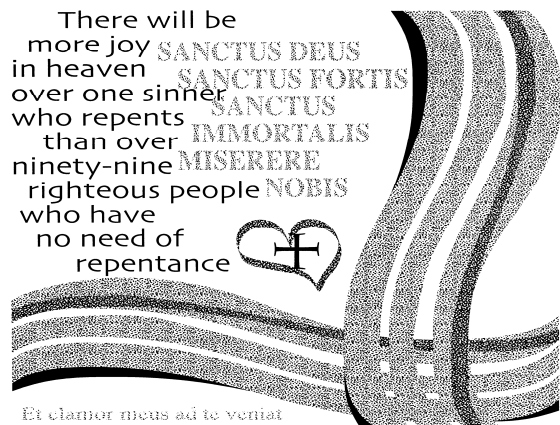


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

September 10/11, 2016

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



There will be
more joy
in heaven
over one sinner
who repents
than over
ninety-nine
righteous people
who have
no need of
repentance

SANCTUS DEUS
SANCTUS FORTIS
SANCTUS
IMMORTALIS
MISERERE
NOBIS

Et clamor meus ad te veniat

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FROM FR. KEN

Sports have become a huge deal in our country, in many ways it is a great way to relax and watch, it is also a good and enjoyable way to get some exercise. With football season started, and one of the “big games” this weekend, I am reminded of the old adage “the best offense is a good defense.” In football this is definitely the case, the shorter time that the opponent’s offense is on the field, the less chance they have to score, and the more your offense is on the field, the more chances you have to score. How about using this in our spiritual life, the best offense in our lives is some good defensive prayer. I know many different people who are in fantasy football leagues, I was even in a few myself in the past, and it is interesting how much time some people can spend researching the players and teams to put together a team of players. Some people spend weeks doing the research and preparing for the big draft. How about picking out a spiritual team of prayers? Find some saints that you can relate to and ask them each and every day to help you. I once heard a priest state “I wish we would be as prepared for Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we are for the big game.” We so often spend hours a week practicing for a sport, on the internet, or watching television and then we turn around and say that we have a hard time finding 15 minutes to pray. I know in my own life, I sometimes find it hard to pray, or difficult to “find the time” when in reality, I have just chosen to do something different. Remember practice makes permanent, if we practice in our prayer life it will become a permanent part of our lives.

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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

JOINING THE CHURCH

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.

SEMINARIAN APPEAL WEEKEND

September 17th/18th both parishes will take up a second collection for the 23 seminarians in our diocese. The average cost to educate one seminarian is approximately \$30,000 a year. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work together to continue God's work. You may place your gift in the second collection next weekend, mail it to the Diocese, or gifts may be made online at dmdio-cese.thankyou4caring.org. (Please designate the Seminarian Annual Collection.)

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters will resume this Tuesday, September 13th. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and business meeting following in Holy Spirit hall. Would you like to join the Catholic Daughters or know more about it? If so, contact Retta Ripperger, 782-0918.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR.....

The Christ Our Life Conference September 24th-25th at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Get your all-weekend pass at ChristOurLifeIowa.com or contact Virginia Aguilar at 641-340-2745.

ANNUAL GRILLED CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER

Sunday, September 18th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 600 W. Michigan, Lenox. Tickets: \$8.00 adults; \$5 kids 6-12; Free for ages 5 and under. Menu: Grilled half chicken or baked ham, baked potato, corn or green beans, salad bar, pie, and drink.

PULL! 3RD ANNUAL Lc OPEN TRAP SHOOT

Saturday, September 24th, at High Lakes Outdoor Alliance Shooting Range. Open to boys and girls, men and women (minimum age 12). Early registration \$25/day of \$35. For more information about this event, contact Rick Ramaeker, 782-5264. Proceeds to the Lc Clinics in Creston and Stuart.

MASS SCHEDULE



God has reconciled the world to himself in Christ

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Monday September 12	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Coletta Bradley
Tuesday September 13	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center Deceased Members of the John and Mary Brosnahan Family Mass, 6:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Ruthanna Falk
Wednesday September 14	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Dale Huewe
Thursday September 15	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Ralph & Lucille Riedl
Friday September 16	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel KC: Donald D. Mullin
Saturday September 17	Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit The Bevington Family
Sunday September 18	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward KC: James Cihak

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Learn God's way of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. The average turnaround is \$8,000 in just the first three months. The course runs Sunday evenings from September 11th—November 6th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Salem Lutheran Church, 602 W. Townline Street. For more information contact Wayne Pantini, 344-9725, or Chuck Taylor, 782-4848.

