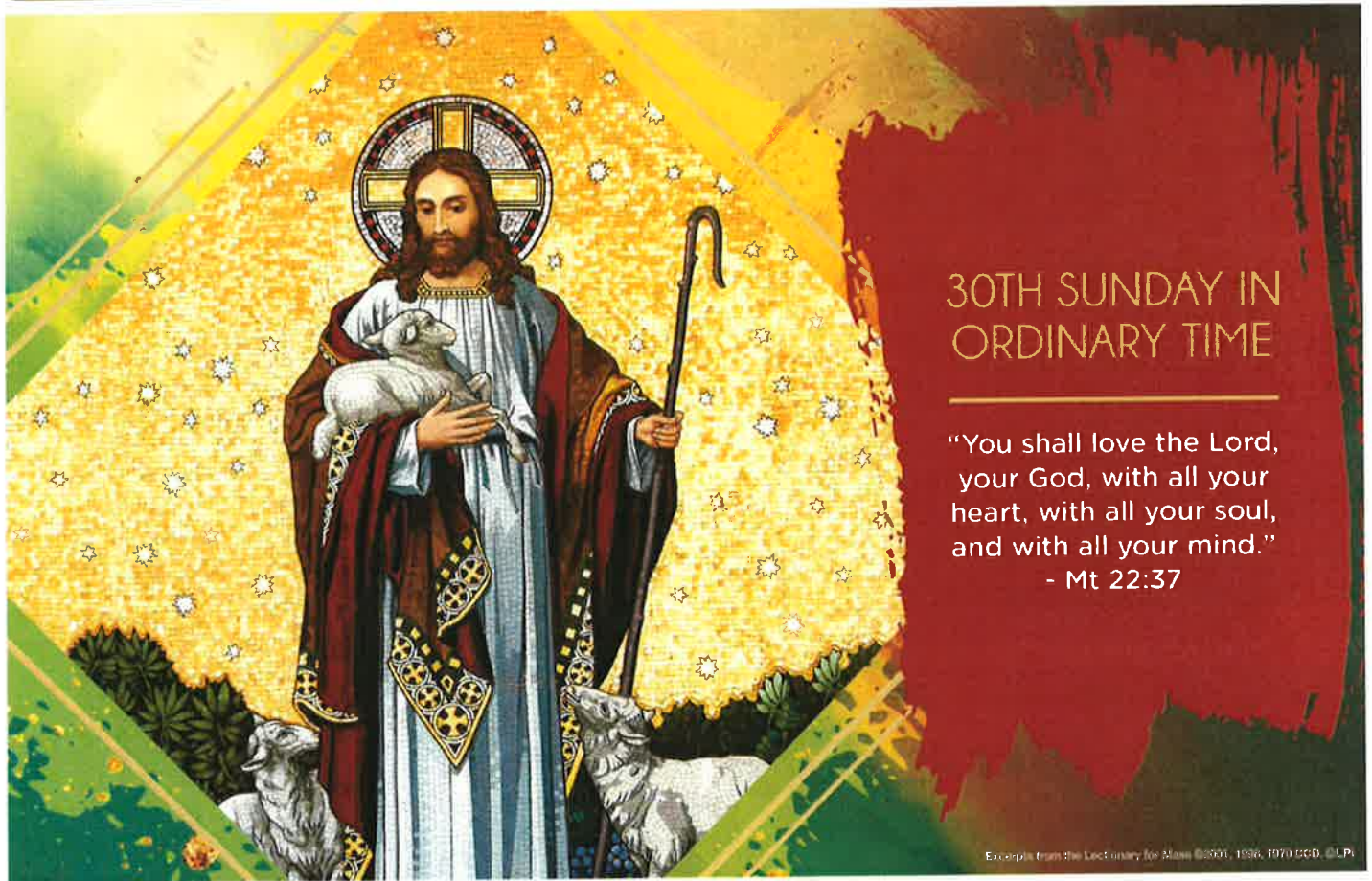


OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

AS A CHRISTIAN FAMILY HOLY SPIRIT AND ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES ARE COMMITTED TO TEACHING THE GOSPEL VALUES OF JESUS – LOVE, JUSTICE AND MERCY. THE SHARING OF THE EUCHARIST AND SACRAMENTS ENABLE US TO LIVE OUR FAITH AND BE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS IN OUR FAMILY, OUR PARISH AND OUR COMMUNITY.



