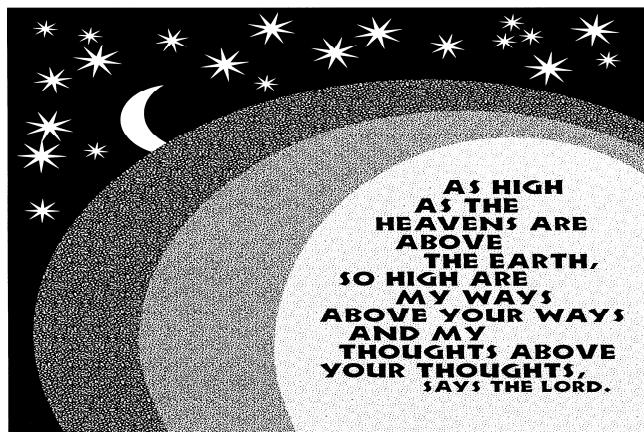


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

September 23/24, 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN

If you are reading this on the weekend, that means that we made it through another one of the predictions for the End of the World! The Rapture was to begin on Thursday the 21st one month after the eclipse, and the end of the world on Saturday the 23rd. I have been getting spam emails about this for the last month and a half! This email states that they predicted it through reading the Bible and figuring out all of the signs. There is one problem with this, if you read the Bible, Jesus Himself tells us that we cannot know the time when the end of the world will happen! The other problem is that what many call the “Rapture” is not ever said in the bible, it is something that became popular in the 1830’s. People often look at what is going on in our world, and then think that since there are hurricanes, earthquakes, wars, violence, discord, etc, that this must be the end. Yes, we have many problems in our world, some of them are natural disasters, and some of them are things that we do ourselves. Some of our natural disasters are because we build cities in coastal areas that are prone to hurricanes. Wars and violence happen because we cannot get along with each other, we fail in the primary message of Jesus Christ, which is to love one another as He has loved us. Even with all of this going on, if we read history, we see the many other predictions of the end, in the 1300’s over one third of Europe died of the plague. They thought that it was the end, but we continued on. The point is not to try and predict the end of the world, but to be ready for it whenever it does happen, with regular confessions, Mass, and staying close to Christ by loving others as He does.

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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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.....

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) classes began last Thursday and will continue on Thursday evenings (7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Hall) through Easter.

WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 28: I now weigh about two pounds and am about 12-13 inches long.

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 DINNERS THIS SUNDAY

- ◆ St. Bernard Catholic Church in Osceola will host a turkey, ham and all the trimmings, salad bar, homemade pie and other desserts dinner this Sunday 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Adults \$9; Ages 4-12 \$4; 3 and under free!
- ◆ St. Patrick Church in Lenox will host a grilled chicken and ham dinner this Sunday 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.

HURRICANE IRMA

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that an emergency collection be taken up to address the extraordinary need that has resulted because of Hurricane Irma. The USCCB is aware this falls on the heels of Hurricane Harvey but feels funds are desperately needed in the U.S. and Caribbean. We will have a basket in the back of church next Sunday if you wish to make a donation or put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Hurricane Irma". Online gifts may be made to:

<https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/pages/donation-form---hurricane-irma>

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations to the Seminarian Collection last weekend.



Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the

Gospel of Jesus Christ

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	5:00 Adoration, Holy Spirit
September 25	6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Florence Allen
Tuesday	7:30 Adoration, St. Edward
September 26	8:30 a.m., St. Edward Leonard and Gail Feld
Wednesday	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School
September 27	Joey Clear
Thursday	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel
September 28	Lucille Riedl
Friday	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel
September 29	Eddie, Dorothy and Jimmy Peak
Saturday	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit
September 30	Intention of Chuck & Arlene Carlson
Sunday	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit
October 1	Ray Griffith 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Bishop Pates will be making a pilgrimage to Ireland about a year from now. If interested, meetings will be held at these locations starting at 6:30 p.m.:

- ◆ 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.

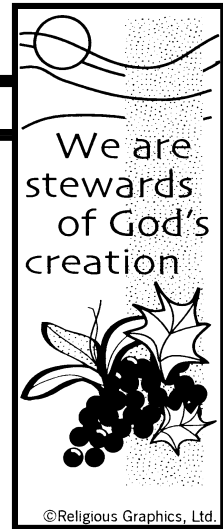
FOOD FOR LIFE

Food for Life is a mission project which converts livestock donated by farmers into meat for the hungry. The processed meat will be used for the Food Pantries in Union County. Contact Ruby Stephens 782-7327 or 641-340-1260 or pick up a flyer in the back of church regarding this program.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	September 24	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, Upstairs in Church
Monday	September 25	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	September 26	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	September 27	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Rel. Education for Grades 1-8, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	September 28	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Friday	September 29	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 30	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	Sept.30/Oct. 1	Monthly Food Pantry Drive + Tootsie Roll Drive
Sunday	October 1	Help at Food Pantry, 11:30 a.m.



