

Holy Spirit St. Edward Catholic Churches

Aug 30/31st, 2025

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.



Are you new to the area or new to our parish? Let us know by filling out a Registration Form (yellow envelope) at the back of the church and place it in the plate collection **OR** scan the QR code. You are always welcome here! ¿Eres nuevo en la zona o nuevo en nuestra parroquia? Háznoslo saber llenando un Formulario de Registro (sobre amarillo) en la parte trasera de la iglesia y colócalo en la canasta de recolección O escanea el código QR. ¡Siempre eres bienvenido aquí!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday Aug 30	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the People of our Parish
Sunday Aug 31	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Irma Miller 10:45 AM Mass, SE Dannel Ripperger
Monday Sept 1	8 AM Labor Day Mass, HS Larry Cimock
Tuesday Sept 2	Adoration 8 AM 9 AM Mass, SE Martha (Mattie) Anglum
Wednesday Sept 3	9:15 AM Mass, STM School Virginia Boden
Thursday Sept 4	No Mass
Friday Sept 5	No Mass
Saturday Sept 6	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the People of our Parish
Sunday Sept 7	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Joe Aguilar 10:45 AM Mass, SE Leonard Pettit and son, Steve Pettit Confessions after Mass



Please pray for: Alisha Stehr, Denise McGrew, Lara Anderson, Dawn Dickinson, Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Pat Schlapia, Dottie Dunphy, Kyle Rowan and Monica Zorn.

Fr. Stephen Werekoh will be visiting us in Afton and Creston from August 23 - September 23, 2025



I am Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Werekoh, the Priest-in-Charge of Christ the King Rectorate in the Archdiocese of Cape Coast, Ghana. I also serve as Prison Chaplain for Awutu Camp Prison in Ghana. As well, I am a Lecturer dedicated to academic excellence and moral formation and

a passionate farmer promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development. My ministry blends pastoral care, intellectual leadership, and practical service, reflecting my commitment to faith, knowledge, and community transformation. I feel excited to vacation with you in Union County, Iowa, particularly at St. Edward Church in Afton, Holy Spirit Church in Creston, and St. Malachy School in Creston.

GOD, IN YOUR GOODNESS, YOU HAVE MADE A HOME FOR THE POOR.



Men's Stag & Fr. Stephen's 14th Anniversary

The Knights of Columbus (KC) Fall Men's Stag will be Wednesday, September 3rd starting at 5:30 PM at Dennis Kinsella's 3189 150th Street, Creston. **All men of Holy Spirit and St Edward parishes are invited to attend.** Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Have fun and get to know your brothers in Christ. After the meal, there will be a short KC meeting. Pork loin and beverages will be provided by the council. Contact Perry (641.344.3289) for more info. Also, Fr. Stephen Werekoh will grace the occasion on the 14th Priestly Anniversary.

Also mark your calendars for other future events hosted by KC:

- Sept 23, Helping with Open Table
- Sept 28, KC breakfast-fundraiser for STM Teachers
- Sept 26/27/28 Tootsie Roll Drive



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

begins this Fall. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Patrick if you are an adult over seven years old and have never been baptized, Confirmed, or received the Eucharist. If you know of anyone who like to become Catholic, ask them to reach out to Fr. Patrick as soon as possible.

LC Clinic Quarterly Newsletter Highlights:

- Valuing all human life, LC Clinic offers hope to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, healing to those who have experienced abortion, & Truth to our community through abstinence education by demonstrating the love of Christ through spiritual, physical and emotional support.
- The Baby Bottle Boomerang raised \$15,011.95. LC Clinic clients will received practical help (diapers, wipes, and baby care items.) while also received the real Hope offered only through Jesus.
- Volunteers need for Peer Counselors, Receptionists, Education facilitators in Creston, Stuart and Atlantic. Contact info@iowalcclinic.org 641.782.2150 if you can help.

