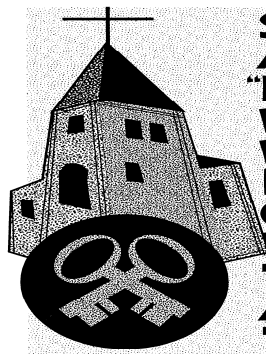


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

August 22/23, 2015

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



**SIMON PETER
ANSWERED HIM
"MASTER, TO
WHOM SHALL
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FROM FR. KEN

Have you ever been shocked by the brutal honesty of children? Young children usually have no problem saying what they think, from comments in the store about how someone looks to telling you at the top of their lungs at the checkout counter that they have to go potty. I asked a couple of children a while back if they were ready to go back to school and I got a resounding no! They wanted more time off in the summer (well don't we all.) Rarely do I hear complaints about children in Mass, but I always respond, isn't it wonderful to have the children here. The best way we can teach our children our faith is to share it and celebrate it with them. The prayer of blessing for the father in the baptismal rite states that "He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of the faith. May they also be the best teachers." One of the most effective forms of teaching is to show them and when we show our children our love of God by joyfully spending time with Him it is a wonderful thing. Have you ever had the experience of your child repeating something bad that you said to them about someone? We sometimes don't think that a child is listening to something and then they repeat it later. I will sometimes hear parents tell me their child asked a question about something that I mentioned in a homily and the parent was surprised because they did not think that the child was paying attention. They hear and understand more than we give them credit for. So even if they are fussy and fidgety just having the strength to bring them to Mass each and every week will help them to know that spending time with God is important.

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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

KNIGHTLY NEWS

Attention First Degree Members of the Knights of Columbus: Our Council is hosting a 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification on August 30th. Check in time is 12:30 p.m. in the back of church. This is your best chance to attend these degrees close by and at no cost to you. Our council has to pay for the services of the Des Moines area Degree Team so we want a good turn out to get our money's worth. Come to the degree as a member and leave as a Knight. Call District Deputy Steve Heffern (515) 493-6110 to reserve your place in the ceremony. Current 3rd and 4th degree Knights are encouraged to come and re-experience the new ceremonials. They are impressive!

CALLING ALL MEN

Summer Stag for all men of Holy Spirit and St. Edward parishes is scheduled for September 9th, 6:30 p.m. at the Dennis and Kay Kinsella farm (3189 150th Street). Bring a side dish and playing cards. (The Knights will have a short business meeting.)

INTERESTED IN JOINING ?

Classes will begin this fall for those wishing to join the Catholic Church or for those who have not received all their sacraments. Please call the parish office in you are interested or know of someone who is.

NEW AND IMPROVED

Our phone system has been replaced and we are up and running! You are now able to leave voice mail messages. This project has been paid for with Capital Campaign money (not from the general operating fund). Thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the Capital Campaign.

CREST AREA FOR LIFE

August meeting: Tuesday, August 25th, 7:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In the second reading today St. Paul talks about the special kind of love between a husband and a wife. Does our marriage relationship reflect the love of Christ for all to see? The next World wide Marriage Encounter Weekends are September 18th-20th in Ankeny or October 23rd-25th in Cedar Falls. For information visit www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352.

MASS SCHEDULE



LORD

You have the words
of eternal life

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Monday August 24	Adoration, 5:00 p.m., Holy Spirit 6:00 p.m., St. Malachy Chapel Patty Schlapia
Tuesday August 25	7:30-8:30 a.m., Adoration 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Pete and Ava Jean Weis
Wednesday August 26	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Thursday August 27	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Eddie, Dorothy & Jimmy Peak
Friday August 28	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Helen Linderman
Saturday August 29	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Bill Schroeder
Sunday August 30	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit C. J. Miller 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

This essay contest is open to all Catholic students in public, private or parochial schools grades 8 thru 12. The theme is "The Importance of Religious Freedom". Guidelines:

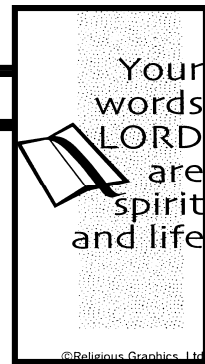


- ◆ Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic and be submitted by the published deadline of October 1, 2015
- ◆ Essays must be the student's original work
- ◆ Essays must be typed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, one sided, double spaced, with one inch margins
- ◆ Essays must be between 500 to 750 words long
- ◆ The student's name should appear only on the official Knights of Columbus Essay Contest entry form which should be stapled to the essay
- ◆ Contest entry forms are available in the parish hall or contact Rick Brown, 515-468-8431 or rick@christisalive.net

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	August 24	Board of Education Meeting, 7:15 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	August 25	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	August 26	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	August 28	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 29	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	August 30	2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification, 12:30 p.m., Church



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
August 9th tithes received	\$8,361.85
August 16th tithes received	\$4,952.00

COME PRAY WITH US

St. Malachy School resumes this Wednesday and we will begin our school year with Mass at 9:15 a.m. in the school gym. Every Wednesday you are invited to come pray and celebrate with the students!

