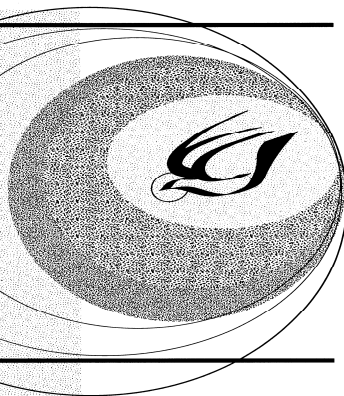


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

April 30/May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

If you love me,
you will keep
my commandments.
And I will ask
the Father,
and he will
give you another
Advocate
to be with you always,
the Spirit of Truth,
whom the world
cannot accept,
because it neither
sees nor knows him.



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FROM FR. KEN

Whenever you have a group of non-Catholics come to Mass, you inevitably have questions, like “How do you know when and why to stand, kneel, and sit?” When is something that we know by celebrating, why is different. Sometimes the different postures we do at Mass are jokingly called Catholic Calisthenics, but they actually do mean something. Each part of the Mass has a different posture and a reason for that posture.

Standing is a posture that tells us we are ready to do something, to come or go it is also a posture of honor and respect. We stand at the beginning and end of Mass because we are coming or going. We stand during the Gospel as a sign of respect for the words of Christ; the Gospels hold a higher place among the rest of the word of God because they are directly related to Christ’s bodily time on this earth. Sitting is a posture of listening and meditation we sit during the readings and the preparation of the gifts because we are being attentive to what is going on. Pews were later addition in the Catholic Church; we have only had them for about 500 years. Kneeling is a sign of humility and penitence. Within the United States it is general practice that we kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer and at Communion time as a reminder of our humility and reverence for Christ in the Eucharistic species. To go along with this is the genuflection. This also is a reminder of our humility to Christ’s presence in the Eucharist, which is why we genuflect to the tabernacle as we enter and leave the church. So, as we stand, sit, and kneel at the different points of the Mass, the actions are not just to keep us awake, but they help us to give witness to the different ways that we honor Christ.

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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 APPEAL UPDATE

We are nearing our goals! Holy Spirit is \$1,658.00 short and St. Edward is \$3,639.00 short. With everyone's help we can make our goal and not have to dip into parish funds to pay the remainder of this annual assessment. Remember, no gift is too small! Extra pledge forms are available at church if you have lost yours. Thanks to all who have given.

TOOTSIE POP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus has a Tootsie Roll drive in the fall to help Special Olympics and that is a huge success. Starting this year, every spring we will have a Tootsie Pop drive to raise money and awareness for culture of life issues. Most of the money raised will stay here at the Lc Clinic. A small portion will go to the state's Culture of Life Committee to fund pro-life projects around the state. We have enough Tootsie Pops to give one to everyone leaving the Creston/Afton Masses this weekend. Even if you don't donate, please accept a free Tootsie Pop so we don't end up trying to eat them all ourselves! Kids will need their parent's permission to get a pop. If you want to donate — thank you! The money will be spent well. See the Knights for Life in their new blue aprons for your pop.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly meeting, Wednesday, May 4th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 10th. Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church with dinner meeting following. May committee: Carol McKee (chair), Iris Smith, Susie McCall, Sharon Skarda, and Dora Coen. Program: Silver Sneakers. Project: Graduation and Confirmation receptions.

TOTUS TUUS RETURNS

This fun week for students in grade school thru high school will be held the week of June 12th. Mark your calendar now!! If interested in being a host home for the two boys or two girls who form the team, contact Barb Hudson, 641-348-2343.

BBQ PORK & BRISKET DINNER

Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; \$10 per plate. Carry outs available. UCC Church, 501 W. Montgomery, Creston. All proceeds to the UCC Food Bank.



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Monday May 2	Adoration 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Dick Fries
Tuesday May 3	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward For those Buried at St. Edward and Hopeville Cemeteries Mass, 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Jim and Twylla Klingensmith
Wednesday May 4	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School C. J. Miller
Thursday May 5	Mass, 9:15 a.m., Crest Haven Irene Pesik
Friday May 6	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Joe Aguilar
Saturday May 7	Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit For the People
Sunday May 8	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Eddie, Dorothy, and Jimmy Peak Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Duane Brown

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ◆ Marilyn Brownrigg, mother of Brian (Denice) Brownrigg, Brian (Carol) Brownrigg, Brendan Brownrigg and daughter-in-law Debbie Brownrigg
- ◆ James Meisenheimer, father of Nick Meisenheimer (wife Janet; second grade teacher at St. Malachy School)

May they, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Morgan Mae Hoyle, daughter of Shane and Lisa Hoyle, who was baptized April 24th at Holy Spirit.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

A Holy Spirit parishioner is looking for a 2 or 3 bedroom home to rent in the Creston area. The present rental home has been sold. Please call the parish office or 641-202-9586 if you can help.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday	April 30/May 1	KC Tootsie Pop Sale and Food Pantry Drive
Monday	May 2	ReRun Meeting, 11:00 a.m., ReRun Shop CRHP Meeting, following 6:00 p.m. Mass, Hall
Tuesday	May 3	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 4	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	May 5	Bible Study Group, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	May 6	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 7	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon First Communion Practice, 10:00 a.m., Church
Sunday	May 8	Mother's Day Breakfast after Mass, Hall