Holy Spirit and St. Edward Catholic Churches

Holy Spirit: 107 W Howard St., Creston, IA 50801
St. Edward: 104 W Union St., Afton, IA 50830

Parish Office: 406 W Clark St., Creston, IA
641-782-5278

www.holyspiritcreston.com

St. Malachy School: 403 W Clark St., Creston



Welcome! We are glad you are here. If you are new to our parish family, please call the parish office or pick up a packet at the church entrance. We would love to get to know you better!

SACRAMENTS & PRAYER

Mass

Monday: 6 PM, Holy Spirit (HS)
Tuesday: 9 AM, St. Edward (SE)
Wednesday: 9:15 AM, St. Malachy School
Saturday: 5 PM, Holy Spirit
Sunday: 9 AM, HS, & 10:45 AM, SE

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 5 PM, Holy Spirit
Tuesday: 8 AM, St Edward

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15–4:45 PM, Holy Spirit
Sunday: 8:15–8:45 AM, Holy Spirit
1st Sunday of Month after Mass, St. Edward
And by Appointment

Rosary

30 minutes before Sat/Sun Mass at Holy Spirit

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 | GLORY & PRAISE HYMNAL, YEAR A, #940

I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGHT.



WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT

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Holy Spirit Pastoral Council:
Casie Klejch (Chair), Alisha Stehr (Secretary), Dennis Purdum, Levi Evans, Kelsey Bailey, Benita Brightwell, AJ Warner, & Anita Studer

Holy Spirit Finance Council:
Jason Kinsella (Chair), Kim Baker, Dan Rosener, Hanna Baker, & Mike Moffitt

Knights of Columbus:
Jake Williamson (Grand Knight)
Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Brenda Strauss (Regent)
CCW: Barb Bennett

COMING UP

Oct 25, OCIA, 8AM, HS
Oct 25, Family Retreat (Elementary students and families) 9–Noon AM, HS
Oct 27, St. Malachy School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, STM
Oct 27, Crest Area for Life, Annual meeting, 6:30 PM, Abundant Life Church (500 S Oak St.)
Oct 31, Knights of Columbus Candle Ceremony, 5 PM, HS

Nov 1, All Saints' Day
Nov 4, Family Faith Night w/STM Teachers and Advent Activities, 5:30 PM, STM
Nov 4, KofC meeting, 7 PM, HS Hall
Nov 7, Baptism of T. Brown during Mass
Nov 10, CDA Mass & Meeting, 5:30 PM, HS

Knights of Columbus Candle Ceremony

Families who have lost a loved one during the past year are invited to attend the All Souls Day Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 31st. The Knights of Columbus will honor and pray for those from Holy Spirit and St. Edward who have entered eternal life during the past year. A candle will be purchased and lit for each person, and their names will be read during the Mass.

Jack Bakerink, John Becker, Jim Bradley, Marlene Cihak, Bob & Regina Day, Ronda Katzer, Bob Kerrigan, Mary McElroy, Audrey McManus, Christopher Somers, and Paul Somers

All Souls Day is a traditional Catholic time of prayer for all the departed souls. If you would like to remember other family members or friends, please write their names in the prayer book at the back of the church.

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule

	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday October 24 5 PM	Alice Reed			Youth Cantor Linda	A Reed Volunteers	C Klejch	S Hudek and Friends	P Johnson T & K Freml T & C Seiver	Alice Reed
Sunday October 25 9 AM	Dan Rosener	Benita Brightwell	S Hudek B McKee	Lynn Londyn	B Brightwell B Miller Volunteer	H Rogers L Rogers R Baird	Jen Strunk Family	Kim & Scott Coen Family	Benita Brightwell

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun, Oct 25, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Barb & Herb Savage
Sun, Oct 25, 2026	SE, 10:45 AM	Larry Cimock
Mon, Oct 26, 2026	HS, 6 PM	Marshall & Agnes Fredrickson
Tue, Oct 27, 2026	SE, 9 AM	Eddie, Dorothy, & Jimmy Peak
Wed, Oct 28, 2026	STM, 9:15 AM	Joanne Moffitt
Thu, Oct 29, 2026	No Mass	No Mass - Priest Day Off
Fri, Oct 30, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Frank Ripperger
Sat, Oct 31, 2026	HS, 5 PM	For the People of our Parish
Sun, Nov 1, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Rose Sondgeroth
Sun, Nov 1, 2026	SE, 10:45 AM	Jim & Sherry Bradley

Starting Nov. 1st, the church will be locked up around 5 PM!

