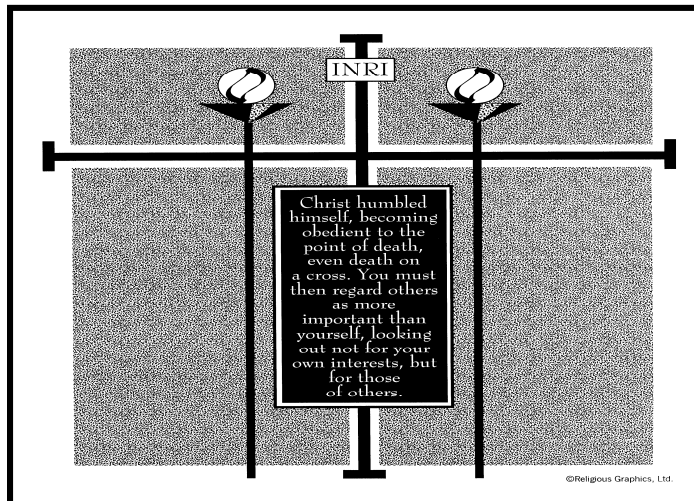


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

September 30/October 1, 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN

Have you ever bought something just because it was on sale, or it was a good deal? We sometimes get pulled into something that we normally would not purchase, just because we could “save money.” Sometimes it turns out to be something good and we can use it, but other times we use it once and it sits in the storage room until we send it off to the Rerun shop, or if it is food, we try it and it ends up in the trash, not much money saved there. There is a reason that certain items are on an endcap of the store, or in the checkout area. These are often impulse purchase items like candy and snacks, or even some things that we tend to forget that we may or may not need, like lighters, batteries, personal fans, disposable raincoats, etc. Many of the people who come into the Rerun shop (especially on Tuesday at noon) are looking for that good deal. There was even a television show about extreme couponing, based on searching for the great deal. I am amazed how much time some people spend looking to save some money, and that is not a bad thing. What if I told you that there was a deal out there that is the best thing that you could ever receive, it only takes some time. But wait, there’s more! If you get your family involved, they can even receive the gift, and better yet, you can do it together. The great deal is obviously the kingdom of heaven, and the only thing that we need to do to receive it is to put in some time, time with God. The great reward we will receive is not just the end goal of heaven, but it will also help us to find peace in our lives and have the strength to get through any trials that come our way.

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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

ANNUAL FALL WORKSHOP

The annual fall workshop for diocesan priests is this Sunday evening through Thursday afternoon. There will be no adoration or daily Masses Monday-Thursday. Call the parish office in case on an emergency.

WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 29 (about 7 months): Not so long ago, my brain was flat and smooth, but now it has grown lots of grooves. Different parts of my brain are getting more and more specialized, so they can help me better to hear, to see, to smell and to keep my balance when I someday learn to walk.

ABORTION DIALOGUE ACADEMY

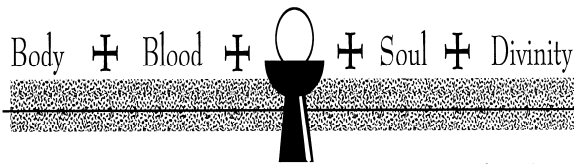
The Catholic Daughters will be sponsoring a workshop with Abortion Dialogue Academy (ADA) October 17th, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hall. This is open to everyone. You will come away with information to argue our case well. ADA Mission: To equip pro-life people to persuade their peers on the abortion issue. We believe abortion will only end when our society views abortion as unthinkable of an act as infanticide. If we can change our culture's opinion on abortion, one conversation at a time, then we can change our laws as well as eliminate the demand for abortions all together." For more information, check out www.AbortionDialogueAcademy.org.

MARIAN APPARITIONS

This traveling exhibit features 20 beautiful panels that illustrate Marian apparitions that have taken place around the world. The panels include stunning images of Mary as well as well-documented facts and historical information about the apparitions. The exhibit will be at St. Mary Parish in Shenandoah, Iowa. Encounter our Blessed Mother in this unique and powerful FREE display. Viewing times: October 13th and 14th from 2-7 p.m. and October 15th from 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Bishop Pates will be making a pilgrimage to Ireland in about a year. If interested, meetings will be held at these locations starting at 6:30 p.m.: October 3rd, All Saints Parish in Stuart or October 5th, Corpus Christi Parish, Holy Family site in Council Bluffs. RSVPs are required and can be made with Adam Storey at 515-237-5056.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday October 2	No Adoration or Mass
Tuesday October 3	No Adoration or Mass
Wednesday October 4	Prayer Service 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday October 5	No Mass
Friday October 6	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Dick Fries
Saturday October 7	9:30 a.m. Mass, St. Edward Albert and Eleanor Walsh 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Chris Burlingame
Sunday October 8	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Lyman Bradley 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

UNION COUNTY FOOD FOR LIFE

Food for Life is a mission project which converts livestock donated by farmers into meat for the hungry. You will receive a receipt for a charitable contribution based on the full market price of the usable carcass weight. The processed meat will be used for the Food Pantries in Union County. Cash donations are needed to help cover the cost of processing. Your tax deductible contribution can be sent to: Shirley R. Ide, 205 S. Park St., Creston, IA 50801. To donate livestock contact Ruby Stephens, 782-7327 or 641-340-1260 or pick up a flyer in the back of church for more information. Food for Life is sponsored in Union County by the Platte Center Presbyterian Church in co-operation with concerned Christian citizens of any denomination.