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
April 24th tithes received	\$5,378.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Our current schedule runs through May 22nd so a new schedule will soon be prepared. The ministry schedule includes: lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, servers, greeters, and rosary leaders. If you are currently serving and wish to be removed from the schedule, please contact the parish office. We are needing more servers for Saturday night, so if you are down for Sunday and could help on Saturday also, please let us know. We are always in need of ministers in all areas. Father will provide training.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast casseroles after Mass next Sunday, May 8th. Please join in this time of fellowship as we honor our Moms! May committee: Steve Heffern (chair), Bob Jansen (co-chair), Tim Rice, Robert Moore, John Kawa, Jon Carroll, Dan Eichrt, Walt Glynn, Thane Glynn, Robert Miller, and Jim Schendt.

FIRST COMMUNION MAY 7TH

Next Saturday at the 5:15 p.m. Mass 18 young students will be making their First Communion. A reception will be held in the hall following Mass. Please join us.

RERUN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer meeting: Monday, May 2nd, 11:00 a.m. at the ReRun. Pizza will be available.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A summary from the April 19th meeting. Organization Report was from the CCW. They met in February at the ReRun Shop, served the Ecumenical Good Friday luncheon, and held a joint potluck with the CD of A with an antique road show as the program. They cashed a CD to help pay for the refinishing of the 6 candlesticks. Unfinished Business: RAGBRAI plans are underway. Father plans on having Mass for riders on both Monday evening and Tuesday morning. New Business: Parish Council Elections. Rick Brown and Retta Baker's terms are up this year. Committee Reports: Building/Grounds/Safety: Several Knights will be helping removing the drywall in rectory basement (where AA meets). Anchor Walls will be coming in May to begin waterproofing the basement. Knights will help again after Anchor Walls are finished. The old trailer on the school grounds will be removed or sold. Family Life: Coffee and rolls will resume in October. Social Concerns: Lining up people to help with Meals of the Heartland on April 21st. Liturgy: Will decorate for Pentecost (and Confirmation) and then be in ordinary time. No meeting until November. Finance: Budget work is beginning for next fiscal year. Nearing our ADA goal and Capital Campaign money continues to come in. Faith Formation: Busy time with 8th Grade Retreat, First Communion preparations, Confirmation preparation and retreat. Totus Tuus will be held the week of June 12th. Board of Education budget for next year approved. All teachers signed their contract for next year. The teachers are forming a technology committee to work on plans for the entire school. One of the geothermal pumps had to be replaced at the school.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *The Holy Spirit instructs us in everything we do.*

Question for Children: How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

Question for Youth: Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you?

Question for Adults: How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

THANK YOU

Thanks so much to the 28 volunteers who assembled meals for families both locally and across the world for the Meals from the Heartland project. Thanks, too, to those who donated \$670 to support the project. —The Social Concerns Committee

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m., in the parish hall. Open to all parishioners; come when you can.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 7/8	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Al Pokorny Pat Pokorny	Larry Rayhons Carole Rayhons
Eucharistic Ministers	D. & L. Nelson Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen Barb Hudson	Karen Fries B. & L. Miller Steve McCann Dean Schulte
Ushers	J. & T. Latus	R. & M. Baker Family L & MJ. Dorgan D. & K. Kinsella T. & K. Freml
Servers	Haley Simmons Kolbey Bailey Keegan Bailey	Jackson Kinsella Halle Evans Austin Rice
Greeters	J. & T. Latus	D. & K. Kinsella
Rosary	No Rosary	Mary S. McDonald
Musicians	Heather Sitek Mike Burke	Janet Schulte Elizabeth Sadler
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

Sunday	May 1	Tootsie Pop Drive
Wednesday	May 4	Devotions, 6:30 p.m. KC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall



We have been called from darkness into the Lord's light

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A review of the April 17th meeting. Committee Reports: Education: The Council voted to offer Jennifer Valencia a contract as DRE for the July 2016-June 2017 year. The bathroom remodeling project is done in the RE building. Finance: Reports were reviewed and looked okay. Worship and Spirituality: Parish breakfast was a success. Old Business: Electrician will be contacted for exterior lighting. The Church cap will soon be fixed. Working on contractor for rectory windows. New Business: Several projects for this summer: work on back of RE building, light bulb in front of church, caulk windows, update/ buy fire extinguishers, and work on south end of the retaining wall.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$909.41
April 24th tithes received	\$988.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 8	10:45 am
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Euch. Min.	Jan Pettit, Sharon Findley, Dan Rosener
Usher/Greet	Jeff Welsh Family
Servers	Gabrielle Valencia, Ansley Waigand
Money	Phil Bradley
Counters	Dan Rosener


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SATURDAY CONFESSION

May 7th: 8:30-9:30 a.m.