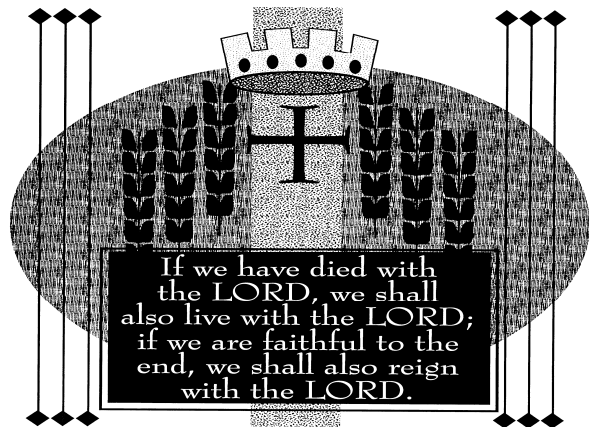


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

October 8/9, 2016

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN

The baseball playoffs have started! The goal for the teams playing in the regular season is to be able to continue to play in October, just like the goal for most football teams is to be still playing in January. Sports teams want to be one of the teams that are in it to the end, they want to finish well. We can do the same thing with our spiritual life. Do we want to be in the spiritual life to the end? Do we want to be in the post season of life? Because in sports, only the teams who do well in the regular season are admitted into the post season, the spots are reserved for those who earned it. What if the requirements to get into heaven were to beat other people, would you do it? I am pretty sure that God does not want us to compete with each other in order to get into heaven, but He does want us to try and do our best, to finish the race well. We have been given all of the talents and abilities to be able to live our lives in the way God is calling us to, but we all have choices. Just like in sports, to do better, we practice and run drills to strengthen our talents and make permanent the habits of sports movements, we should be doing the same thing with our prayer life. We are often called practicing Catholics, not perfect ones and that is because we are practicing our faith for the perfection that we, hopefully with God's grace, will be a part of in the kingdom of heaven. Remember, life is a combination of an individual and team sport, not one in which we compete with each other, but one that we build ourselves up so that we can assist others to the kingdom of God as well.

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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

SPECIAL INVITATION

Everyone is invited to come hear Joe Hayes "The Man Who Invited the Pope to Iowa" speak this Tuesday, October 11th, 7:15 p.m., in Holy Spirit Parish hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Tuesday, October 11th, at Holy Spirit Church. Mass at 6:00 p.m. Dinner/business meeting will follow. Committee: Teresa Weis (chair), Jane Collins, Jean Miller, Betty Bradley, Ann Marie Kinsella. Program: Joe Hayes—The man who invited the Pope to Iowa.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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. All current and former Knights are encouraged to be in the picture.

DIOCESAN RENTAL USAGE

The diocese is requiring all groups and/or persons using parish facilities to sign a facility usage/indemnity agreement and provide proof of liability insurance. The agreement requires the renter of the facility to provide to the parish a certificate of insurance documenting general liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. This certificate of insurance must name Holy Spirit Parish or St. Edward Parish or St. Malachy School and the Diocese of Des Moines as an additional insured. It is not adequate to obtain a certificate of insurance, which names the parish/school as a "certificate holder." If your insurance does not cover \$1,000,000 in liability insurance you may take out a special policy with Catholic Mutual for \$50.00 to cover this. Contact the parish or school office if you need this additional insurance.

A PRAYER FOR VISITING THE SICK

By Father Joseph Veneroso, M.M.

Lord Jesus, Your word brought healing and Your touch brought life to those who were suffering. May we see you behind the faces of all who are sick and may our touch and words bring them comfort, consolation and hope. Merciful God, it is so difficult to see those we love wracked with pain or worse, approaching life's end. To these, especially, help us go and sit, perhaps in silence, if not in prayer, knowing our visit gives them peace. May we be ever mindful of Your healing presence for in union with You we all find wholeness and life. Amen.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday October 10	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Church Mass, 6:00 p.m. Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Tuesday October 11	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Afton Care Center James and Margaret Brosnahan Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Lorraine Victor
Wednesday October 12	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Alice Harper
Thursday October 13	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Joe Aguilar
Friday October 14	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Jessica Moeller
Saturday October 15	Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit C. J. Miller
Sunday October 16	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Dick Fries Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◆ The Cromwell Church will hold their God's Portion Day, Saturday, October 15th. Bazaar begins at 12:30 p.m. Meal begins at 4:00 p.m. (ham balls and roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad bar, vegetable, pie and drink all for \$10). Auction begins at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Soup Supper (chili or potato) for the Creston Fire Department, Saturday, October 15th, 3:30-6:30 p.m., at 400 N. Elm (Methodist Church). Free will offering. Funds will be used to purchase structure fire fighting gear.
- ◆ St. Malachy School PTO Spaghetti Supper and Carnival will be Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Malachy School.
- ◆ Women of Holy Spirit and St. Edward Parish: The next Christ Renews His Parish Retreat will be January 28/29, 2017.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	October 10	ReRun Sorting, 9:00-Noon
Tuesday	October 11	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m./Dinner & Business Meeting following, Hall Talk by Joe Hayes, 7:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
Wednesday	October 12	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Classes for Grades 1-8, 6:45 p.m., + Living Rosary, St. Malachy School
Friday	October 14	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 15	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	October 15/16	Server Training after Mass
Sunday	October 16	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall

GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
October 2nd tithes received	\$9,100.00

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Interested in getting more involved at St. Malachy? Maybe you would like to try something different? We are currently seeking lunchroom volunteers. They help students in the school cafeteria with condiments, wiping tables and dismissal. Hours are 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. One volunteer per day. If you have younger children, they are welcome to join you. This is a fun way to interact with students. Depending on the amount of volunteers, we will create a rotational schedule. Return this form to the school office if you are interested or contact Jennifer Simmons, jsimmons@crestonstmalachy.org or call 641-782-5278.

Name _____

Preferred Volunteer Days:

___M ___T ___W ___TH ___F

Relationship to students at St. Malachy (if any)

Student _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Grade _____

MUSICIANS NEEDED OCTOBER 22

We will have a visiting priest that weekend and would love to have music for Saturday night Mass. Call the office if you can help.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came to the Knights of Columbus Breakfast last Sunday. It was a great success because of your support!! Also thanks to all the Knights who worked the breakfast.

SERVER TRAINING

October 15th and 16th we will hold a server training class after Mass. Boys and girls in 4th grade and above are eligible to serve. If you are already serving and would like to come for a refresher class, please come join us.

COFFEE AND ROLLS AFTER MASS

The Family Life Committee will be serving coffee and rolls after Mass next Sunday, October 16th. Join us in the parish hall and enjoy some fellowship time with your parish family.



READS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

READS is a program where a volunteer reads 30 minutes a week with a first grade student. The program starts the week of November 7th. We are in need of more volunteers at the public school. If you would like to volunteer or know more about the program, please call Chris Mansour, 641-782-4382.

RERUN VOLUNTEERS

A volunteer meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th at 10:30 a.m. with pizza following. Thank you to all those who volunteer and donate merchandise.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct. 15/16	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Chris Mansour Jean Miller	Kelsey Bailey Bill Mullin
Eucharistic Ministers	Mark O'Riley Jean Miller Pat Miller	Karen Fries Missy Sickels Virginia Aguilar Terri Koets Theresa Pudenz
Ushers	D. & B. Baker Joni Taylor Monte Neitzel Joe & Teresa Latus	R. & M. Baker family L. & P. Blakesley
Servers	Daniel Buls Andy Weis	Rendon Mohr Aubrie Mohr Marie Mullin
Greeters	Betty Baker Ben Brightwell	G. & J. Bucklin
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willet Janet Schulte Danna Buls Devon Buls	Paul Baker Lynn Baker Larry Rayhons
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Paul Varner, Ryan Mohr	

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We are Eucharistic people. We live in praise and thanksgiving.

Question for Children: Make up a prayer which tells God you are thankful for everything you have, even if it is not all you want.

Questions for Youth: Only one of the lepers returned to give thanks. When have you stopped to thank someone for something good they have done for you?

Question for Adults: What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God?

MUSICIANS

The new Respond and Acclaim books are in. Books are in the choir loft with your name on them. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us!

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

Sunday	October 9	Refreshments after Mass in Honor of St. Edward
Tuesday	October 11	CD of A Mass, 6:00 p.m. with Dinner/Meeting following, Holy Spirit Joe Hayes: The Man Who Brought the Pope to Iowa, 7:15 p.m., Holy Spirit
Wednesday	October 12	Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	October 16	Parish Council Meeting after Mass

TIME TO CELEBRATE

This Sunday we will serve light refreshments after Mass in honor of St. Edward's Feast Day.

CCW DUES

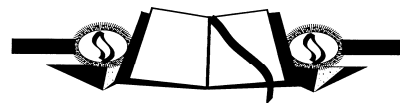
All Catholic women of St. Edward Parish are members of the Council of Catholic Women. Each October we collect dues of \$5.00. Dues may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "CCW Dues" or given to Patty Bradley.

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.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
October 2nd tithes received	\$873.00



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 16	10:45 am
Lector	Randy Pettit
Euch. Min.	Mara Weis, Jan Pettit, Sharon Findley
Usher/Greet	Doug and Georgia Pettit Family
Servers	Gus McNeill, Bridget Hopkins
Money Counters	Parish Council