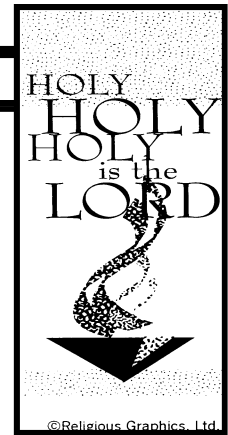
KNIGHTS MEETING

The Knights will meet Wednesday, October 4th, 7:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hall for their monthly meeting. Mark your calendar; hope to see many Knights there.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	Sept.30/Oct. 1	Monthly Food Pantry Drive + Tootsie Roll Drive
Sunday	October 1	Help at Food Pantry, 11:30 a.m.
Monday	October 2	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	October 3	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 4	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Rel. Education for Grades 1-8, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	October 5	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Friday	October 6	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 7	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	October 8	KC Breakfast after Mass, Hall



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
September 24th tithes received	\$5,065.00

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Rolls drive this weekend. Your support is very much appreciated.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- ◆ This Wednesday is the kick off for our high school youth group. Social begins at 6:30 p.m., at St. Malachy School; Lesson at 7:00 p.m. Grab a friend and come!!
- ◆ First Confirmation Class (for those students in the freshman and sophomore classes that are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation) will be Wednesday, October 18th. Those preparing for the sacrament are required to come every night.

Please call Barb Hudson, 641-348-2343 or 641-202-2064, with questions.



KC BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast after Mass next Sunday. On the menu: biscuits and gravy and scrambled eggs. Free will offering with the proceeds going to St. Malachy School and our RE program. The committee: James Garrett, TJ Dunphy, Dean Schulte, Dan Coen, Paul Baker, Michael Brennan, Skyler Miller, Adolfo and Jenno Saturno, Jerry Katzer, Matt Somers, Charlie Hribal, Ryan Mohr, John Giza, Butch Miller, Larry Cimock, Bob Jansen, Joe Latus, Larry Rayhons, Larry Bailey, Robert Miller.

MUSICIANS

The new Respond and Acclaim books (books are labeled with your name on them) are in. They are available for pick-up in the choir loft.

LIVING FAITH DEVOTIONAL

The October—December devotional is available at the back of church. (They were set-out last weekend, so there might be a few left.)

KNOW YOUR COUNCIL

Holy Spirit's Parish Council officers are:

President: Karen Struble

Vice-President: Virginia Aguilar

Secretary: Lisa Miller

All members serve on at least one parish committee.

Committees:

Building/Grounds/Maintenance and Safety: Virginia Aguilar

Family Life: Karen Walter, Joni Taylor

Social Concerns: Mark O'Riley, Virginia Aguilar

Liturgy: Lisa Miller

Finance Council: Phyllis Allen

Faith Formation: Karen Struble

If you have a question or concern, please feel free to share with a council member. If you are interested in serving on a committee, talk to one of the council members or call the parish office.

FALL SALAD LUNCHEON

The First Christian Church DWF will hold a fall salad luncheon on October 5th, 12:30 p.m., 301 E. Townline St., Creston. Please RSVP by October 1st to 641-782-5511.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct. 7/8	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Dennis Nelson	Virginia Aguilar
	Mark O'Riley	Kelsey Bailey
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda Hartsock	Mary S. McDonald
	Pat Miller	G. & J. Bucklin
	Paul Somers	Paul Baker
		Karen Fries
Ushers	J. & T. Latus	R. & M. Baker Family
	T. & C. Sevier	J. & R. Baker
	T. & K. Freml	
Servers	Hannah Woods	Halle Evans
	Hope Woods	Megan Pellman
		Braylee Pokorny
Greeters	J. & T. Latus	J. & R. Baker
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Kelsey Bailey
Musicians	C. Fredrickson	Linda Taylor
	Rose Wignall	Mike Peters
Money Counters	Syd Hudek, Bob McKee, Mary McElroy	

All Ministers: Please find a substitute if you cannot fulfill your assignment.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *It's not enough to merely say you believe. You must also live your faith.*

Question for Children: How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

Question for Youth: Today's parable reminds us that it isn't what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

Question for Adults: How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

READS PROGRAM

Approximately 40 adults are needed to read with Creston Community School 1st graders (St. Malachy slots are all taken). To participate you need a desire to read with 1st grade students; a background check, and 45 minutes training. Times are available Monday-Thursday, 2:30-3:00 p.m. READS starts the first week in November. For more info or to sign up, call Chris Mansour, 782-4382, or email jemansour@mchsi.com.

News from St. Edward

Wednesday	October 4	Rel. Education Classes for Ages 3-Grade 8, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Thursday	October 5	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Saturday	October 7	First Saturday of the Month: Confession, 8:30-9:30 a.m./Mass, 9:30 a.m.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS

- ◆ High School Youth Group begins this Wednesday at St. Malachy School. 6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00-8:00 p.m. Lesson.
- ◆ First Confirmation class will be October 18th, 6:30 p.m., at St. Malachy School.

JESUS
CHRIST
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PRAYER TREE

Please call Patty Bradley, 347-8812, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree. You may also call Patty if you wish to be notified of those added to the prayer tree.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
September 24th tithes received	\$395.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 8

Lector	Dan Rosener
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Simmerman
	Ellie Fry
	Karen Jones
Ushers	Jeff and Marge Welch Family
Servers	Bridget Hopkins
	Jillian Valencia
Money Counters	Parish Council