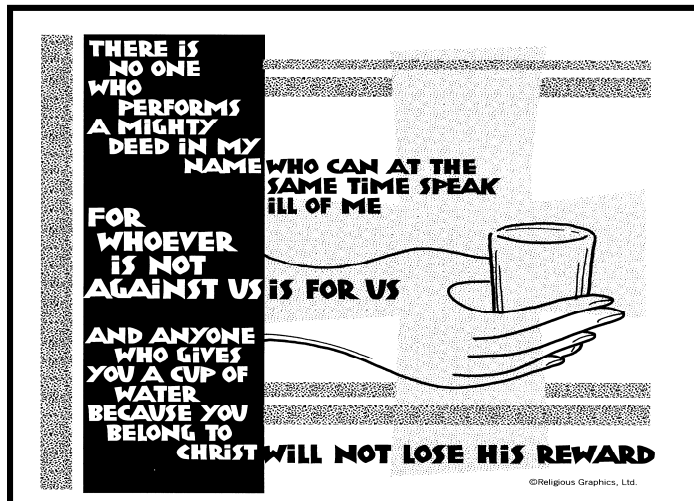


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

September 26/27, 2015

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN

With Pope Francis in the United States, it is bringing a lot of media attention to the Catholic Faith as well as on the Holy Father. I keep seeing stories floating around with something like “Who Pope Francis Is.” So many people are enamored by him and want to know more about him. Much of the Catholic media and blogosphere are having a heyday as well and a positive thing is that people are looking into the faith, hopefully at good and orthodox places. One thing that did catch my eye was an article about one of the Popes favorite devotions, Our Lady, the Undoer of Knots. This is a relatively new devotion, only a little more than 300 years old. It stems from an anonymously painted image of Mary untying knots surrounded by angels, but inspired from a meditation from St. Irenaeus who made a comparison between Mary and Eve “Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it.” The purpose of the devotion is to offer the knots that we have in our lives to her so she can help us to untie them so that we can be more able to approach her Son. Remember Mary’s entire role in humanity is to bring Christ to us and us to Christ. The Pope became aware of this devotion before he became a bishop or the Pope while he was studying for his doctoral degree in Germany. He was undergoing a personal crisis and prayed the devotion and Our Lady guided him through it, since then he has had a love for this particular devotion. One of the great beauties of the Catholic Church, is that we have a vast number of ways to pray, find a devotion that fits your needs and style so that it can help you draw closer to our Lord and Savior.

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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 IS NOT TOO LATE.....

Classes for those wishing to join or learn more about the Catholic faith or to complete the Sacrament of Confirmation are held Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m., at Holy Spirit Hall. Please join us if you have an interest. Feel free to bring a friend or family member with you.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Saturday, October 10th, Holy Spirit's 5:15 Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. This is the night of St. Malachy's School Spaghetti Supper. We are changing the Mass time to make it more convenient to attend the Spaghetti Supper!

KNIGHTLY NEWS

- ◆ Knights of Columbus officers meeting, Wednesday, September 30th, 7:00 p.m., in Holy Spirit Hall — all Knights are welcome.
- ◆ Barry McNulty, a Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will be giving a presentation on the Knights and an overview of membership benefits at the Knights meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, 7:00 p.m., in Holy Spirit Hall.

THE YEAR OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY

The closing event for the Year of Marriage and Family will be Sunday, October 11th, at St. Boniface Parish in Waukee. Join us for Mass, a keynote presentation by John and Terri Bosio and a family dinner and social. For more information or to register for childcare, contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org or call 515-237-5056.

DIVORCE WORKSHOP

Is anyone in your family divorced? Invite them to "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" a 12-week group which begins on Monday, October 5th, at St. Augustin Church in Des Moines. Group meets Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost of \$30 per person. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. For more information call Deacon Tony Valdez at 515-979-2301.

PHONE NUMBERS NEEDED

If you have dropped your landline, please give the office a call (782-5278) and give us your cell phone number. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE

The law of the LORD  refreshes the soul

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Monday September 28	5:00 p.m., Adoration, St. Malachy Chapel 6:00 p.m., St. Malachy Chapel For the Bevington Family
Tuesday September 29	7:30 a.m., Adoration, St. Edward 8:30 a.m., St. Edward For those Buried at St. Edward and Hopeville Cemeteries
Wednesday September 30	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Kevin Eblen
Thursday October 1	10:30 a.m., Crest Haven Irene Pesik
Friday October 2	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Eldon and Cindy Ray
Saturday October 3	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Ruthanna Falk
Sunday October 4	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Ray Griffith 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

COMING IN JANUARY

A women's Christ Renews His Parish weekend will be held January 16th/17th, 2016 at St. Malachy School. We encourage you to prayerfully consider attending this weekend. Sign-up will begin in November.

CRHP BOOKS

Men and women: If you have a Christ Renews His Parish manual and are not currently using to prepare for the upcoming retreat, please return to the parish office. Thank you!

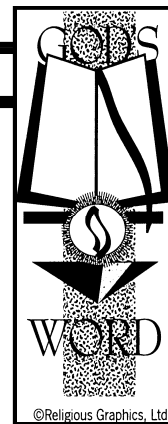
WE PRAY TO THE LORD.....

