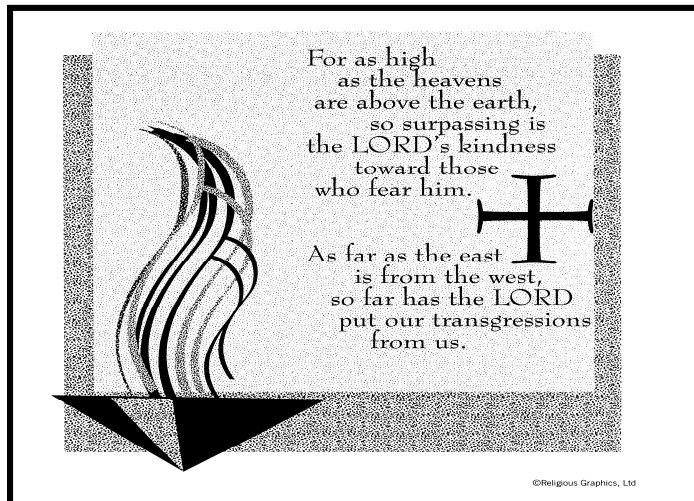


# HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

September 16/17, 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## FROM FR. KEN

This weekend we are doing a second collection for the annual seminarian appeal drive. The money we collect will go to help offset some of the education costs for the diocese. For any of you who have kids in college or were recently in college, you know what the costs are. Most colleges that have seminaries give a discount to those who are studying to be priests, but the costs are still quite high, and can be in excess of \$35,000 a year including room and board. Just as an example, for me alone, my education costs were about \$170,000 for the seven years I was in school and the diocese covered most of that cost. The seminary process is not an easy one with all of the extra stuff that you need to do while in seminary, it is not just school and study. In the two different seminaries I was in, we averaged 15-20 hours a week in the extra required things above and beyond classes and homework. Now mind you some of that time is Mass and prayer times, but it made it difficult to do something other than a simple work-study job. Sometimes I hear about trend to have missionary priests fill in at parishes, but this is not a new trend, the only difference is where they are coming from. When our diocese first started, a third of our priests were born in Ireland, a third's parents were born in Ireland, and the other third were from Germany. Now our missionary priests are from India, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, El Salvador, and other places. One of the questions I often ask people, is when was the last vocation from the parish? Encouraging young men to consider going to seminary to just try it out is the first step, the next one is to support and pray for them.

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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



Do you know someone interested in joining the Catholic Church or an adult who needs to be Confirmed? If so, please have them call the parish office, 782-5278. Our RCIA (Rite of Christian

Initiation for Adults) class will begin Thursday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hall. Classes run through Easter.

### ANNUAL SEMINARIAN COLLECTION

This weekend we will take a second collection for the seminarians in our diocese. The average cost to educate a seminarian is approximately \$30,000 each year, an estimated \$750,000 annually for our seminarians. Great hope resides in these men as they seek to fulfill the Church's mission to reach the ends of the earth with the tenderness and care of God.

### WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 27: My nervous system is continuing to develop so I can breath and swallow better. It also helps keep my body at the right temperature so I won't get too hot or too cold.

### COMING OCTOBER 17TH

The Catholic Daughters will be sponsoring a workshop with Abortion Dialogue Academy (ADA) October 17th, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hall. This is open to everyone. Area churches have been invited. More information will be coming.

### AREA DINNERS

- ◆ St. Bernard Catholic Church in Osceola will host a turkey, ham and all the trimmings, salad bar, homemade pie and other desserts dinner Sunday, September 24th, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Adults \$9; Ages 4-12 \$4; 3 and under free! Takeout available.
- ◆ St. Patrick Church in Lenox will host a grilled chicken and ham dinner on Sunday, September 24th, serving from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. On the menu: grilled half chicken or savory baked ham, baked potato, corn or green beans, salad bar, pie and drink. Adults \$8.50; kids 6-12 \$5; age 5 and under free. Take out is available.

### MASS SCHEDULE



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we are the LORD's

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>5:00 Adoration, Holy Spirit</b>
<b>September 18</b>	<b>6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit</b> Dale Wagner
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 Adoration, St. Edward</b>
<b>September 19</b>	<b>8:30 a.m., St. Edward</b> Leonard and Gail Feld
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School</b>
<b>September 20</b>	Florence Allen
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b>
<b>September 21</b>	Bernard Shea
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel</b>
<b>September 22</b>	Chris Burlingame
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit</b>
<b>September 23</b>	Mert Link
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit</b>
<b>September 24</b>	Jessica Moeller
	<b>10:45 a.m., St. Edward</b> For the People

### PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

You are invited on a pilgrimage with Bishop Pates to Ireland about a year from now. Join Bishop Pates on an eight day tour of Ireland capped with the opportunity to celebrate family life at the World Meeting of Family. Pope Francis is expected to attend. Come learn more from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at these locations:

- ◆ September 25th, St. Mary of Nazareth Parish in Des Moines
- ◆ September 26th, St. Mary Parish in Red Oak
- ◆ September 28th, Christ the King Parish in Des Moines
- ◆ October 3rd, All Saints Parish in Stuart
- ◆ October 5th, Corpus Christi Parish, Holy Family site in Council Bluffs

RSVPs are required and can be made with Adam Storey at 515-237-5056.



