

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

Sept 5/6th, 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #919

23rd Sunday of Ordinary

Saint Edward Catholic Church (104 W. Union St., Afton, IA 50830)

<https://www.saintedwardafton.com>

Upcoming Events

Sept 6, Children/Youth Blessing & Confessions after Mass, SE

Sept 13, St. Edward Religious Education Kick Off, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory

Sept 13, Baptism Prep, Noon, SE Hall
(Preregistration required by Sept. 6th)

Sept 13, Seminarians Special Collection Weekend

Sept 20, Catechetical Sunday

Sept 20, St. Edward Religious Education, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory

Sept 27, Missionary Cooperative Appeal – Diocese of Jackson. Mass celebrated w/ Msgr. Elvin Sunds

Sept 27, NET Retreat (All 6th-12th graders), Free, Required for Confirmation, 9AM-3 PM, HS

Oct 4, Parish Feast Day (St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Edward), Outdoor Mass

Oct 4, Confessions after Mass, SE

Oct 7, SE CCW, 6:30 PM, SE Hall

Oct 18, SE PC/FC meeting, after Mass

Weekend Masses/Confessions Celebrated with Fr. Ignatius

Sept 5 Sat Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)
5 PM Mass, HS
For the People of our Parish

Sept 6 Sun Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)
9 AM Mass, HS
Joe Aguilar

10:45 AM Mass, SE
Eddie, Dorothy, & Jimmy Peak
Confessions after Mass

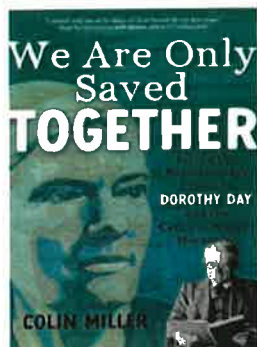
Sept 9 Wed **9:15 AM STM Mass, Gym**
Joe Donahoo

Sept 12 Sat Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)
5 PM Mass, HS
For the People of our Parish

Sept 13 Sun Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)
9 AM Mass, HS
Dorothy and Edmund Baker

10:45 AM Mass, SE
Lily Ripperger

2026 ADA	# Families supporting ADA	Gifts Received & Pledges	% ADA Goal Reached
St. Edward Goal \$13,231	30	\$ 10,855	82%



WHO IS YOUR COMMUNITY IN YOUR LIFE PROJECT
OF BEING A CHRISTIAN?

Saint Edward

Youth

“The Gospel had become our social fabric, and our community was solid because it was not grounded in feelings or in liking certain people, but in being necessary to one another’s life project of being Christians.”

St. Edward Ministry Schedule							
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday September 6	Alex Pettit	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Jeanne Bryson & Kathy Simmerman	Manny Lara Adam McNeill	Emily Adair	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Eric & Deb Ripperger
Sunday September 13	Randy Pettit	Kathy Simmerman Ellie Fry Volunteer	Jim & Shayla Findley Family	Quinn Pettit Libby Friday	Shayla Findley	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Eric & Deb Ripperger

St. Edward Catholic Church

Faith & Community Highlights of

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

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Spiritual Formation: Lenten Stations of Cross & Rosary, Advent/Lenten Days of Reconciliation & Monthly Confession, Sunday & Weekday Mass, Weekly Adoration

Growing our Church Family: Women's Book Club, Outdoor Mass, Faith Formation Nativity. Commissioning Altar Servers, Guest Speaker: Patty Origer with Disability Ministry, R.E. Easter Egg Hunt, Quinceañera Mass, & Deanery Sacred Heart Votive Mass

Outreach: Knights of Columbus (KC) Fish Fry, CCW Christmas Gift Card and Tin Drive, Supporting Maryknoll Missionaries

Building Updates: Installation of windows in the basement and updated & painted basement walls. New Presider, Con-celebrant chairs, & altar server chairs

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July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 Statistics	
Infant Baptism	1
First Holy Communion	3
Confirmation	3
Marriage	0
OCIA	0
Registered Households	82
Tithing Families	40
Deaths	4
Religious Education (2 yr olds-8th Grade)	18
New Parishioner Families	0

St. Edward Pastoral & Finance Council



Chairperson:
Randy Wuebker
2027



Stephanie
Summers
2026



Dan
Waigand
2026



Jeanne
Bryson
2027



Tim Warnke
2028



Ally Lacina
2028

Calvary Catholic Cemetery Board in Afton



Eric Ripperger



Doug Pettit



Dennis Smith

St. Edward Trustees



Sharon
Swanson



Austin
Sorensen

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

help with special events for our parish. During 2025-2026 we supported the St Therese of Lisieux Celebration, provided meals and activities for families during Advent and Lent, and popcorn tins, gift cards to ASPIRE for needy families, & Sacred Heart Mass meals w/ El Ranchito. As always, we provide funeral luncheons to parish families. CCW meetings are generally, the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited. Contact Georgia Pettit at (641)-202-3956.