**We still need more volunteers
for Wednesday evenings!**

Message Leah to help

Religious Education Dates

No RE October 28

November 4th Family Faith Night

Elementary through High School at St Malachy

November 11 & 18: Normal Class Nights

2nd through 8th at STM, High School at Holy Spirit



October Pope's Prayer Intentions

For mental health ministry:
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Deanery Events



Scan for Deanery events.

HS CCW Dues

HS CCW dues are \$10. Please drop in the plate or mail dues to Barb Bennett, 1476 Eagle Ave, Creston, 50801. Contact Barb (641-202-2602) for questions or more ways to get involved!

Prayer List

Please pray for: Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Janet Wuebker, Susan Kosman, Jean Mikkelsen Miller, Joe Latus, Denise McGrew, Sarah Amedeka, Mary Halligan John, Betty Bradley, Meg Crawford, Kinsey Nicholson and a man with brain tumor.

Sacrificial Giving

Holy Spirit relies on donations from all parishoners. Thank you for supporting our parish and our missions! Scan the QR code to start giving today. Questions? Contact Michelle Moore at 641-782-5278



CREST AREA FOR LIFE

Local Pro-Life Organization in
Creston, Iowa & Surrounding Area



OCTOBER 27, 2026



**6:30 PM (DOORS OPEN &
REFRESHMENTS)
GUEST SPEAKER @ 7 PM**



**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
(500 S OAK ST., CRESTON, IOWA)**



(ENTER NE DOORS)



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**"LIFE IS A GIFT, AND EVERY LIFE
IS A GIFT OF GOD." - POPE FRANCIS**

WE NEED YOU TO BE ACTIVE



AGENDA



**GUEST SPEAKER:
MINDY KAUFMAN,**
Clinic Manager for
the LC Clinic's
Creston Location



**ELECTION OF
OFFICERS**



**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED**



CONTACT BETTY BAKER FOR MORE INFORMATION 641-202-2836

Introducing the Parish Comfort Care Ministry

Holy Spirit Parish

No one should have to walk through life's hardest moments alone.

Holy Spirit Parish is excited to introduce our new **Comfort Care Ministry**, created to offer compassion, support, and a helping hand to parishioners experiencing difficult or life-changing circumstances. Whether facing the sudden loss of a loved one, miscarriage, divorce, the loss of a child, terminal illness, a serious accident, or other unexpected life challenges, we want you to know that our parish family cares.

Sometimes, the smallest acts of kindness can make the biggest difference. Our ministry hopes to provide practical and emotional support through preparing meals, bringing Holy Communion, offering rides, helping with light household tasks, visiting, or simply being present to listen and pray with those who are struggling.

We Are Looking for Volunteers!

If you feel called to share your time and talents, we invite you to sign up to help with meals, transportation, household assistance, visits, or other acts of kindness as needs arise. You do not need to make a large commitment — even a small act of service can bring comfort and hope to someone in need.

*As a parish family, we are called to walk alongside one another in both joyful and difficult times. Through the Comfort Care Ministry, we hope to share Christ's love by offering a caring presence, a helping hand, and the reminder that **you are never alone.***

To request support or volunteer, please contact:

Alisha Stehr — 641-247-1920

Holy Spirit Parish — Comfort Care Ministry



Holy Spirit Pastoral Council (HSPC) Summary May 19, Aug 18 & Sept 15, 2026

Leadership & Governance

- Election of Officers (Sept):
 - Chairperson: Casie Klejch (Term extended 2026–2029)
 - Secretary: Alisha Stehr
- Pastoral Priorities Alignment: Each member will present an action plan and monthly progress report. Focus area: Bereavement, Homebound, Community Apostolate, & Hospitality. The Bereavement committee plans to meet in October.
- DRE & Youth Ministry Position: A search/interview committee was formed to update job descriptions and conduct interviews. Four candidates applied.