# News from Holy Spirit Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday	September 16/17	Catechetical Sunday
Sunday	September 17	Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall
Monday	September 18	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. ReRun Volunteer/CCW Meeting, 11:00 a.m., ReRun Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Tuesday	September 19	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy Resource Room
Wednesday	September 20	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Rel. Education for Grades 1-8, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School
Thursday	September 21	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Friday	September 22	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 23	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday	September 24	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, Upstairs in Church

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## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
September 10th tithes received	\$8,555.00

## BREAKFAST AFTER MASS

The Family Life Committee will be serving donuts, coffee, milk, and juice after Mass this Sunday in the parish hall. Free-will offering. Stop down and enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners!

## LADIES .....

Monday, September 18th, there will be a combined ReRun and CCW meeting at the ReRun Shop at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

## FOOD FAIR

Another great Food Fair in the books. A huge thanks to Lisa Miller for chairing, to all the people who chaired, worked, and cooked for a booth, to the set-up and clean-up crews, the students who worked the kids games, and those who donated money and helped with the ticket process. It takes the effort of the entire parish to make this a successful day. If you have bills or ticket money to turn in, please take to the office soon.

## PEW PADS ARE COVERED

Thanks to all the workers who helped with the covering; thanks also to Coen's Furniture for getting us a deal on the fabric, to the families and friends of the following people who provided memorial donations: Coletta Bradley, Roberta Ambrose, Dale Wagner, and an anonymous parishioner.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Holy Spirit's Social Concerns Committee will be helping with the Creston Area Food Pantry on Sunday, October 1st. We need 10 to 12 volunteers to help at the Food Pantry from noon-2:00 p.m. (please be there by 11:30 a.m. for instructions). A sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT REL. ED.

- ◆ Rel. Education classes for students in grades 1-8 who do not attend St. Malachy School began last Wednesday. If you forgot to send your child, please bring them this Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.
- ◆ Kick off for high school youth group will be Wednesday, October 4th, 6:30 p.m., at St. Malachy School.
- ◆ First Confirmation Class (for those students in the freshman and sophomore classes that are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation) will be Wednesday, October 18th. Those preparing for the sacrament are required to come every night.
- ◆ Please call Barb Hudson, 641-348-2343 or 641-202-2064, with questions.

## FREEDOM ROCK TOUR

Veterans and guests are invited to a "Freedom Rock Tour", September 22nd, from 12 noon—4 p.m. Meet at the Freedom Rock in Creston for lunch and board the shuttle. Creston, Diagonal and Blockton rocks will be visited. Guest speaker at each rock to give the background on the painting. RSVP to Cassie Randall at 782-2119 ext. 42. (Sponsored by IowaWORKS)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>September 23/24 5:15 p.m. 9:00 a.m.</b>		
<b>Lectors</b>	Marsha Mohr	Larry Rayhons
	Joanne Gibson	Carole Rayhons
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Marsha Mohr	Karon Fries
	Bob Miller	Steve McCann
	Lisa Miller	Al Pokorny
		Dean Schulte
		Betty Baker
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Johnson	Adolfo & Fidelina
	J. & C. Mansour	Saturno Family
	L. & MJ. Dorgan	
	Butch Miller	
<b>Servers</b>	Sydney Strunk	Ayden White
	Daniel Buls	Molly Sickels
		Madelyn Kinsella
<b>Greeters</b>	Ann Johnson	Gary & Joanne Bucklin
	Butch Miller	
<b>Rosary Musicians</b>	Marsha Mohr	Paul Baker
	C. Fredrickson	Linda Taylor
	Dan Gibbons	Jolene Griffith
<b>Money Counters</b>	Elaine Haines, Karen Freml, June Huewe	

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** *We are called to forgive others as Jesus forgives us.*

**Question for Children:** Jesus says we should forgive from our heart. When did you ask forgiveness of someone you hurt? How did you feel?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus challenges us to forgive. Who needs your forgiveness? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness?

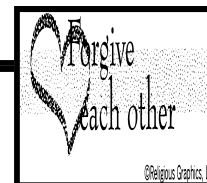
**Question for Adults:** Jesus tells us to forgive seventy times seven, which means always and forever. Name a time this past week when you forgave someone. Name, too, a time when you accepted another person's forgiveness.

## HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Howie Cross and Wes Brzozowski are in need of a ride to Mass on Saturday night. If you can help with transportation, please call the parish office. We are hoping to have a few volunteers to rotate from.

## News from St. Edward

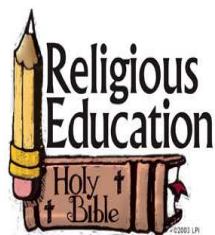
Sunday	September 17	Catechetical Sunday and Parish Council Meeting following Mass
Wednesday	September 20	Adoration and Confession, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Rel. Education Classes for Ages 3-Grade 8, 6:15 p.m.
Thursday	September 21	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall



## RELIGIOUS

### EDUCATION NEWS

- ◆ Classes for PK3-8th grade will begin this Wednesday, September 20th. Class time 6:15—7:30 p.m.
- ◆ High School Youth Group will begin October 4th, at St. Malachy School. 6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00-8:00 p.m. Lesson.
- ◆ First Confirmation class will be October 18th, 6:30 p.m., at St. Malachy School.



### PRAYER TREE

Please call Patty Bradley, 347-8812, if you know someone that needs to be added to our prayer tree. You may also call Patty if you wish to be notified of those added to the prayer tree.

## GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
September 10th tithes received	\$512.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>September 24</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Randy Pettit
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Darren Moore
	Georgia Pettit
	Jan Pettit
<b>Ushers</b>	Fritz and Lois Weis Family
<b>Servers</b>	Joshua Lopez
	Layla Lopez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Parish Council

This is the last week on our ministry schedule. Please call Sheila Brown (641-344-4718) ASAP if there are any additions, deletions, changes that need to be made.