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule									
Date	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday August 30 5 PM	Phyllis Allen	Marsha Mohr		L. Taylor D. Dunphy	M Mohr D Schulte P Allen	C Butler B Studer	C Dunphy C Mansour	P Johnson T & K Freml T & C Seiver	Steve Heffern
Sunday August 31 9 AM	Karen Struble	Virginia Aguilar	S Hudek B McKee	L. Baker D. Gibbons	K Struble V Aguilar F Doyle	K Knutstrom N Wagner H Wulf L Wulf	D & M Wulf Family	L & K Evans Family	Adam Baker
Saturday September 6 5 PM	Phyllis Allen	Ted Willets		L. Taylor H Rogers	Volunteer P Allen P Miller	R Baird K Kruse	S O'Brien M Gammell	B Mostek Tom Dunphy J Mansour	Pat Miller
Sunday September 7 9 AM	Dan Rosener	Kelsey Bailey	A Baker L Baker Todd Dunphy	J. Schulte D. Gibbons	Bob Miller G Bucklin K Bailey	J Evans Q Evans M Keller C Ramaeker	Jen Strunk Family	R & M Baker Family	Adam Baker



We need more volunteers to take communion to the homebound. If you are able to do one day a month, please contact Virginia Aguilar at 641-340-2745.

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Coordinator of Youth/Young Adult

Ministries at HS:

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Principal for St. Malachy School:

Jennifer Simmons, 641-782-7125

**YOU ARE
Welcome Here**

Addresses

Parish Office, 406 W. Clark Street, Creston

St. Edward Church, 104 W. Union Street, Afton — *locked during the week, call the Parish Office to make an appointment*

Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

St. Malachy School & Chapel, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston

Bulletin information is due on Mondays

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Parish Office at least 1 yr before making marriage plans.

Please call the Parish Office for information on other sacraments.

O LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.

Email contact: holyspiritcreston@gmail.com

Facebook—[HolySpiritParishCreston](https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCreston)

Website: www.holyspiritcreston.com

Calendar Key: Holy Spirit (HS), St. Edward (SE), Youth Group (YG), Youth Ministry (YM), Religious Education (RE), St. Malachy School (STM), Council of Catholic Women (CCW), Knights of Columbus (KC), Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA), Pastoral Council (PC), Finance Council (FC).

Calendar of Events

Aug 31, Junior Valenzuela receives the Sacrament of Initiation
Aug 31, NYC pilgrimages planning gathering after Mass, HS
Sept 1, Labor Day: Rerun & Parish Office Closed, 8 AM Labor Day Mass, HS
Sept 2, First Day of Preschool, STM
Sept 3, Family Faith Night, 5:30-8 PM, STM
Sept 3, Men's Stag & Fr. Stephen's 14th Priestly Anniversary & KC meeting, 5:30 PM, 3189 150th St, Creston
Sept 4-8, NYC Pilgrimage
Sept 5, No Mass, HS
Sept 6, Pick up CDA Mums, 9-noon, near Rerun
Sept 8, No Mass
Sept 9, Mass @ 5:30 PM, HS
Sept 9, CDA meeting 6 PM, HS Hall
Sept 13, 2 PM Double Wedding (Esmeralda and Indra) (Maria and Junior), HS
Sept 13, Bishop's Celebration Catholic Schools
Sept 14, HS/STM RE Parent Meeting, 10 AM, HS
Sept 14, Youth Choir Practice after Mass, Choir Loft HS
Sept 15, HS FC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
Sept 16, HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
Sept 17, HS/ STM RE & Confirmation Classes Start
Sept 21, Catechetical Sunday
Sept 21, NET Retreat for all middle and high-schoolers, 9 AM-3 PM, HS
Sept 23, KC and friends helping w/ Open Table, 5 PM, Methodist Church



Rerun Thrift Shop

Updated Hours

Tuesday 12-5 PM
Friday 9-5 PM
Saturday 9-Noon

Phone: 641-202-4488

Open on Mondays (8 AM—4 PM)
to receive donations only.
308 W. Union St., Creston, IA

Volunteers are always welcome and needed.



"Humility an self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God, in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem" pg 209, *Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2025*

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Pick Up
(9AM-Noon)
Sat. Sept. 6th
Next to Rerun
Thrift Store



Sign up at back of HS to reserve one or contact
Anita (641.344.1435) or Sue (641.340-2851)



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) will meet on Tues., Sept. 9th. Mass will be at 5:30 PM followed by a light meal and meeting at Holy Spirit Hall. Fellowship Committee: Virginia Aguilar, Betty Baker, Carolyn Downing. Business/Program/Project: Mum Sale, Discuss New CDA Booklet 2025-2026, Share NYC Pilgrimage Highlights



A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the Summer Lunch Program. Your generous donations of food, money, and service provided lunches for over 400 of God's children in our community. Blessings to all! *Marsha Mohr*



SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

YOU'RE INVITED:
Family Faith Night!

Theme: VOCATIONS

**SPECIAL GUESTS! SISTER GABRIELA
AND SISTER KATHERINE**

September 3rd
5:30-8:00pm
at St Malachy

What's This All About?