Knights of Columbus is a national Catholic men's organization that promotes various projects in the parish and community. Enjoy events like Lenten Fish Fry's and Tootsie roll drives. St. Edward meetings are as needed. Contact Darren Moore (641-344-8350) for St. Edward KC.

St. Edward's End Year Financial Report

St. Edward, Afton Statement of Financial Position

Assets	6/30/2026	6/30/2025	6/30/2024
Cash	\$85,749	\$84,180	\$78,414
Restricted - Memorial	\$23,329	\$23,277	\$23,192
Restricted - CCW	\$1,911	\$3,122	\$4,023
Restricted - CD - Church	\$71,961	\$65,441	\$65,441
Restricted - Cemetery	\$54,223	\$51,928	\$50,319

St. Edward Parish, Afton

Statement of Activities: June 30, 2026

	YTD Actual	Budget	Last YTD
Sunday Envelope	\$52,385	\$58,839	\$56,243
Other Income/Bequests	\$13,397	\$8,550	\$7,375
Ignite Funds (Capital Improvements) & ADA Refund	\$8,346	\$4,592	\$7,633
Cemetery Income	\$5,676	\$2,825	\$4,909
Plate	\$4,132	\$4,000	\$4,359
Second Collections	\$2,703	\$3,150	\$3,344
Religious Education/YM	\$2,215	\$1,500	\$6,000
Total Operating Income:	\$88,853	\$83,456	\$89,863
Interparish Assessment to Paul VI	\$40,668	\$40,663	\$31,378
Parish Operating Expense	\$16,626	\$17,164	\$15,686
Religious Education & Youth Ministry	\$15,866	\$16,479	\$9,725
Parish Repairs/Remodeling	\$8,396	\$6,325	\$186
Cemetery	\$3,380	\$2,825	\$3,300
Total Operating Expense:	\$84,936	\$83,456	\$60,275
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,917		\$29,588

Legacy Gifts: Add us to your will and estate plan.

We are so grateful for your prayers and gifts. You can also make a "Legacy gift"-listing St. Edward in your will and estate plan. After a lifetime of giving, you can ensure that our mission continues for generations to come. Below is a sample of "Bequest Language" for your will and estate plan to assist you, your family and your attorney:

Bequest a specific dollar amount: I hereby, give, devise and bequeath [\$Dollars] to St. Edward Parish – a non-profit organization located at 104 W Union St., Afton, IA 50801 with a mailing address of 406 W Clark St, Creston, IA 50801

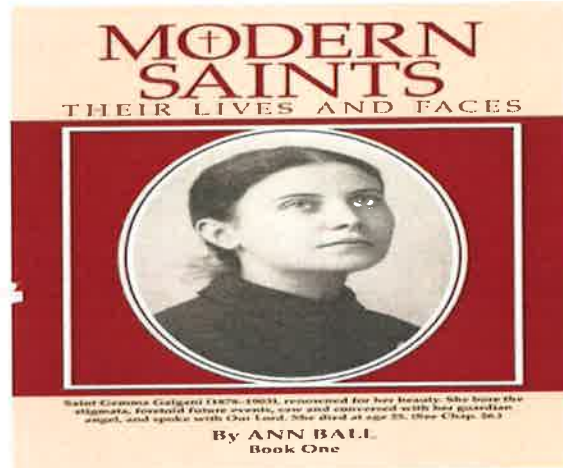
IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.



Saint Edward BOOK CLUB



**Mondays
6:30-8pm
Starting
10/19**



**Interested? Want
more
information?
Contact
Stephanie
Summers
641-347-2191**



Come read our next book with us!

We'll eat together, talk about the saints we're reading about (more than 50 over the course of the book!), and grow in friendship. Come for a few meetings, come for them all. We'd love to have you!

Saint Edward Youth (6th-12th Grades)



Upcoming Service Opportunities

Sept: Drink Drive
Oct: Retiring liturgical items
Nov: Food Drive
Dec: Visit elderly/homebound

Upcoming Events/Activities

Sept:
Oct: Dia de los Muertos
Nov:
Dec: Live Nativity w/RE