Capital Projects & Finance

- Old Rectory Demolition is scheduled for winter/spring break, or summer of 2027

Past & Upcoming Parish Events & Liturgies

- Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession (June 7, 2026): Theme: Pathway of Faith.
- Consecration & Pastoral Intern (June 22 – Aug 23, 2026): Seminarian Luke Mohan served his pastoral internship. A Mass for Consecration of the Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was held June 22. Farewell Mass held Aug 23.
- Summer Youth & Community Events:
 - Parish Picnic & Pickleball: June 28 at McKinley Park.
 - Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 29 – July 3.
 - Community Summer Block Party: July 17 (Cattlemen grilled, live Christian band, bounce house).
 - Guest Speaker Dr. Karlo Broussard: July 22 on Living Life to the Fullest.
- Special Masses & Pastoral Blessings:
 - Pet Blessing: Oct 11, 2026 (Church parking lot).
 - Vocations & Religious Life: Nov 8, 2026
 - Healthcare Workers & Healing: Feb 7, 2027
 - Farmers: April 11, 2027

Community Outreach & Organizations: Knights of Columbus

- Grand Knight Update (Jake Williamson, Sept):
- Events: Tootsie Roll Drive (Oct 2–4), Teacher Breakfast (Oct 4), Lenten Fish Fry.
- Volunteering & Growth: Members volunteer at Rerun; welcomed 3 new KC members
- Meetings held 1st Wednesday of each month in the church basement

Upcoming Parish Retreats:

- Advent Retreat: Led by John Gaffney on December 9, 2026 (2 hours).
- Lenten Retreat: Led by Theresa Romens on February 22, 2027 (6:30–8:00 PM).

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacrificial Giving



St. Edward relies on donations from all parishioners. Thank you for supporting our parish and our missions! Scan the QR code to start giving today. Questions? Contact Michelle Moore at 641-782-5278. We prefer recurring online giving, but if you still receive annual box envelopes in the mail, they will be ready in end of November. We are in the process of updating our church registry. If you have not given either by check, tithing envelope, or online giving within the past 5 years, you will not receive tithing envelopes, unless you call the parish office and request them. This will reduce cost on unused envelopes.



St Edward Youth: Gather around the fire and retire outdated church items after Mass this Sunday, Oct. 25th.

LOVE

"You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with
all your mind."

MATTHEW 22:37

 Students First ESA

FALL APPLICATION WINDOW
OPEN UNTIL

New students may receive \$4,074
for tuition in the second half of
the 2026-2027 school year.



Apply online at
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St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday October 25	RE Students	Kathy Simmerman Ellie Fry Volunteer	RE Students	Blaine Pettit David Friday	Diane Ide Adley Grandfield	Volunteers	Ally Lacina *Summers Family
Sunday November 1 All Saints	Cyler Wuebker	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Bill & Stephanie Summers Family		Emily Adair	Monica Zorn & Volunteer	Monty & Diane Ide

PARISH CONTACTS

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SE Youth Ministry:
Stephanie Summers 641-347-2191

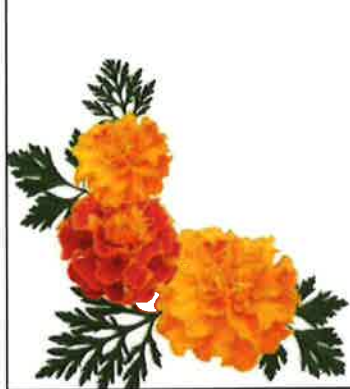
St. Edward Cemetery Sexton:
Eric Ripperger 641-344-2034

Pastoral/Finance Council:
Randy Wuebker (Chair),
Jeanne Bryson (Secretary),
Dan Waigand, Tim Warkne,
Ally Lacina, and Monica Zorn

The church is locked during the week. Please make appointments through the Parish Office at 641-782-5278.



Saint Edward PARISHIONERS



In celebration of Dia de los Muertos, add photos of your loved ones to our ofrenda (altar/offering) in the narthex. Friends, family members, and pets who have died and you wish to remember and honor. You can pick your pictures back up November 8th.

