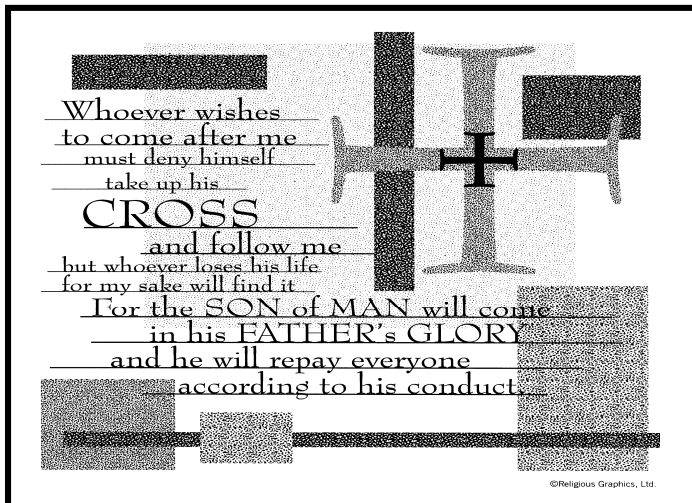


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

September 2/3, 2017

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM FR. KEN

The communion of saints is something that we hear a lot about as Catholics, but what exactly is the communion of saints? There are two different kinds of saints that we hold in the Church. There are the confirmed or canonized saints, like St. Theresa, Mary, St. Francis, etc. and then there are non-canonized saints like Aunt Barbara, those who have lived a life of faith, died in the state of grace, and thus are in heaven. We believe that anyone who is in heaven is a saint. We get the concept of saints from many places in the bible, especially in the book of Revelation where the throne of God is surrounded by his "Holy Ones" or saints. When we pray to the saints we really pray that the saints in heaven will pray and intercede for us here on earth.

One of the common complaints against Catholics by people of other faith is that we pray to the saints and thus make them like God. But, there is a difference between worship which is for God alone and honor which all of the faithful dead deserve. When we pray to and with the saints, we are asking for their intercessions and prayers and not worship them as gods. If you look at 1 Timothy 2 we see that he begins with "I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be offered for everyone." Timothy is asking us for our prayers. If we who are on earth can pray for those who are also here, why is it not possible for those who are closer to God than we are to also pray? Who better could we ask for prayers, than Mary the mother of God, who showed that she could ask her son for something and it would be done. We can ask for Mary to pray for us as well as anyone else who we are sure that is in heaven, including Saint Theresa and Aunt Barbara. We can pray for each other to be reunited one day in the communion of saints in the glory of God. Remember that all of you are in my prayers.

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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

RCIA CLASS

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. We hope to have an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) class this year. Classes begin in the fall and run through Easter.

7TH ANNUAL RURAL LIFE MASS

The 7th Annual Rural Life Mass will be held September 10th, 2:30 p.m., at the farmstead of Art and Marcia Pontier located at 1643 Hwy. 34, Osceola, Iowa (5 1/4 miles west of the intersection of I-35 and Hwy. 34 — watch for signs). Following Mass, enjoy walking tacos, home-baked treats, and displays of livestock, equipment and more! Event sponsored by St. Bernard's Parish and Fr. David Polich. For more information, contact Ken Bresnan at 515-237-5089 or kbresnan@catholiccharitiesdm.org.



SHOTGUN SHOOTERS

The 4th Annual LC Open Trap Shoot competition will be held September 9th, at the High Lakes Outdoor Alliance shooting range. Anyone 12 years of age or older is invited to participate. Competitors will be grouped by age and experience. The information/registration/rules can be acquired at the public bulletin boards of: Creston Farm and Home, Tractor Supply, and True Value. You may call Rick Ramaeker at 782-5264 for more information. Proceeds will go to the Life Care Clinic, Creston/Stuart.

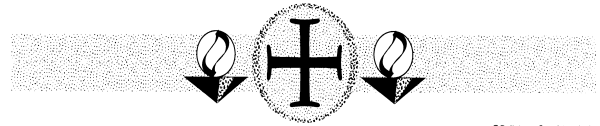
RERUN NEWS

- ◆ Come check out our homecoming dresses.
- ◆ We have several volunteers who will be on vacation. If you could volunteer an hour or two, please stop in!

HURRICANE HARVEY

Bishop Pates has asked all parishes in the Diocese to hold an emergency collection for the Gulf Coast devastated by the catastrophic Hurricane Harvey and subsequent rain that's dumped an unprecedented amount of water. Donations can be made online at dmdioocese.org/giving.cfm or you may drop a check in the collection basket next weekend or mail to the parish office. Make checks to Holy Spirit or St. Edward and we will send one check to Catholic Charities.

