



Limitless Forgiveness

What makes seven such an important number?

It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has

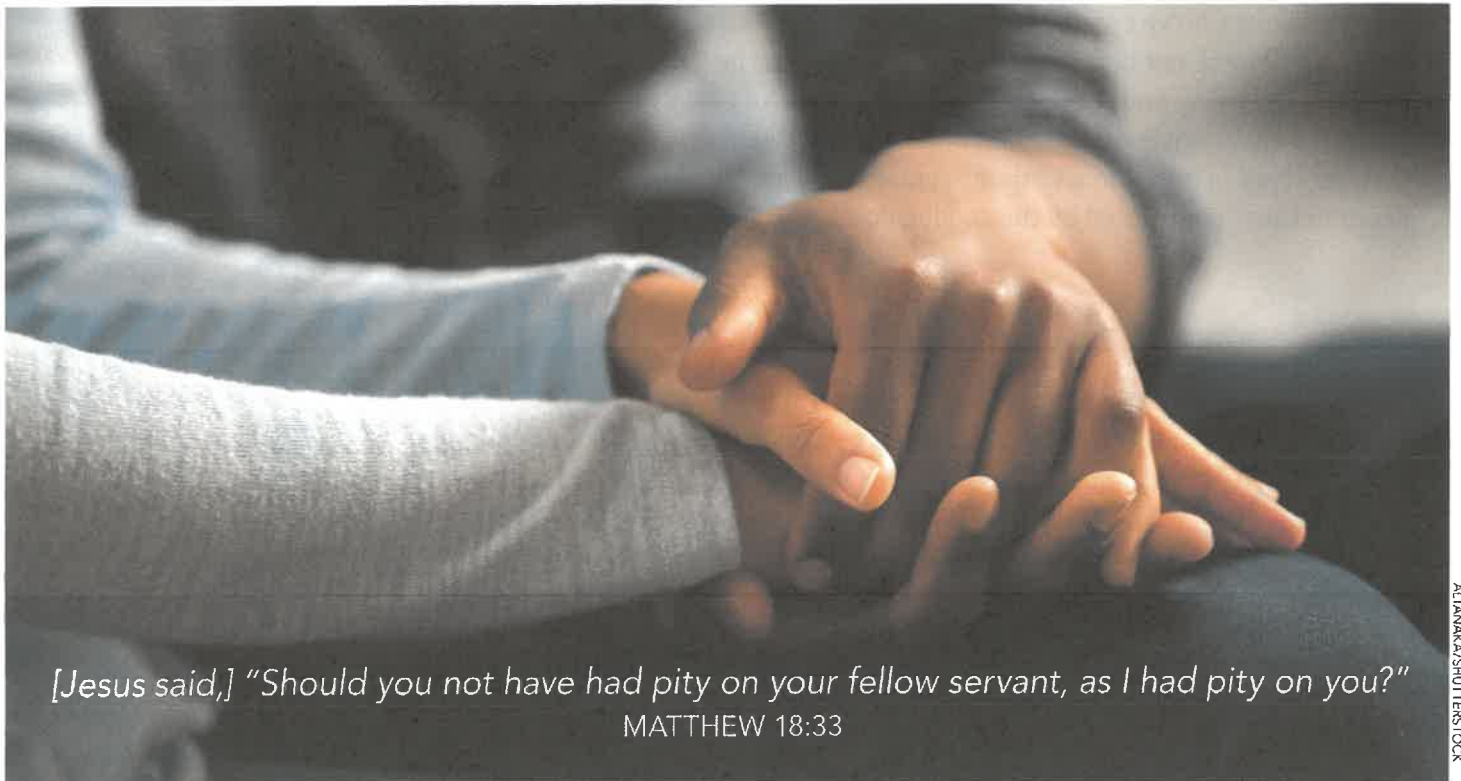
deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Say the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."
- ★ Do you carry resentment in your heart? Does clinging to it lessen its burden in any way?



[Jesus said,] "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

MATTHEW 18:33

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PARISH FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS
Sunday September 13, 2020

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Parishioners

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For complete details refer to the insert in this bulletin. Keep the students and RE Staff in your daily prayers!

Chrim Mass

The annual Chrim Mass that is usually during Holy week will Be Thursday, September 17th at 4pm and will be live streamed. The streaming address is:

<https://www.crookston.org/news/localnews/1920-2020-chrim-mass-scheduled-livestream-will-be-available>

Word AMONG US
&
Living Faith

These books are available for you to pick up for yourselves and other family members in the entry of the church, please help yourselves!

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Her office hours: **Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm**

VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

PARISH WEBSITE: www.bscgreenbush.com

Live Stream Url:

<https://ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

PARISH PHONE: 218-782-2467

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at 12 Noon

Use of Parish Facility : Call the parish office, 782-2467

BAPTISM: To present your child for baptism, please call Fr. George for an appointment.