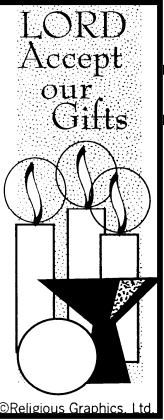
SAVE THE DATE

Women of Holy Spirit and St. Edward Parish: Mark your calendars NOW to save the date for the next Christ Renews His Parish Retreat the weekend of January 28/29, 2017. Details and sign-up to follow at a later date.



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News from Holy Spirit Parish



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	September 11	Food Fair, 4:00-7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School Grounds
Monday	September 12	CCW, 11:30 a.m., ReRun Shop
Tuesday	September 13	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass + Dinner Meeting Following, 6:00 p.m., Church
Wednesday	September 14	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-8, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Friday	September 16	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 17	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	September 17/18	Catechist Sunday

GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 6,837.36
September 4th tithes received	\$11,770.00



FOOD FAIR

The Food Fair is this Sunday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Malachy School grounds. Come enjoy great food and entertainment by Leslie's Dance Studio and music by Dustin Baird! Ticket Price: Just \$8.00 for 5 punches. You will not go away hungry!!!

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.

LADIES GUEST DAY

Holy Spirit ladies are invited to the Platte Center Presbyterian Church, 1423 238th Street, on Wednesday, September 28th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. RSVP by September 14th to Ruby Stephens at 782-7327.

SEPTEMBER 25TH DEADLINE

There are many bowls and containers in the church kitchen left from funeral dinners and functions. All items will be thrown away or given to the ReRun Shop if not picked up by Sunday, September 25th.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers Roberta Ambrose, life-long member of Holy Spirit Parish. May she and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Melissa and Juan Ramirez on the baptism of their son, Juan Ramirez, September 2nd at Holy Spirit Parish.



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 STUDENTS

High School Youth Group/Confirmation Class will have their "kick off" on Wednesday, September 28th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at St. Malachy School. Mark your calendar and bring your Catholic friends!

AN INVITATION FOR AGES 3-5

St. Edward's RE program invites Holy Spirit's children to attend the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1 Atrium Program. This is a Montessori based curriculum designed to develop a deep and personal relationship with the Lord. Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m., St. Edward's Church. Contact Jennifer Valencia at StEdREAfton@gmail or call her at 641-347-7115 if interested in sending your child.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 17/18 5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Phyllis Allen Dottie Dunphy Steve Heffern Bill Mullin
Eucharistic Ministers	Jean Miller Karon Finn Pat Miller Terri Koets Alice Reed G. & J. Bucklin Karen Fries
Ushers	B. & L. Miller Jackie Eblen Family Family Mary S. McDonald R. & B. Baker
Servers	Andy Weis Maura Kinsella Olivia Hagen Kara Kinsella Madalyn Kinsella
Greeters	Betty Baker Mary S. McDonald Butch Miller Virginia Aguilar
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets Al Pokorny Janet Schulte Linda Taylor Danna Buls Jolene Griffith Devon Buls
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Paul Varner, Ryan Mohr

Please find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your assignment.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *Come home. God's forgiveness is always there.*

Question of Children: The father in this story welcomed his son home, even after he ran away and did bad things. How do you know God welcomes you after you do that?

Questions for Youth: The prodigal son was welcomed home even though he had sinned. How hard is it for you to ask for forgiveness? Is it hard for you to believe that you are still loved even when you have sinned?

Question for Adults: When you wander away from being true to your faith, how do you know God will take you back? What sign do you see?

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.

News from St. Edward Parish

Tuesday	September 13	CD of A Mass + Dinner/Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Wednesday	September 14	Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	September 18	Parish Council Meeting after Mass



RE CLASSES BEGIN

- ◆ Religious Education classes will begin on September 21st at 6:15 p.m. All families are encouraged to return their registration forms in advance.
- ◆ We also need a volunteer to teach a class of 4 students. Please notify Jennifer Valencia at StEdREAfton@gmail or call Jennifer at 641-347-7115 if you can help or have questions.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
September 4 tithes received	\$643.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 18 10:45 am	
Lector	Randy Pettit
Euch. Min.	Karen Jones Georgia Pettit Mara Weis
Usher/Greet	Jeff & Marge Welsh Family
Servers	Gus McNeill Draven Moore
Money Counters	Sharon Swanson 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!