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
September 17th tithes received	\$5,104.64

REMINDER.....

First Reconciliation parent meeting after Mass this Sunday (upstairs in the church).

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Rolls drive next weekend during Homecoming and at the weekend Masses. Your support to this annual drive is very much appreciated.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- ◆ 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.

LIVING FAITH DEVOTIONAL

The October—December devotional is available at the back of church.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Monthly collection next weekend: Place monetary donation or non-perishable food items/personal care items in the containers in the back of church.

PARISH COUNCIL RECAP

September 19 meeting: *Orginazation Report:* The Knights of Columbus took 18 servers to an I-Cubs game in August; they have given St. Malachy teachers and the RE department cash donations; 35 men attend the summer stag; they helped replace the Pro-Life billboard north of town; served ice cream and floats at the Food Fair; will hold their Tootsie Roll drive Homecoming weekend and serve breakfast after Mass on October 8th. *Unfinished Business:* Waiting on diocesan approval to move along with retaining wall and cement work at the church. We are meeting with Ball Team regarding the addition to the school. Early October we will learn the results of our grant request to Dekko. Father hopes to get to Atchison this fall to do research on the early history of St. Malachy School. Food Fair was a successful day. No financial report available yet. *New Business:* We plan to have a float in the lighted Christmas parade on November 30th. We would like to see families walk with their children in the parade. Christmas Dinner will be served again this year. *Committee Reports:* Building and Grounds: Parish office will be reroofed; cracks have been filled in the court yard of the school. Family Life: Coffee and rolls served September 17th and will be served October 15th and November 19th. The newcomer packet for Mike and Karan Ripperger was handed out. Social Concerns: Served 60 at Open Table in August. We will have names for the Giving Tree again this year. Liturgy: Meeting again in November. Finance: Work projects mentioned above discussed; a disbursement was taken from the Pesik investment funds for operating expenses. Faith Formation: RE classes have begun; high school kicks off in October; 10 students and two chaperones will be attending NCYC. St. Malachy School: 98 families in school; 150 students; painting and updates made in the school over the summer; start of school family picnic well attended. RCIA: Classes will start September 21st - we know of 3 interested persons.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 30/Oct. 1	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Phyllis Allen	Bill Mullin
	Steve Heffern	Joanne Bucklin
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Heffern	E. & M. Gammell
	Phyllis Allen	2 Volunteers
	J. Simmons	Terri Koets
Ushers	B. & L. Miller	Jacquie Eblen Family
	Family	Joni Taylor
Servers	Cade Simmons	Keegan Bailey
	Haley Simmons	Kolby Bailey
		Erik Allen
Greeters	Betty Baker	Ryan & Amanda Mohr
	Ben Brightwell	
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets	Al Pokorny
	No Music	Lynn Baker
		Larry Rayhons
Money Counters	Scott Coen, Paul Varner, Ryan Mohr	

All Ministers:

- ◆ Please find a substitute if you cannot fulfill your assignment.
- ◆ It's time for a new schedule, call the office if any changes are needed. New ministers welcome.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *It is never too late to enter the reign of God.*

Question for Children: How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school or parish?

Question for Youth: This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say "yes" to God?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Ryan and Amanda Mohr on the baptism of their son, Greyson Brantly Mohr, September 16th at Holy Spirit.

CREST AREA FOR LIFE MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit hall.

News from St. Edward

Wednesday	September 27	Rel. Education Classes for Ages 3-Grade 8, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	September 28	RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- ◆ Classes for PK3-8th grade began last Wednesday. Class time 6:15-7:30 p.m. Please send your child this week if you forgot classes started last Wednesday.
- ◆ 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

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Jesse and Melissa (Bradley) Potter on the baptism of their daughter, Iris Diane Potter, September 17th at St. Edward.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Christ Our Life Conference September 29th/30th, 2018 at Wells Fargo. Tickets will go on sale soon.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
September 17th tithes received	\$915.00

FORGIVE EACH OTHER

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	October 1
Lector	Retta Ripperger
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Findley
	Dan Rosener
	Deb Weaver-Ripperger
Ushers	Mark Weis Family
Servers	Steven Fry
	Trevor Fry
Money Counters	Parish Council