MARRIAGES: "Congratulations" Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your Marriage. Marriage Ceremonies will be no later than **2:00pm Saturday afternoons.**

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office. We want to be part of your life.

**24th Sunday
of Ordinary
Time**

FOR THE WEEK OF September 14

Tuesday, September 15 **Live Streamed Mass**
5:30pm +Frances Johnson **Blessed Sacrament**

Wednesday, September 16 **Live Streamed Mass**
5:30pm **Blessed Sacrament**
+Healing Veronica Novacek

Thursday, September 17
5:30pm +David Koemhstedt **St. Joseph**

Friday, September 18
5:30pm +End to abortion **St. Edward**

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19
Live Streamed 5:00pm **Blessed Sacrament**
+Pat Ferraro

Sunday, September 20
Live Streamed 8:00am **Blessed Sacrament**
+Dena Pulczynski

9:45am **St. Edward**
+Birthday Blessings Solanus Cudnik

11:30am +For the People **St. Joseph**

Blessed Sacrament will be live streaming the weekday Masses and weekend Masses. Go to our webpage: www.bscgreenbush.com or use this address: <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>



please contact
Fr. George for an
appointment. 218-289-1735



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 Blessed Sacrament - Greenbush
 St. Joseph's - Middle River
 St. Edward's - Karlstad

CREED CLASS NEWS

- *Coming soon information regarding fall CREED Classes. You will be updated in the section and on our web page, so check it out often*



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Reminder: July 1st those who are CREED Volunteers, Music Ministers, Independent Contractors Employees you must do Safe Environment. go to the diocesan web site and click on the safe environment tab. Please get it done!

Blessed Sacrament St. Edward - St. Joseph Religious Education (RE) Committee

Elle Frislie	Chairperson
Mary Stauffenecker	Secretary
Jess Foss	DRE
Sarah Novacek	BSC
Rachel Lund	BSC
Tina Taus	St. Joseph
Lynette Cudnik	St. Edward

BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

Prayer Line Request.....

Ann Novacek at Home:782-2749 Cell: 218-242-0212
 Kathy Schafer at 528-3241
 Shelly Kern for email prayer request: 782-2467 office or
 Email: michellebsc@wiktel.com

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

Kristi Westlund Jessica Foss Alexis Reese
 Debra Dokken Josh Kern

St. Ann's Altar Cloth Laundry:

June -September: Elinor Koshenina

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, September 6

Fiscal Year Budget \$138,150.00

Budget as of 9/06	Received as of 9/06	Difference
\$26,567.00	\$27,977.00	\$1,410.00
Adult Stewardship:	\$3,408.00	
EFT Stewardship	\$ 850.00	
Assumption	\$ 5.00	

BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, 9/19 + 5pm
 Proclaimer/Prayers of
 the Faithful**

**Organist/
 Announcements**
 Sarah Novacek
Sacristan/Sanitizer

Crowd Control Usher

**Sunday, 9/20 + 8am
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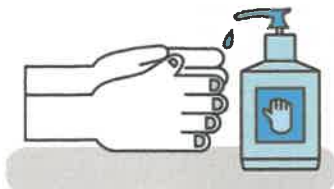
Crowd Control Usher

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU ARE
 CONFORTABLE DOING SO**

ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

Prayer Line Contact: Phyllis Blazek 222-3316

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...
Kenneth Cwikla



**USE
SANITIZER
OFTEN.....**

ST. EDWARD CORNER

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...
Lyndsey Larson Solanus Cudnik

REMEMBER TO KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE AT MASS



WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, September 6

Fiscal Year Budget \$34,500.00

Budget As of 9/06	Received as of 9/06	Difference
\$6,635.00	\$6,328.00	<\$307.00>
Stewardship:	\$618.00	

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, September 6

Fiscal Year Budget \$40,350.00

Budget As of 9/06	Received as of 9/06	Difference
\$7,760.00	\$9,279.00	\$1,519.00
Stewardship:	\$820.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 20 + 11:30am
Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful
Angie Steinhauer
Commentator
Alyssa Aune
Organist:
Cathy Erickson/Rachel Bukowski
Usher/Sanitizer
Elroy & Deb Aune

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 20 + 9:45 am
Sacristan/Usher:
Katrina Hapka
Organist:
Pat Larson
Announcements:
Kartrina Hapka
Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful:
Wayne Mooney

2020 DAA Status as of September 4

	Goal	Donated	% of Goal
BSC	13,818	17,041.00	127.06%
St Edward	4,182	2,865.00	63.37%
St Joseph	4,004	1,695.00	44.62%
Diocese Goal	900,000.00	750,678.93	83.41%

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Dear Padre,

We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church's stance on suicide?