Mandatory Training

For New Altar Servers

October 25

3-4pm Sunday afternoon.
Fr. Patrick will focus this session on the Catechesis..
Parent attendance is mandatory.

November 15

3-4pm Sunday afternoon.
Fr. Patrick will focus this session on the Liturgy of the Eucharist..

November 8

3-4pm Sunday afternoon.
Fr. Patrick will focus this session on Liturgy of the word.

St. Edward Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting Minutes of August 2026

St Edward Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Aug. 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Randy Wuebker at 11:55 am in the church basement.

Guest speaker: Sydney Sorensen, Director of Religious Education, presented changes in the Confirmation process. The Diocese is moving the Confirmation age from 10th grade down to 6th grade. The formation will be at St. Edward and the students will also attend religious education at the same time. Confirmation will still take place at Holy Spirit. The Council supports this decision.

Approval of May 17 meeting minutes: Dan made the motion to approve, Tim seconded. Motion passed. Council thanked Stephanie Summers for her contributions as she leaves the Council. We welcomed Monica Zorn as a new Council member. Dan will serve a second term.

Old business: Election of 2026/2027 officers. Randy Wuebker will continue as President, and Jeanne Bryson will continue as Secretary. A new trustee is needed. Council suggested four names to Father Patrick. Updating In remembrance plaque. Jeanne received a list of donor names from Michelle Moore and will contact the trophy shop in Creston about creating labels.

Sound System for outdoor mass. Ally confirmed that we have secured use of the sound system from the city for the St. Therese Outdoor Mass. The need for an ongoing sound technician was not addressed.

Parish Sesquicentennial. Jeanne stated she plans on having a meeting in the fall after school starts.

New Business: Approval of End Year Financials June 30, 2026 Financial Reports SE & Paul VI. These documents also include FY26 Annual Financial Report Survey. Dan made the motion to approve, Tim seconded. Motion passed. Council members signed affirmation page. Ally's signature is still needed. Memorial Account update. June 30th Balance was \$23,329.00. Regina Pettit and the Pettit family have designated \$14,000 of that balance to "As the family wishes." Remaining balance listed as undesignated memorial funds.

Pastoral: Deacon Luke Mohan Farewell Mass. His last Mass at St. Edward will be August 23rd. Council discussed possible gifts. Monica will price thermal mugs and speak with Deacon Luke about his interests. Randy, as Council President, will present the gift after Mass. CCW will provide lunch.

Parish Feast Day & St. Therese Celebration (Oct. 4th) Council discussed how to celebrate or commemorate St. Edward's feast day. Monica will search online for St. Edward holy cards. The idea was suggested of purchasing a St. Edward statue to be unveiled on our Sesquicentennial. The St. Therese Mass will be the same as previous years.

Emily Adair does decorations, and the religious education kids and other volunteers help set up before Mass. Monica will speak with Emily and Sydney Sorensen to confirm.

Deanery update. Deanery priests and Bishop Joensen will meet at St. Edward on September 2nd. Meal will be at El Ranchito.

Paul VI Joint Discussion between SE & HS. No date has been set. Hopefully meeting can happen in the fall.

Safety/Building & Grounds Updates

- Facia and soffit repairs completed on Rectory
- Randy will ask Darren Moore about checking fire extinguishers in church and rectory.
- Council reviewed product from 3M and National Glazing Solutions: security window film, which is designed to delay forced entry by holding the glass together. Council decided it was not needed at St. Edward.
- Council reviewed: 1) bid from J&J Plumbing to install heat run into Confessional and 2) quote from J&J to install three wifi thermostats in Church. Tim made the motion to approve, Monica seconded. Motion approved.

Other

- Council members signed up as money counters for the next fiscal year.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1 pm. The next meeting will be Oct. 18th.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Bryson

Question: Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer: The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first! ©LPi

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Matthew 22:34-40 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GREATEST
LAW
LOVE

LORD
HEART
SOUL

MIND
NEIGHBOR
YOURSELF

T	R	E	W	A	H	C	I	H	C	E
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MISSION

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.

Love God First

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor. "After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion." Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar. Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God. Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God. If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous. For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine). We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace some of the other people. Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people. ©LPi



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