. Also, if you have comments or suggestions for the shop, please pass them along.

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.

SCRIP

Since school is in session we are back to ordering National and Local cards on a weekly bases. If you haven't given Scrip a try, stop at the school office or visit with Tom Dunphy after Mass to learn all about Scrip. It's a Win-Win for everyone!! Many thanks to the families who have been purchasing Scrip cards.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 3/4 5:15 p.m. 9:00 a.m.
Lectors Chris Mansour Kelsey Bailey
 Alice Reed Joanne Bucklin
Eucharistic Dennis Nelson E. & M. Gammell
Ministers Lois Nelson Mary S. McDonald
 Betty Baker B. & L. Miller
Ushers Paul Johnson A. & F. Saturno Family
 Dick Baker
 L. & M.J. Dorgan
 Butch Miller
 Terri Koets
Servers N. Kuhlman Keegan Bailey
 Noah Drey Kolby Bailey
 Austin Rice
Greeters Ann Johnson R. & A. Mohr
 Butch Miller
Rosary Ted Willets Paul Baker
Musicians C. Fredrickson Lynn Baker
 Rose Wignall Heather Sitek
 Kateri Foster
Money Counters E. Haines, K. Freml, J. Huewe
Please find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your assignment.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Give as God gives — in humility and love.

Question of Children: Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?

Questions for Youth: God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

Question for Adults: Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?

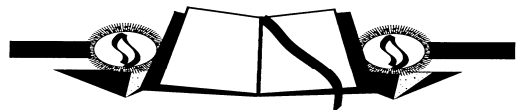
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

For students who do not attend St. Malachy School, religious education classes for grades 1-8 will begin September 14th, at St. Malachy School. Registration will be the first night beginning at 6:45 p.m. If you are new to the area or have questions, please call Barb Hudson, 641-202-2064. High School Youth Group/Confirmation Class will begin Wednesday, September 28th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

News from St. Edward Parish

Wednesday August 31 Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
 Initiation of New Knights, 6:30 p.m., Holy Spirit

LORD
 bless the labor
 of your people



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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Afton Food Pantry is really short on the following items: cereal, mac and cheese, hamburger helper, and instant potatoes. If you would like to make a donation, a basket is in the back of church for you to place your items.

PRAYER TREE

Please call Carolyn Hubatka, 347-8791, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree. You may also call Carolyn if you wish to be notified of those added to the prayer tree.

CONFESSION

Saturday, September 3rd, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
August 21 tithes received	\$835.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 3/4 10:45 am
Lector Mark Weis
Euch. Min. Sharon Findley
 Dan Rosener
 Deb Weaver-Ripperger
Usher/Greet Fritz and Lois Weis Family
Servers Gabrielle Valencia
 Ansley Waigand
Money Sharon Swanson
Counters Darren Moore

Current schedule will end September 25th. Please notify Sheila Brown of any additions or deletions that need to be made. New ministers are welcome!