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that "grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (*CCC* 2282).

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (*CCC* 2283).

How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who've committed suicide? Generally they're not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



HILARY SUSAN OSMAN / PEXELS

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The increase in the rates of suicide in your cities, as well as bullying and various kinds of neediness, are creating new forms of alienation....I ask you to pay special attention to [the young] and their needs. Try to create spaces...of generous and selfless love...to everyone, and not only to those who have "made it."

—MEETING WITH BISHOPS, TOKYO, NOVEMBER 23, 2019



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Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 20
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6–9
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a
Mt 20:1–16a

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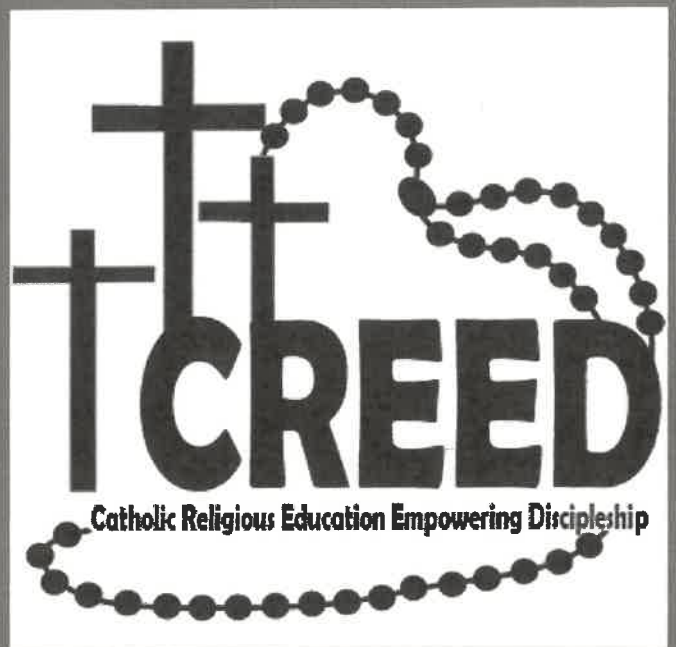
Your religious education committee
is excited to announce C.R.E.E.D.
Reimagined for fall 2020!

A safe yet interactive way to educate
and empower our students.

Register your
child(ren) by Sept. 18

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Contact Jess Foss, DRE Director with any
questions or comments
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Home
Curriculum
with weekly
Tasks

Online Mass &
Other
Livestream
Events

P E

Parish Center
Activities
including
Guest
Speakers &
Discussion

Educate in
New Exciting
Ways

Religious Education (RE) Schedule for Fall 2020

October 7	Group Activity 7:00 to 8:30 Grades 9-12 upstairs (Diocesan event) Grades 7-8 downstairs (Diocesan event)
October 14	No Meetings (MEA)
October 21 -	Group Activity 7:00 to 8:00 Grades 9-12 upstairs (Church) Grades 7-8 downstairs (Fellowship Hall)
October 28	Mass 5:30 to 6:00 Group Activity 6:00 to 7:00 Grades 4-6 upstairs Grades 1-3 downstairs
November 4	Group Activity 7:00 to 8:30 Grades 9-12 upstairs (Diocesan event) Grades 7-8 downstairs
November 11	Mass 5:30 to 6:00 Group Activity 6:00 to 7:00 Grades 4-6 upstairs Grades 1-3 downstairs
November 18	Mass 5:30 to 6:00 Group Activity 6:00 to 7:00 week) Grades 4-6 upstairs (Note: 2 in a row for Grades 4-6 and 1-3) Grades 1-3 downstairs (makes up for MEA week) 2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation – parents must attend
November 25	Thanksgiving Break - No Class
December 2	Group Activity 7:00 to 8:30 Grades 9-12 upstairs Grades 7-8 downstairs (Diocesan event)
December 9	Penance Service – 6:00 pm
December 16	“Ask Me Anything” – 7:00 to 8:30 Grades 9-12 upstairs (Diocesan event) Grades 7-8 downstairs (Diocesan event)
--- Christmas Break ---	

Greetings Families of Blessed Sacrament, St. Edward's, and St. Joseph's,

You have probably guessed from some of the surveys we've sent out and from the delay in communication that our CREED program will look different this year. We have received guidance and recommendations from the Diocese regarding what we can do and what we probably shouldn't do for our program, and because of this guidance, we are, sadly, unable to hold in-person classes for all of our students at one time as we have the past couple of years. In fact, it doesn't work for us to even have half of the kids in classroom settings at a time due to our limited space and lack of proper classrooms.

