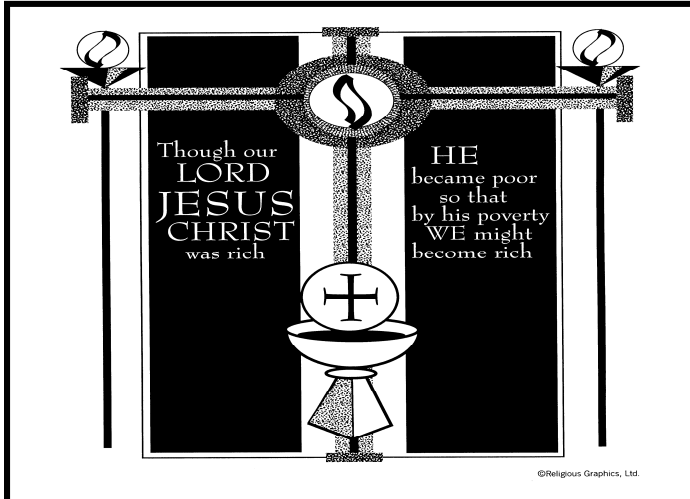


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

September 24/25, 2016

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN

The words “Pop Quiz” can bring panic in some students, and maybe even bring a flash back to some of us who have been out of school for a while. When I was in my last year of seminary, one of the professors took joy in walking past a fourth theology student would sometimes ask you “recite the prayer of absolution.” His rationale was it is a prayer that every priest must know immediately and always because you never know when someone will ask for a confession. I myself have heard confessions in a car, in a park, and in an airport. The reasoning behind a pop quiz or the professor who would like to ask for the prayer of absolution is because there are some things that we just need to be prepared for. The police and military train for different situations that may or may not ever happen, why, because there is a possibility that they might and they want to be ready for them. The same should be true for our faith life, what if the pop quiz we run into is the end of our life? What if it is to answer for the things we have done or not done in our lives? Would we be ready for the judgment of God? This is something that we do not often want to think about, but so many times Jesus reminds us that we must be ready because at an unknown hour the Lord will come. To make sure that we are ready for a pop quiz in school, we study, and to keep us ready for the pop quiz of life is to be ready all the time, to do a good daily examination of conscience, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation often, to pray each and every day, and to be that follower of 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- ♦ Officers meeting; Wednesday, September 28th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall.
- ♦ Regular monthly meeting: Wednesday, October 5th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall
- ♦ Knights: we need volunteers for the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive! September 30/October 1st at True Value. Call Rick Brown if you can help, 515-468-8431.
- ♦ After Mass on Saturday, October 29th, the Knights of Columbus will take a heritage picture in front of the altar. This photograph will be hung in the church basement at Holy Spirit. It has been a long time since we had a group picture. All current and former Knights are encouraged to be in the picture.
- ♦ The Knights of Columbus will be fulfilling the church ministries on Saturday, October 29th. They need two lectors and one Eucharistic minister. Call Rick Brown, 515-468-8431, if you can serve.

WOMEN'S CRHP DATE

Women of Holy Spirit and St. Edward Parish: Mark your calendars NOW to save the date for the next Christ Renews His Parish Retreat the weekend of January 28/29, 2017. Details and sign-up to follow at a later date.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ♦ Shirley Klingensmith, mother of Theresa (Donald) Herber, Ken (Kathleen) Klingensmith, Edward (Jana) Klingensmith, and Timothy Klingensmith.
- ♦ Betty Strauss, sister-in-law of Linda Hartsock.
- ♦ Jerry Russell, father of Rob (Julie) Russell
May they, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

FOOD MINISTRY

- ♦ You are invited to join in a FREE meal (Open Table) every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the UCC Congregational Church, 501 W. Montgomery, Creston. (Please note Holy Spirit helps with Open Table)
- ♦ The Creston Food Pantry has moved to its new location at 417 Wyoming Ave. in the lower level. Frozen food, dairy products, dry goods and produce will be provided to recipients from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. every Sunday.

Please spread the word on these ministries if you know anyone who could benefit from them.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday September 26	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mass, 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Albert and Eleanor Walsh
Tuesday September 27	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Steve Lauer
Wednesday September 28	Mass, 9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Jim Collins
Thursday September 29	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel J. Eugene "Gene" Miller
Friday September 30	Mass, 7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Lucile Riedl
Saturday October 1	Mass, 5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Mert Link
Sunday October 2	Mass, 9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Ruthanna Falk Mass, 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

CHANGES COMING TO WEDDING LITURGY

Published in the September 16th issue of The Catholic Mirror are the changes that are taking place in the wedding liturgy. These changes became optional September 8th and must be implemented by December 30th. Specific changes in the wedding liturgy are: Order of procession, unity candle, Marian devotion, music, blessing and giving arras, lazo and veil, vows/consent, presider of wedding, and marriage license. For complete information read the article in The Mirror or go to www.dmdiocese.org.