- Dinner served at 5:30
- Small group discussion
- Activities for all ages

**Great for kids, teens, parents &
grandparents!**

SAVE THE DATE

Youth Choir Practice

Sept 14th, 10 AM

Youth Mass

Sept 28th, 9 AM



NET RETREAT

FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CREATED AND CLAIMED

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 9 TO 3
LOCATION: HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
SUNDAY MASS AND MEALS
INCLUDED



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Small group discussion
All are welcome**

**Wednesdays 6:45-8
SEPT 17, 24. OCT 1, 8, 15, 22**

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978 saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com

St Edward Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Minutes Summary: June 19th 2025

Present: Fr. Patrick, Jeanne Bryson, Eric Ripperger (Chairperson), Dan Waigand, Stephanie Summers, Kyle Rowan (seminarian), and Ellie Fry (Secretary). Absent: Randy Wuebker. The May 18th, 2025 meetings minutes were approved.

Parish Pastoral Priority Focus:

Level 1 - Narthex focus

Put info that requires reading or action in the basement
Make it a more inviting space, draw attention to where the info will be
Need temperature control
Electrical up to code - Eric will talk to Darren
Indoor/outdoor signage for bathrooms/welcome table/kitchen
Website
Registration form with information sent directly to the office
Ministries
Upcoming events
Basic information
Calendar
Resources
Forms to fill out online to go directly to the office
Bill Summers will work on the website ongoing

Level 2 - Mass Inclusions

Greet neighbors/ those you don't know before announcements are made (lector give the time for this)
Newcomers stand and be greeted, maybe say where they're from?
Listening assistive technology? Large print materials? Text and audio of the homily online.

Level 3 - Hospitality Team

Home visits for new parishioners and homebound
Meals to those in need
Small chores around the house to those in need

Level 4 - Building update/update basement

Area for information regarding ministries, registration, history, etc.
Youth Group corner
Area for coats

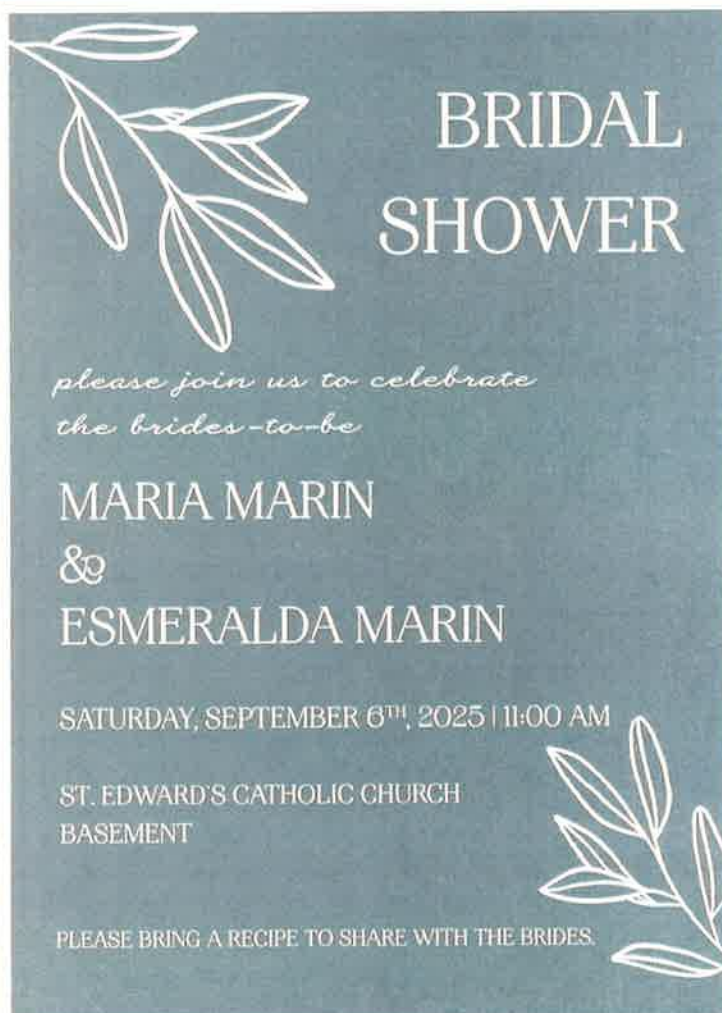
We will have a conversation with parishioners on the different levels and have committees working on the different levels they would want to be involved with. We will discuss this at the next meeting, We will have a volunteer Recognition for parishioners on November 2nd with confession before.

