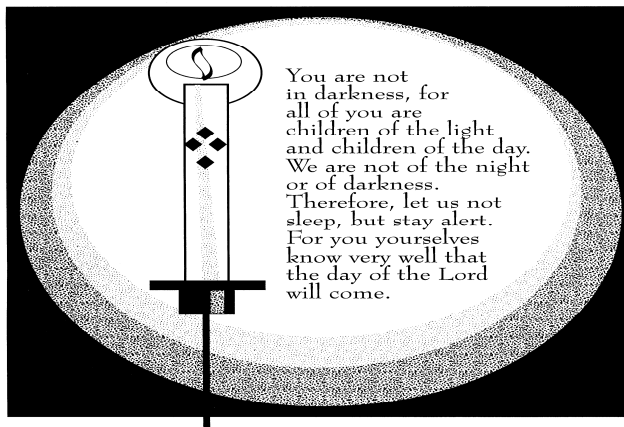


HOLY SPIRIT/ST. EDWARD

November 18/19, 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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FROM FR. KEN

This week we again celebrate a wonderful day, Thanksgiving! It officially was proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 during the Civil War, even though it had been celebrated earlier than that. It is a day in which we give thanks for the many things that we have been given. Sometimes we want to ask ourselves "What is there to give thanks for?" We live in a world that is divided in many ways, racially, economically, politically, and many other ways. We have been affected by hurricanes, fires, floods, droughts, and terrible acts of violence against each other. So again, what is there to give thanks for? While it is often easy to focus on the negative in the world because we see it every day on the news, it sometimes takes an effort to see the good in the world, but if we look for it we will see it more often than we normally do. It can be as simple as someone holding a door open for someone else at the store, giving up your own comfort for another's, or taking the time to talk and actually listen to someone else. I think that one of the biggest problems in our world today is a lack of concern for the other, we are often quick to judge the actions of others, but are oblivious to our own. We want others to hear our opinions, but we do not want to hear theirs. So, what is there to be thankful for? We have family and friends, we have life and health, we have faith and a gift of eternal life waiting for us. In the end, sin is in our world and what we can be grateful for is all of those good things that we have and most importantly, that we have a Savior who will one day bring us above all of this to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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

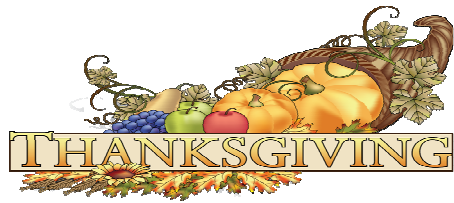
First Saturday of the month 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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



OUR EUCHARISTIC VOCATION

Eucharist: the Greek word for Thanksgiving

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we remind ourselves that all we have and all we are comes from God. As the priest prays at Mass, "It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ..." So as we celebrate this Thanksgiving Day, we not only thank God for the abundance of goods and freedoms we share as citizens, but also for the gift of God's abiding presence in our lives through the risen Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit to sanctify our world. Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Edward on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning at Holy Spirit.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

- ◆ The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th
- ◆ The ReRun Shop will be closed Friday and Saturday, November 24th and 25th
- ◆ No Mass on Friday, November 24th
- ◆ No RCIA or Rel. Ed. this week

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:

- ◆ Phyllis Schaffer, former member of Holy Spirit, and mother of Sherry Thomson
 - ◆ Craig Ford, brother of Mike (Nancy) Ford
- May they, and all who sleep in Christ, rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Katelyn (Kernen) and Bryce Hulett who were married November 4th at Holy Spirit Parish.

WEEK BY WEEK DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Week 33: I use to swim and do somersaults in here, but I can't any more. I'm too big! I weigh four and a half pounds and I am 18 inches long!

MASS SCHEDULE



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Monday November 20	Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Dan and Nellie Weisshaar
Tuesday November 21	Adoration, 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m., St. Edward Deceased Members of the John Carroll Family
Wednesday November 22	7:00 a.m., St. Malachy Chapel Leo and Donna Baker 7:00 p.m., St. Edward In Thanksgiving
Thursday November 23	8:30 a.m., Holy Spirit J. Max Powers
Friday November 24	No Mass
Saturday November 25	5:15 p.m., Holy Spirit Patricia Auffert
Sunday November 26	9:00 a.m., Holy Spirit Beth Coen 10:45 a.m., St. Edward For the People

LECTORS

The new lector workbooks are available in the sacristy. Lectors, please pick your copy up!

BULLETIN

Please have all items for the November 26th bulletin to the office by noon, Tuesday, November 21st.

CCHD DIOCESAN COLLECTION

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development was founded in 1970 by the bishops of the United States as their domestic anti-poverty program. CCHD empowers poor and marginalized people to join together and make decisions to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Envelopes are available in the back of church if you wish to give to this collection. Visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection for more information.