HOWEVER, there is GREAT NEWS! We are taking this opportunity to look at this year as a way to bring your child's learning and growing in the faith even deeper for your entire family.....

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Because of all the work CREED has done over the last couple of years, we already have all of our curriculum planned out with easy-to-do weekly lesson plans for each class. Some classes will have lesson books, and others have online video access along with lesson books. I encourage you to set aside an hour a week to work with your children and go through the material together as a family. Consider choosing the same time each week to keep it consistent.

Father George will continue to have daily Mass on Wednesdays at 5:30. Maybe tune in as a family before supper, enjoy a meal together, and then work on the week's lesson. A simple way to slow down and be together as a family, growing in your faith.

We also want to provide an OPTIONAL opportunity for our students to come together in a safe way that encourages dialogue but also allows for social distancing. We are, after all, human and human connection is so crucial to our lives. When we can discuss and encourage one another we grow so much more than if we're alone and isolated. While we don't have time or enough teachers to go through each class's curriculum when we meet in person, we do want to offer real information the kids can apply to their daily lives.

To allow for social distancing, we will split by grades, utilize both the fellowship hall and the main body of the church, and have group activities every other Wednesday. We are only sending the Fall Schedule at this time and will reassess before the New Year. See this for details.

Registration is due September 18th for each student. This will allow us time to get materials out to each student. Please register all children in your family ages 0 through grade 12. We have a gift for the little ones and need to know how many to order. See email or the CREED Facebook page for the registration link.

For our Elementary students, we'd like to provide group activities that suit their age groups:

- Mass at 5:30; group sessions from 6:00-7:00
- The younger 1-3 graders will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall so they have more room to spread out and have hands-on activities, games, crafts, etc. **Parents will be asked to stay so they can help their children** (this also keeps contact with outside people to a minimum).
- Grades 4-6 will meet upstairs in the church and practice social distancing measures. Adult leaders will focus on Scripture readings, teach journaling, prayer, Saints, etc.

For our High School students, we'd like to provide Youth Group-style bi-weekly gatherings:

- Mass offered at 5:30 in person or online; group sessions from 7:00-8:30
 - we'd love to have you come to Mass AND the evening event, but also understand that the time frame is off; we have to go with the time the Diocese is doing their events mentioned below.
- Grades 7-9 will meet downstairs. Adult mentors will lead discussions pertaining to current topics such as dignity and sanctity of life, racism, equality, marriage, discernment, etc. and how we can live our Catholic faith in these topics. The Diocese is also hosting monthly topic nights with well-known guest speakers that we will be participating in. You can also join these Diocesan events from home.
- Grades 10-12 will meet upstairs in the church. **Notice 12th grade is included in this- their input and participation is encouraged!** Adult mentors will lead discussions pertaining to current topics such as dignity and sanctity of life, racism, equality, marriage, discernment, etc. and how we can live our Catholic faith in these topics. The Diocese is also hosting monthly topic nights with well-known guest speakers that we will be participating in. You can also join these Diocesan events from home.

We will not be able to provide meals or snacks at these Wednesday evening events. For the Elementary kids, it is encouraged to have your child eat an early supper or snack before the 5:30 Mass, honoring the 1 hour fast, and then maybe a snack again after you get home. For the older kids, eat between Mass and the evening event, or simply come to the evening events after you eat supper at home.

Sacramental Prep:

Father George will check in monthly with students preparing for **1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion**. The program for this is all online and has an excellent book to go along with the videos. The program for 1st Reconciliation will need to be completed by the end of November to receive the Sacrament before Christmas. The program for 1st Communion will need to be completed by Easter. The date is set for April 24/25th for 1st Communion.

Confirmation students will follow the weekly syllabus for the Chosen program. Families are encouraged to do this program and discuss the content together. It is encouraged that the Confirmation students choose sponsors soon and set up monthly meetings with their sponsors to talk about what they are learning. Father and Jess Foss will be checking in with these students.

The CREED Committee is looking forward to assisting you and your family in this pandemic-style family faith formation! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

Blessings,
 Jess Foss
 218-556-6090
 jessicafoss14@gmail.com

Sunday, September 13th Announcements

- The new CREED HOPE RE program information is in our bulletin. Please refer to the information and register your families for this exciting new program we will be offering.
- There are Word Among Us and Faith Living booklets available for you to take home. They are on the information tables in the entry of our churches.
- The annual Chrism Mass that is usually during Holy week will be Thursday, September 17th at 4pm and will be live streamed. The streaming address is listed on the front page of the bulletin.
<https://www.crookston.org/news/localnews/1920-2020-chrism-mass-scheduled-livestream-will-be-available>
- Shelly Kern will be out of the office Thursday & Friday, September 17th & 18th
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