

HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

Nov. 21/22, 2015

Christ the King Sunday



GUEST COLUMNIST:

Jennifer Simmons, St. Malachy Principal

Wow, I cannot believe that Thanksgiving is this week. I still feel like we just moved into our home. I love Thanksgiving as it has become one of my favorite holidays. It certainly wasn't a favorite when I was a child, because I didn't get presents. I thought it was pretty boring to hang out with family all day and eat, but at least I didn't have to go to school.

As an adult I truly appreciate the time and the "gifts" I receive during Thanksgiving. Spending time with family is sacred and I feel we can never get enough. Gathering with family around a meal is a wonderful time. We are blessed enough to prepare and share many meals with family over the long holiday weekend.

My children always prepare the pumpkin pies with their grandma. They look forward to this each year and each year they are given a little more responsibility in the preparation of the pies. I know when they are older they will look back on such a simple tradition so fondly.

When we visit Chad's parents the next day the house is filled with cousins of all ages and they just play until they drop. My children look forward to seeing the cousins they haven't seen in a year and seeing the ones they just ate dinner with last week. We always stress to them that siblings and cousins are your first friends and lifelong friends as well.

Thanksgiving is a time to truly give thanks to our Lord. As I sit and look at the people who surround me I thank God for each and everyone of them. I thank Him for putting these wonderful people in my life. I ask him to watch over and protect those most special to me. As you sit at your Thanksgiving table Thursday don't forget to tell God thanks. He put some pretty special people in your life, too.

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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

SOUP IS ON!

The Catholic Daughters will be holding a soup supper this Saturday night after Mass in conjunction with the Appalachian Service Project bake sale. They will be serving potato, chili and chicken noodle soups and relishes for a free will donation.

THANKSGIVING: PLEASE NOTE

- ◆ Please have all information for the November 29th bulletin to the parish office by noon on Monday, November 23rd.
- ◆ The parish office and school office will be closed Thursday and Friday.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, keep Christ in Christmas Catholic Christmas cards are available at Maple Street Memories, 222 N. Maple St. All proceeds are used to fund the good work of the Knights.

RERUN SHOP THANKSGIVING HOURS

Tuesday and Wednesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.

Closed Friday and Saturday for Thanksgiving

- ◆ Needed: Men's good jeans and denim pants
- ◆ Volunteers for Wednesday's anytime between 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Volunteer Christmas gathering on December 10th, 11:30 a.m., at The Windrow.
- ◆ Also on sale: New religious items suitable for Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and wedding gifts.

THANK YOU!

- ◆ Thank you to all who came and supported the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus last Sunday.
- ◆ Thank you to all the Knights who worked the dinner. Your help was greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTLY NEWS

- ◆ No officers meeting November 25th.
- ◆ December 2nd: Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

SIGN UP TODAY

A women's Christ Renews His Parish weekend will be held January 16th/17th at St. Malachy School. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

CHRIST the KING

to him be glory and power forever!

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Monday November 23	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., St. Malachy Chapel Leo Walsh
Tuesday November 24	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Ella Carroll
Wednesday November 25	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Eddie, Dorothy, and Jimmy Peak 7:00 p.m., St. Edward Patricia Auffert
Thursday 26 November	8:30 a.m., Holy Spirit Chris Pokorny
Friday November 27	No Mass
Saturday November 28	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Joe Aguilar
Sunday November 29	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Shirley Arnold

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

By Father Joseph Veroso, M.M.

With all the saints, I give You thanks, O Lord, My God, my Creator and Redeemer;

For all my ancestors throughout the ages through whom You gave me life;

For all the holy men and women whose examples inspire me to live a holy life;

For the farmers, fisherman, workers and cooks whose toil brings food to our table;

For the good earth, sea and sky which You have made and filled with all good things.

Help me, Jesus, to become a living Eucharist of praise.

Amen.

PHONE NUMBERS NEEDED

If you have dropped your landline, please give the office a call (782-5278) and give us your cell phone number. Thank you.

News from Holy Spirit Parish



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday	Nov. 21	Soup Supper after Mass, Hall
Sat/Sun.	Nov. 21/22	ASP Bake Sale after Mass, Hall
Sunday	Nov. 22	First Reconciliation Potluck/Reconciliation, 1:00 p.m., Holy Spirit
Monday	Nov. 23	Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Pastoral Center
Tuesday	Nov. 24	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee Decorate for Advent, 5:00 p.m., Church
Wednesday	Nov. 25	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.

GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
November 15th tithes received	\$4,348.50

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This Sunday our students preparing for First Reconciliation will have a potluck at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall and will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the meal. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

CATHOLIC WOMEN

- ◆ Dues: If you have not paid your \$10 dues, please put your dues in an envelope marked "CCW Dues" and place in the collection basket or mail to Barb Bennett, 1476 Eagle Ave., Creston. All Catholic women are members of the CCW.
- ◆ CCW Co-Chairs: If you do not have a copy of the new year book, please stop at the parish office and pick up your copy.
- ◆ The next CCW meeting will be December 14th. This is a Christmas potluck meeting with entertainment by St. Malachy music students. They will also be eating with us. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church. All women are invited. Please, come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food and music!

BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND

The Appalachia Service Project volunteers will be holding a bake sale after both Masses this weekend. Help them raise funds for their annual summer trip to help those in need and pick up some goodies for your Thanksgiving dinner.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

We will decorate for Advent on Tuesday, November 24th, at 5:00 p.m. All help appreciated.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Our parish will help 24 children have a better Christmas this year. We have a tree in the back of church with tags listing gifts needed for these children. Please take a tag, purchase the gift, and return the gift *unwrapped with the tag* and place under the tree by December 13th. As always, thank you for your generosity to help neighbors in need.

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our parish will have a float in the December 3rd parade. If you would like to walk beside our float and hand out Christmas Mass time cards and candy, please call Virginia Aguilar, 782-8026.

FUNERAL DINNERS

All Catholic ladies are members of the CCW and provide food for funeral dinners. There are 12 bands and we rotate thru the bands to provide the salads and cakes for the funeral dinners. Some dinners more food is needed so extra calls are made for additional food. If you would like to have your name on the list that can provide food more often, please contact Marsha Mohr, 641-278-0705. Also, if you would like to help serve/work the dinners, please let Marsha know. If you are unable to provide food and need to have your name removed from the band list, please let us know. Many, many thanks to Martha Pine who has been chairing this committee. Martha has moved to Des Moines (1164 2nd Ave, Des Moines 50314; Phone 515-777-2716). Thank you to Marsha Mohr, Alice Reed, and Jeannie Day who will now be handling the dinners.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus reigns over us in truth.

Question for Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

Questions for Youth: Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?

Question for Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

**GIVE
THANKS**
FAMILY • FRIENDS • GRATITUDE

THANKSGIVING BREAK

- ◆ No Rel. Ed. Classes November 25th
- ◆ No RCIA November 26th

THANKSGIVING MASS

Thursday, November 26th, 8:30 a.m.

Ministers and Musicians: Please volunteer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Nov. 28/29	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Pat Schlapia Bob Jansen	Virginia Aguilar Bob Miller
E. Minister	Alice Reed Larry Rayhons Carole Rayhons	G. & J. Bucklin Francis Doyle Karon Finn Steve McCann
Ushers	Terri Koets Monte Neitzel J. Taylor Family Elaine Haines	D. & K. Kinsella John & Retta Baker Sue Bissell
Servers	Nevaeh Kuhlman Ashton Carter Devon Buls	Alexis Baker Lourdes Saturno Megan Pellman
Greeters	J. & T. Latus	D. & K. Kinsella
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Paul Baker
Musicians	Linda Taylor Rose Wignall Kateri Foster	Julie Weisshaar Bill Mullin
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe	

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

News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No meetings or events this week



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
November 15th tithes received	\$955.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving: November 25, 7:00 p.m.
Please volunteer

November 29	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Mark Weis
Euch. Min.	Jessica Rosener Deb Weaver-Ripperger Kathy Simmerman
Usher/Greet	Dan McNeill Family
Servers	Gus McNeill Trevor Fry
Money Counters	Jerry Travis Randy Wuebker



THANKSGIVING BREAK

No religious education classes or devotions on November 25th. Devotions will resume Wednesday, January 6th, 2016.

COLLECTING FOOD

The St. Edward's devotions group will be collecting food items for the Aspire Food Pantry during the month of November. The food pantry is in need of items such as instant potatoes, rice and noodle side dishes, crackers, cereals, etc. We will have a marked basket in the entrance of the church for donations.

MARYKNOLL MISSIONS

Next Sunday will be our monthly plate collection for the Maryknoll Missions. We give \$100 each month to the Fathers and Brothers of the Maryknoll Society. Thank you in advance for your generosity.