News from Holy Spirit Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday	November 18	ReRun Shop, 9:00 a.m.-Noon ASP Bake Sale + Soup Supper by CD of A after Mass, Hall
Sunday	November 19	ASP Bake Sale + Coffee and Rolls after Mass, Hall First Reconciliation and Potluck, 1:00 p.m., Hall
Monday	November 20	ReRun Sorting, 9:00 a.m. Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office
Tuesday	November 21	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Malachy School
Wednesday	November 22	ReRun Shop, Noon-5:00 p.m. No RE
Thursday	November 23	No RCIA Class
Friday	November 24	ReRun Shop Closed
Saturday	November 25	ReRun Shop Closed



GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 6,837.50
November 5 tithes received	\$12,964.00
November 12 tithes received	\$ 6,707.00

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

This Sunday we have several young students who are making their First Reconciliation. They will gather with their families at 1:00 p.m. for a potluck. Please keep them in your prayers.

HEAD TO THE PARISH HALL....

Check out these opportunities after the Masses this weekend:

- ◆ Appalachia Service Project Bake Sale: November 18th and 19th following Mass.
- ◆ Soup Supper by the Catholic Daughters Saturday, November 18th, following Mass.
- ◆ Coffee and Rolls by the Family Life Committee Sunday, November 19th, following Mass.

FOOD PANTRY

Workers are needed to help at the Food Pantry on Sunday, December 3rd, from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in back of church or call Mark O'Riley, 641-344-1159, if you can help.

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 dmwichhart@iowatelecom.net or Pat Pokorny, 782-4291, or ppokorny@windstream.net.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

No Religious Education Classes on Wednesday or RCIA Class on Thursday due to Thanksgiving.

IN MEMORY

In November we remember our loved ones who have died and are in the loving and merciful hands of God. We invite you to remember your loved ones by writing their name in the book located at the back of church (by the elevator).



RERUN NEWS

- ◆ Volunteers are needed on Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon at the check out counter.
- ◆ Needed: Good, used children's coats and snow-pants.
- ◆ Come check out the Christmas merchandise!!
- ◆ Volunteers are welcome during any of our open hours and Monday mornings for sorting.
- ◆ Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the ReRun Shop will be closed Friday, November 24th, and Saturday, November 25th.
- ◆ Thank you to all for your support.

ATTENTION LADIES.....

The Council of Catholic Women are collecting dues. All Catholic ladies of the parish are members of the CCW. Annual dues are \$10.00. You may mail your dues to Barb Bennett, 1476 Eagle Ave., Creston or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked "CCW Dues".

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Nov. 25/26 5:15 p.m. 9:00 a.m.
Lectors Bob Miller Kelsey Bailey
Linda Hartsock Karen Fries
Eucharistic Ministers Steve Heffern Missy Sickels
Phyllis Allen Virginia Aguilar
J. Simmons Tim & Linda Root
Terri Koets
Ushers Paul Johnson Adolfo and Fidelina
Butch Miller Saturno Family
Larry & Mary Jo Dorgan
Monte Neitzel
Joe Latus
Servers Haley Simmons Anthony Eblen
Cade Simmons Vincent Eblen
Jersey Foote
Greeters Ann Johnson Gary & Joanne Bucklin
Rosary Marsha Mohr Al Pokorny
Musicians C. Fredrickson Lynn Baker
Dan Gibbons Mike Peters
Money Counters Scott Coen, Ryan Mohr, Paul Varner
Ministers: Please find a substitute if you cannot fulfill your assignment.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 23rd, 8:30 a.m.
Volunteers are needed to fill all music and liturgical ministries.

Whoever remains
in the LORD
bears much fruit



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: Christ calls us to use our gifts for the Reign of God.

Question for Children: Name one talent or gift that God has given you and tell how you have used it.

Question for Youth: Name three talents that you have. How can you use these talents in the next week to make someone's life better?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God.

News from St. Edward

Sunday November 19 Parish Council Meeting following Mass
Wednesday November 22 No Rel. Education Classes
Thursday November 23 No RCIA Class



THE ROSARY

During the month of November Sheila Brown will lead the Rosary for All Souls before Mass beginning at 10:20 a.m.

IN MEMORY

In November we remember our loved ones who have died and are in the loving and merciful hands of God. We invite you to remember your loved ones by writing their name on the provided sheets.

CCW DUES

CCW dues are due this month. They are \$5.00. Please give to Patty Bradley or put in an envelope in the collection basket marked "CCW Dues".

MARYKNOLL MISSIONS

Next Sunday our plate collection will go toward our monthly \$100 donation to the Maryknoll Missions.

GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$844.86
November 5th tithes received	\$660.00
November 12th tithes received	\$357.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Vigil: November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Please volunteer

November 26 10:45 a.m.
Lector Retta Ripperger
Eucharistic Minister Sharon Findley
Dan Rosener
Deb Weaver-Ripperger
Ushers Dan & Carol Waigand Family
Servers Steven Fry
Trevor Fry
Money Counter Jerry Travis
Emily McNeill