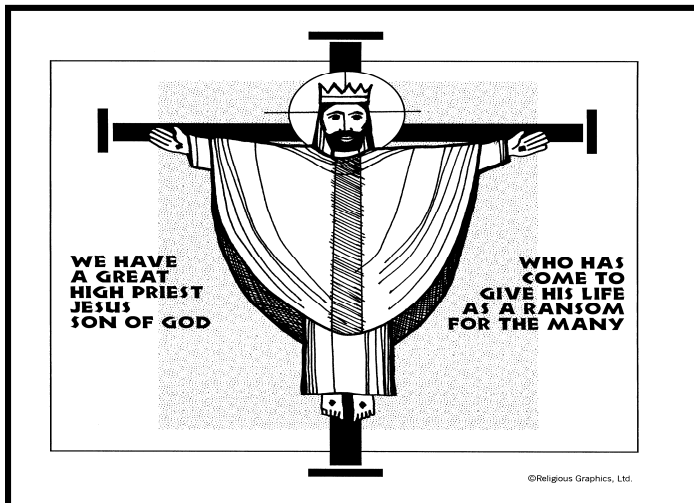


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

October 17/18, 2015

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.

FROM FR. KEN

Fall is my favorite time of the year. The leaves are changing colors and dropping, it is begging to get colder, it is time to harvest, school is in full swing, etc. I love the beauty of God's creation being shown in the reds, yellows, and golds of the trees. It is a reminder to me of the cycle of our lives. Fall will turn into winter, winter will turn into spring, and spring will turn into summer again, and the cycle will continue again and again as it always has until the end of time. It is also a reminder that in some ways everything changes and everything ends. As I look out the window of my office, I can see the line of trucks and tractors streaming in and out of the elevator, the fruit of the labor, in some ways it is sad, because the corn and soybean plants die away to fulfill their purpose, they have provided their fruit, not for themselves, but for others. For many people, fall and winter are reminders of our mortality, but they are also a reminder to us as Christians, that death is not the end. We know that just like in the cycles of the seasons, we too will have a chance of new life, one that is eternal. Remember what Jesus tells us, that at the final judgment, the weeds and the wheat will be separated, the weeds will be burned, but the wheat will be brought in. Every one of us has been given gifts to share and to bear fruit, some more, some less, some for a short time, some for a long time, but all important, we are called to be one of two things; the weeds or the wheat, which one do you want to be?

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St. Edward Church, 104 W. Union Street, Afton

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

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Below are a few quotes from Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap, Archbishop of Boston and Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities

- ◆ When we encounter the suffering of another, let us reach out and embrace them in love, allowing God to work through us. This might mean slowing down and taking the time to listen. It might mean providing respite care of preparing meals for a family facing serious illness. It might mean simply being present and available. And of course, it always means prayer—bringing their needs before the Father and asking him to work in their lives.
- ◆ Experiencing suffering or watching another suffer is one of the hardest human experiences. Fear of the unknown can lead us into the temptation of taking control in ways that offend our dignity and disregard the reverence due to each person.
- ◆ An elderly man whose health is quickly deteriorating; an unborn baby girl whose diagnosis indicates she may not live long; a little boy with Down syndrome; a mother facing terminal cancer—each may have great difficulties and need our assistance, but each of their lives is worth living.
- ◆ Let us learn to let go of our own standards of perfection and instead learn more deeply how to live according to God's standards. He does not call us to perfect efficiency or material success; he calls us to self-sacrificial love. He invites us to embrace each life for as long as it is given—our own lives and the lives of those he has placed in our paths. Every life is worth living.

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ Sunday, November 15th: Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Malachy School
- ◆ A women's Christ Renews His Parish weekend will be held January 16th/17th at St. Malachy School.
- ◆ A weekend of Healing and Hope with Immaculee Ilibagiza, February 12th/13th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Des Moines. The retreat includes a healing Mass with Fr. Ubald, a Rwandan Priest graced with a beautiful gift of healing. For more information or to register go to www.immaculee.com or contact Anne Spina at 515-864-6945.
- ◆ Saturday, March 5th: St. Malachy Foundation Dinner and Auction

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but to serve*



Monday October 19	5:00 p.m., Adoration, St. Malachy Chapel 6:00 p.m., St. Malachy Chapel C. J. Miller
Tuesday October 20	7:30-8:30 p.m., Adoration, St. Edward 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Margaret Brosnahan
Wednesday October 21	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Dennis & Theola Bradley
Thursday October 22	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Helen Linderman
Friday October 23	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Mary Ward
Saturday October 24	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mert Link
Sunday October 25	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Christina Iyagbaye I 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

THANK YOU

It is hard to find the right words to thank our church family for all the prayers, food, financial support and help we have received while Fidelina was in Guatemala. Special thanks to Fr. Ken, the Knights of Columbus for organizing the taco supper, to Barb Hudson for lining up our evening meals, and to the school and office staff for their help. Without this support Fidelina could not have made this trip. It means so much to us to live in this community and be part of Holy Spirit Parish. We will be forever grateful.