CREST AREA FOR LIFE

Monthly meeting: September 27th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

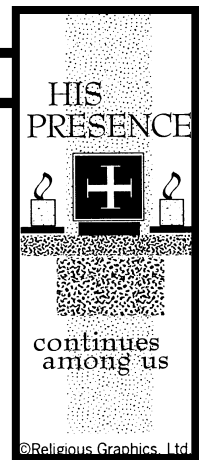
CROP WALK OCTOBER 9TH

If anyone is interested in walking in the CROP Walk, please call John or Lynne Schlaht at 782-2400.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	September 25	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Upstairs in Church
Monday	September 26	ReRun Sorting, 9:00-Noon Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Tuesday	September 27	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Crest Area for Life Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Wednesday	September 28	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. CRHP Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Maple Street Memories High School Youth Group Kick Off, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Religious Ed. Classes for Grades 1-8, 6:45 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	September 30	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 1	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	October 1/2	Food Drive for CROP Walk
Sunday	October 2	Knights of Columbus Breakfast after Mass, Hall



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.36
September 18th tithes received	\$6,060.00

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE

Canned goods/non-perishable food items donated at our October 1st/2nd monthly food drive will be given to the CROP Walk Food Drive. A table is in the back of church for you to place your items on. Thank you for your support!

BISCUITS AND GRAVY BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on Sunday, October 2nd, after Mass. Committee members: Francis Doyle (chair), Ben Adamson, Eldon Gammell, Larry Bailey, Jim Baker, John Baker, Luke Baker, Paul Baker, Rudy Ehm, Richard Baker, Roger Baker, Joe Weisshaar, Rick Benson, Dale Wagner, Larry Wagner, Allen Weisshaar, Jim Walsh, Ron Walter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- ◆ High School Youth Group/Confirmation Class will have their "kick off" this Wednesday, September 28th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at St. Malachy School.
- ◆ First Reconciliation Parent Meeting this Sunday, September 25th, following Mass.
- ◆ If you are new to the area or have questions regarding our religious education program, please call Barb Hudson, 641-202-2064.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Recap of September 20th Meeting: Organization report from the CCW: Fatigue mats have been purchased for the ReRun Shop and more shopping carts have been purchased. The church cushions will be recovered thanks to memorials from Coletta Bradley and Roberta Ambrose and a parishioner. Yearly dues of \$10 will soon be collected. The Council voted to give Father \$200 for his upcoming trip to Europe. **Food Fair:** Preliminary reports look similar to last year's. Everything went well. **Old ReRun:** Building is for sale to be moved for \$1.00. Will be on the market a few more weeks. **Capital Campaign:** When plans have been finalized and costs received, a Capital Campaign will begin for the addition to the school. The addition would provide safety for all students (all under one roof) and make our preschool program a much more desirable program. **Building Grounds and Safety:** Church railings are being worked on. Railing for the steps to the altar area are being checked into. **Family Life:** Newcomer visit to Margaret McClaren has been completed. Newcomer packet to the Ramirez family was handed out. **Social Concerns:** Summer breakfast/lunch program was successful. Next year's backpack ministry will be for Creston Schools due to federal funds being cut. October food pantry drive will go to the CROP walk. Food pantry going well. **Finance:** A loading zone sign has been added on the west side of the church. Food Fair and RAGBRAI dinners were successful. Have reached our ADA goal. **Faith Formation:** School and RE classes are off to a good start. Confirmation has been set by bishop's office for April 29, 2017.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct. 1/2	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Bob Miller	Karen Fries
	Mark O'Riley	Paul Baker
Eucharistic Ministers	Paul Somers	G. & J. Bucklin
	Dennis Nelson	Francis Doyle
	Lois Nelson	Karon Finn
		Al Pokorny
Ushers	Paul Johnson	Virginia Aguilar
	Butch Miller	Jamie Hayes
	J. & C. Mansour	M. & M. Sickels
	L. & MJ Dorgan	Barb Hudson
		Sue Bissell
Servers	N. Kuhlman	Mallory Tallmon
	Noah Drey	Abby Tallmon
		Macy Adamson
Greeters	Ann Johnson	Virginia Aguilar
	Butch Miller	Sue Bissell
Rosary	Ted Willets	Mary S. McDonald
Musicians	—No One Scheduled—	
Money Counters	Elaine Haines, Karin Freml, June Huewe	

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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: *God cares for the poor and the oppressed and we should too!*

Question of Children: Jesus teaches us to share what we have with others. What do you have that you are able to share?

Questions for Youth: The Gospel story tells us that we are judged by what we do or don't do for the poor and needy. How are you currently reaching out to those in need? What more could you do?

Question for Adults: What choices can you or have you made to balance your own life with those who are homeless, poor, and in need of assistance?

LADIES GUEST DAY

Holy Spirit ladies are invited to the First Christian Church, 301 E. Townline Rd, October 6th, 12:30 p.m. for the Annual Women's Fall Luncheon. RSVP by September 29th to 782-5511.

LIVING FAITH BOOKS

The daily devotional book for October-December is available in the back of church.

News from St. Edward Parish

Wednesday September 28 Religious Education Classes, 6:15 p.m.
 Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
 Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High School Youth Group/Confirmation Class will have their "kick off" on Wednesday, September 28th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at St. Malachy School. Bring your Catholic friends and come!!

MARYKNOLL MISSIONS

Just a reminder that today's plate collection goes toward our monthly \$100.00 donation to the Maryknoll Missions. Thank you for your continued support of our parish project.

COFFEE AND ROLLS

On Sunday, October 9th, we will serve coffee and rolls after Mass in honor of St. Edward (Feast Day is October 13th). Mark your calendar and join in this time of fellowship.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$964.00
September 18 tithes received	\$650.00



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 2	10:45 am
Lector	Dan Rosener
Euch. Min.	Deb Weaver-Ripperger
	Kathy Simmerman
	Darren Moore
Usher/Greet	Monty & Diane Ide
Servers	Gabrielle Valencia
	Trevor Fry
Money Counters	Parish Council