For all members of our parish, that through their stewardship of time and talent, they find a deeper relationship with the Lord and other members of our parish.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	September 28	Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Tuesday	September 29	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	September 30	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. High School Youth Kick Off, 6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Religious Education Classes for Grades 1-8, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Thursday	October 1	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	October 2	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 3	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Saturday/Sunday	October 3/4	Monthly Food Drive
Sunday	October 4	Knights of Columbus Breakfast after Mass, Hall



GIFTS TO GOD:

Weekly tithes needed	\$8,154.00
September 20th tithes received	\$5,176.00

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High School Youth Kick Off will be Wednesday, September 30th, at St. Malachy School at 6:30 p.m.

CROP WALK: OCTOBER 4TH

If anyone wishes to walk in the Annual Crop Walk or make a donation to Crop Walk, contact the parish office. The walk begins at 3 p.m. and you may choose a 2, 4, or 6 mile route. 25% of the funds raised will stay in Union County. The remainder is used for food/relief projects sponsored by Church World Service in this country and around the world. To further help our county a canned food drive for MATURA is being held. Please bring canned goods to church or items such as baby formula and diapers. The need at MATURA is great, especially with winter approaching.

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend's monthly food drive will be held in conjunction with the CROP WALK. Please bring items and place on the table in the back of church. Churches throughout town will be participating in this food drive.

TOOSTIE ROLLS DRIVE

Knights will be raising money with our Tootsie Roll Drive for local Special Olympics the weekend of September 25th-27th. Please help the Knights and our local athletes.

BREAKFAST ON OCTOBER 4TH

Knights breakfasts are coming! Our first breakfast is October 4th. All proceeds go to help provide classroom materials for the teachers at St. Malachy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Kinsley Ann Knutstrom, daughter of Jared Knutstrom and Beth Kulow, who was baptized September 20th at Holy Spirit Parish.

COMING OCTOBER 10TH.....

St. Malachy School PTO Spaghetti Supper and Carnival. Mark your calendar!!

PRAYER TREE

Our parish has a prayer tree whose members pray for families/friends who are in need of our prayers. If you would like to be a member of the prayer tree or know someone in need of prayer, call Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291. Email: Mary at dmwichhart@iowatelcom.net or Pat at ppokorny@windstream.net.

SCRIP

Local Scrip cards are available after the weekend Masses or you can place your order at St. Malachy School before 9:00 a.m. on Monday and pick up your cards Thursday afternoon. There are hundreds of national cards that can be purchased: check out the website www.glscrip.com. **Thanks** to our local businesses who participate in the program. We greatly appreciate your support of St. Malachy School. **Thanks** to all the parishioners who participate in this program! Questions, call Tom or Charlene Dunphy, 782-6036.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: God wants us to be just and right.

Question for Children: In what specific ways do you share with the poor from what you have been given?

Questions for Youth: Who are the people you have met who are against you? Are there people who persecute you because of your faith? How do you treat these people?

Question for Adults: In today's worldwide community, who are the rich and what does God want of them?



SPECIAL INVITATIONS

The First Christian Church, 301 E. Townline, invites all ladies to a salad luncheon, Thursday, October 8th, 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP to 782-5511.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

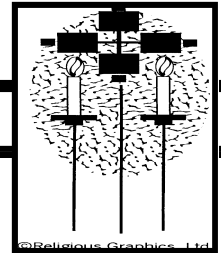
Oct. 3/4	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Steve Heffern Phyllis Allen	Bill Mullin Virginia Aguilar
E. Minister	Alice Reed Bob Miller Lisa Miller	Randy & June Huewe Karen Fries Tim & Linda Root
Ushers	D. & B. Baker T. & C. Sevier L. & MJ. Dorgan	L. & P. Blakesley Monte Neitzel Elaine Haines Terri Koets Sue Bissell
Servers	Olivia Hagen Devon Buls S. Hartsock	Maura Kinsella Kara Kinsella Madalyn Kinsella
Greeters	T. & C. Sevier	L. & P. Blakesley
Rosary	Bob Jansen	Mary S. McDonald
Musicians	C. Fredrickson Danna Buls	Lynn Baker Mike Peters
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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	September 30	Religious Education Classes begin, 6:15 p.m. Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	October 1	RCIA, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall



GIFTS TO GOD

September 20th tithes received \$953.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 4	10:45 a.m.
Lector	Randy Pettit
Euch. Min.	Jan Pettit, Sharon Findley, Jessica Rosener
Usher/Greet	Dan McNeill Family
Servers	Olivia Moore, Trevor Fry
Money Counters	Jerry Travis, Darren Moore

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High school classes will begin Wednesday, September 30th, 6:30 p.m., at St. Malachy School. All high school students are encouraged to attend!

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

It is time to collect Council of Catholic Women dues. This year dues will be \$5.00. You may place your \$5.00 in an envelope and mark CCW Dues and place in the collection basket or give to Patty Bradley. All Catholic women are members of the CCW. Dues are used to help with funeral dinners, sacrament and graduation receptions and other expenses.

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.

CONFESSION

Saturday, October 3rd, 8:30-9:30 a.m.