IT'S COMING SOON.....

FOOD FAIR: SEPTEMBER 13TH

- ◆ Please contact Lisa Miller, 202-2385, or Tonya Green, 345-2480, if you wish to be involved or have a great idea!! We are always looking for new booths and helpers.
- ◆ Kelsey Bailey is heading the chicken and noodles booth. If you can make noodles or cook a chicken in broth, please give her a call: 515-460-0496.
- ◆ Peach, apple and cherry pies will be needed. Contact Shelley Bakerink at 202-0911 if you can bake a pie or two!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Election of officers and committee assignments were made at the August 18th meeting. New officers are: Karen Struble-President; Virginia Aguilar-Vice president; Lisa Miller-Secretary. Committee assignments: Building, Grounds and Safety: Virginia Aguilar; Family Life: Karen Walter and Retta Baker; Social Concerns: Mark O'Riley; Liturgy: Karen Walter and Lisa Miller; Finance: Rick Brown; Faith Formation: Karen Struble. Please feel free to contact your parish council members with questions and concerns.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The new ReRun Shop opened its doors Friday, August 7th. The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony. If you haven't visited the store, please stop by. Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday noon to 5; Friday 9 to 5 and Saturday 9 until noon. Thank you to all who have donated, supported and worked to make this new shop a reality. If you would like to volunteer an hour or two a week to help in the store, please contact Pat Pokorny or Lois Nelson or just come over. Monday mornings sorting is also done. The ReRun's phone number is 641-202-4488. Address: 308 W. Union.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Wednesday evening classes for students in grades 1-8 who do not attend St. Malachy School will begin Wednesday, September 16th. Classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. with registration that evening. If you would like to teach or be a helper, contact Barb Hudson, Director of Religious Education, 348-2343 or 202-2064.

PLEASE NOTE

All food containers in the hall kitchen that have not been picked up will be moved to the furnace room. After 6 months if they are still there, they will be given to the ReRun Shop.

SACRAMENT PICTURES

First Communion and Confirmation pictures are available for pick-up at the parish office.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus—the Bread of Life Eternal

Question for Children: Who and what helps you believe in Jesus?

Questions for Youth: Who do you know who really struggles with believing? What can you do to help them struggle through doubt?

Question for Adults: To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to life's questions?

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 29/30	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Phyllis Allen Steve Heffern	Virginia Aguilar Bill Mullin
E. Minister	B. & L. Miller Betty Baker	Karon Finn Steve McCann E. & M. Gammell Theresa Pudenz
Ushers	L & MJ Dorgan Joe Latus Dick Baker Rick & Janet Brown	John & Retta Baker Roger & Melissa Baker Family
Servers	Ashton Carter Sydney Hartsock Keely Coen	Marie Mullin Halle Evans Megan Pellman
Greeters	R. & J. Brown	John & Retta Baker
Rosary	Ted Willets	Al Pokorny
Musicians	Janet Schulte Heather Sitek	Janet Schulte Elizabeth Sadler
Money Counters	Todd Dunphy, Tom Dunphy, Luke Baker	

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

News from St. Edward Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday August 30 KC 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification, 12:30 p.m., Holy Spirit

GIFTS TO GOD

August 9th tithes received	\$543.50
August 16th tithes received	\$464.50

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Want to help with the RE program? Contact Jennifer Valencia or Michelle Moore. To learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd go to www.cgsusa.org or St. Edward's Religious Education Facebook page. Religious Education classes will begin Wednesday, September 16th.

MARYKNOLL COLLECTION

Next weekend our plate collection will go toward our monthly \$100.00 donation to the Maryknoll Missions. Thank you for your support to this worthwhile mission project.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 30	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Randy Pettit
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Jones, Georgia Pettit, Mara Weis
Usher/Greet	Fritz Weis Family
Servers	Molly McNeill, Jillian Valencia
Money Counters	Parish Council



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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.