—Adolfo, Fidelina, Jenno, Jasmine Hernandez, Lourdes, Angel and Rey Saturno

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

Time to start ASP lunches again! We are hosting one at the First Christian Church on October 25th at approximately 11:00 a.m. Casserole/salad/dessert for a freewill offering.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	October 17/18	NCYC Collection Server Training after Mass
Sunday	October 18	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall CRHP Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Hall
Monday	October 19	ReRun Volunteer Meeting, Noon, ReRun Shop Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	October 20	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	October 21	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-8, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	October 22	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	October 23	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 24	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
October 11 tithes received	\$5,921.00

SERVER TRAINING

This weekend a server training class will be held after both Masses. Students in 4th grade and above are eligible to serve. If you are currently a server and would like a refresher class, please come.

COFFEE AND ROLLS

The Family Life Committee will be serving milk, juice, coffee, and rolls after Mass this Sunday in the parish hall. Free-will donation. Please stop down!

GOT AN HOUR TO SPARE?

The ReRun Shop could use a few more volunteers. Any amount of time you can give is helpful. There are lots of little jobs that need attention (like straightening books or racks). Regular hours are:

Tuesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

We sort on Mondays (starting at 9:00 a.m.) on donations received over the weekend. Please, just pop over anytime if you can help!

VOLUNTEERS MEETING

ReRun workers will meet Monday, October 19th, noon, in the new shop.

NCYC COLLECTION

We will have a second collection this weekend for our high school youth who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

IN SEARCH OF.....

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is in need of a Vice-President for this current year (October 2015-September 2016). The Vice-President would then move up and be President the following year. If you are interested or would like to know more about the position, please contact Janet Brown, (515) 468-8432 (current President). Thank you!

CCW DUES

All Catholic women are members of the CCW. Dues are \$10.00 a year. Representatives from the CCW will be available at the Masses next weekend to collect dues.

READS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One additional READS volunteer is needed for Ann Levine's (St. Malachy School) 1st grade class. You may choose Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 2:00-2:30 p.m. Also, there are a number of openings for Creston Elementary, particularly on Tuesday from 1:00-1:45 p.m. or Thursday from 1:30-2:00 p.m. If you can assist or would like more information on this topic, call Chris Mansour, 782-4382.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: We are called to serve as Jesus served.

Question for Children: Name some ways you can serve others.

Questions for Youth: Jesus changed the way we think of leadership to be someone who serves others. How are you a leader in school, your family, the parish and your community?

Question for Adults: What are some times in your own life when you have the chance to be last instead of first?

MUSICIANS

The new Respond and Acclaim books for 2016 have arrived. Books are in the choir loft with your names on them.

LECTORS

The Lectors workbooks for the upcoming year are in. Stop by the sacristy and pick up your copy (names are on the books).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

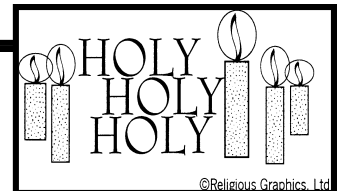
Oct. 24/25	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Joanne Gibson Mark O'Riley	Al Pokorny Pat Pokorny
E. Minister	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen	L. & C. Rayhons G. & J. Bucklin
	Theresa Pudenz	Paul Baker
Ushers	J. & C. Mansour Butch Miller	Saturno Family Francis Doyle
	Bob & Lisa Miller	Family
Servers	Keely Coen Danika Schultes	Alexis Baker Macy Adamson
	S. Hartsock	Megan Pellman
Greeters	Butch Miller Ann Johnson	Sue Bissell Betty Baker
Rosary	Ted Willets	Mary S. McDonald
Musicians	C. Fredrickson Elizabeth Sadler	Linda Taylor Mike Peters
Money Counters	Syd Hudek, Bob McElroy, Mary McElroy	

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

News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	October 18	Parish Council Meeting following Mass
Monday	October 19	CLADD Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 20	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m., Holy Spirit



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 909.41
October 11th tithes received	\$1,070.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 25	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Mark Weis
Euch. Min.	Georgia Pettit, Mara Weis, Jan Pettit
Usher/Greet	Fritz Weis Family
Servers	Steven Fry, Jillian Valencia
Money Counters	Jerry Travis Darren Moore

MARYKNOLL COLLECTION

October 25th will be our monthly collection to Maryknoll Mission. We give \$100 each month to the missions and the plate money is applied toward this \$100 donation.

ROSARY IN NOVEMBER

Sheila Brown will be leading the rosary before Mass in November for the souls in Purgatory. Rosary will begin at 10:20 a.m.

CCW DUES

If you have not paid your yearly dues of \$5.00, please give to Patty Bradley or place in an enveloped marked CCW in the collection basket.