MASS SCHEDULE



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Monday September 4	No Adoration or Mass
Tuesday September 5	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward For those Buried at Hopeville Cemetery 1:00 p.m., Assisted Living Don and Nellie Weisshaar
Wednesday September 6	9:15 a.m., St. Malachy School Kirk Cooper
Thursday September 7	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Living and Deceased CCW Members
Friday September 8	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Edmund and Dorothy E. Baker
Saturday September 9	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Bob Ambrose
Sunday September 10	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit For the People 10:45 a.m., St. Edward Members of the John Brosnahan Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly meeting: Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

THE WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 25: Thousands and thousands of brain cells are growing in my head every day! Soon I will have billions of brain cells!

HEADSTART PROGRAM

The MATURA Preschool program (for low income households) is looking for individuals or a group sponsor to help with expenses for field trips and classroom supplies. If anyone would like to donate money or their time and talent, contact 641-745-7337.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

By his death and rising he has saved the world

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	September 4	No ReRun Sorting
Tuesday	September 5	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	September 6	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hall
Friday	September 8	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 9	ReRun Shop Closed
Sunday	September 10	Food Fair, 4:00-6:30 p.m., St. Malachy School Grounds

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$6,837.50
August 27th tithes received	\$6,626.00



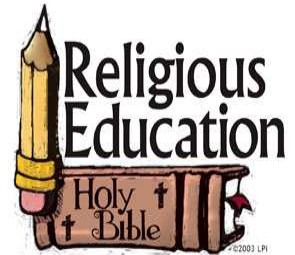
- ◆ The Annual Parish Food Fair will be held Sunday, September 10th, 4:00-6:30 p.m., at St. Malachy School ground.
- ◆ Please sell your tickets to neighbors and friends. Help us make this our best year yet!! More tickets are available at the parish office. You may return the ticket money the day of the event or place in an envelope marked "Food Fair Tickets" and place in the weekend collection basket or mail to the parish office.
- ◆ There will be kids games and live music along with fantastic food!!
- ◆ If you can help provide chicken broth, chicken cooked and deboned, or homemade egg noodles, please call Kelsey Bailey, 515-460-0496.
- ◆ Apple, cherry, and peach pies are needed, please call Shelley Bakerink, 641-202-0911, if you can help furnish pies.
- ◆ Cookies, bars, and brownies are needed, please call Lisa Miller if you can help, 641-202-2385.
- ◆ Lisa Miller is chairing the event. Please contact her at 202-2385 if you can volunteer an hour or two to help with the Food Fair.

RIDE TO MASS

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.



- ◆ Wednesday night Religious Education classes for students in grades 1-8 who do not attend St. Malachy School will begin September 13th, 6:45 p.m., at St. Malachy School. Registration will be before classes begin.
- ◆ 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. Those who have received the sacrament are not required on Confirmation class nights.
- ◆ Please call Barb Hudson, 641-348-2343 or 641-202-2064, with questions.



LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ◆ Catholic Daughters will be meeting Tuesday, September 12th, at Holy Spirit. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. with a dinner and business meeting to follow in the parish hall
- ◆ 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 PANTRY SIGN-UP SHEET

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 that day 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 9/10	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lectors	Terri Koets Pat Schlapia	Karen Fries Kelsey Bailey
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Hartsock Pat Miller Paul Somers	Paul Baker Virginia Aguilar Francis Doyle 2 Volunteers
Ushers	J. & T. Latus T. & C. Sevier Paul Johnson	Missy Sickels Family Barb Hudson Sue Bissell
Servers	Daniel Buls Sasha Wurster	Mallory Tallmon Abby Tallmon Ashlyn Baker
Greeters	J. & T. Latus	Sue Bissell Mary S. McDonald
Rosary Musicians	Ted Willets No music	Kelsey Bailey Lynn Baker Larry Rayhons
Money Counters	Syd Hudek, Bob McKee, Mary McElroy	

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: The cross is a way that leads to true life.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we each are called to follow him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

Question for Adults: Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness—the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

PRAYER TREE

If you would like to be part of the parish prayer tree or wish to place a name on the prayer tree, please email or call: Mary Wichhart, 782-2289, or dmwchhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291, or ppokorny@windstream.net.

News from St. Edward



Wednesday September 6 Devotions, 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes for PK3-8th grade will begin on Wednesday, September 20th. Class time 6:15—7:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The kick off for High School Youth Group will be Wednesday, October 4th, at St. Malachy School. 6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00-8:00 p.m. Lesson. We have a lot of fun learning and sharing our faith.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Freshmen and sophomore students preparing for Confirmation: First 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
August 27th tithes received	\$855.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	September 10
Lector	Dan Rosener
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Findley Deb Weaver-Ripperger Kathy Simmerman
Ushers	Sharon Swanson Family
Servers	Gabrielle Valencia Olivia Moore
Money Counters	Parish Council

A new schedule will be printed the end of September. Please let Sheila Brown (641-344-4718) know if there are any additions, deletions, changes that need to be made.