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Other:

- Eucharistic Procession on June 22nd went well & Kyle Rowan's last day was July 27th.
- Paul VI Budget FY2026 was approved.
- List of activities for the annual pastoral calendar: Stephanie has one started with Bible Study, a Q&A night with your priest (3 x a year), youth ministry, book club and other activities on the calendar. The youth group will have a kick off at the end of July with games and food.
- The thorny bushes by the rectory were removed. Lindsay Thelen and others have been working on outdoor beautification in front of the rectory and are planning on building a small garden/retaining wall with plants/flowers east of the rectory and north of the retaining wall inside the toddler/preschool gated area.
- Remodel basement update: Stephanie made the motion to start on replacing the basement windows and then do the drywall, Dan 2nd it. Motion carried.
- Church Sequential update: Jeanne Bryson, Parish Archivist, is working on getting families to submit items from the church history. Connie Frederickson from Holy Spirit submitted a binder of information about St. Edward Church. If anyone has any information they want to submit, contact Jeanne Bryson.
- We need to replace 2 new fire extinguishers. Darren will ask the Afton Fire Department. Darren will also ask the insurance company about purchasing an AED for the church.

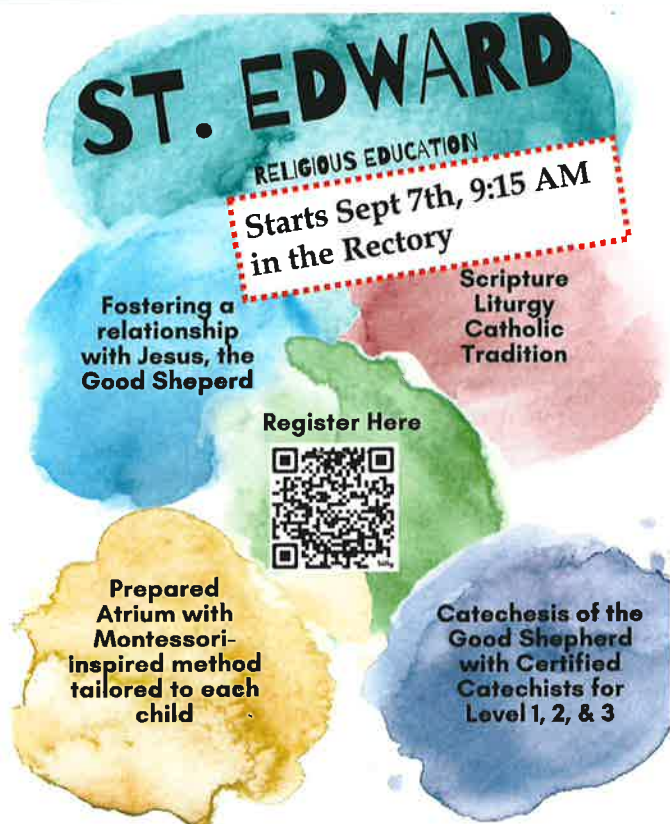
The next meeting will be on Sept 21st in the church basement.



Holy Spirit St. Edward Catholic Churches

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

<https://www.saintedwardafton.com>




ST. EDWARD
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Starts Sept 7th, 9:15 AM
in the Rectory

Fostering a relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Scripture
Liturgy
Catholic Tradition

Register Here



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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with Certified Catechists for Level 1, 2, & 3

Director of Religious Education: Sydney Sorensen,
641.344.8911 sydney.weis2014@gmail.com

Aug 31, SE Ministry Fair after Mass, SE Hall
Sept 3, SE CCW meeting, 6:30, SE Hall
Sept 6, Esmeralda & Maria Bridal Shower, 11 AM, SE Hall
Sept 7, First Day of SE Religious Education, 9:15 – 10:30 AM, SE Rectory
Sept 7, Youth Group Kick-Off after Mass, Make your own pizza, SE Hall
Sept 7, Blessing of Children & Confessions after Mass, SE
Sept 9, Adoration (8 AM) and Mass (9 AM), SE
Sept 14, SE Religious Education, 9:15 – 10:30 AM, SE Rectory
Sept 14, Baby Shower after Mass, SE
Sept 15, SE Book Club w/Potluck meal, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
Sept 16, Adoration (8 AM) and Mass (9 AM), SE
Sept 21, NET Retreat for all middle and highschoolers, 9 AM-3 PM, HS
Sept 21, SE Religious Education, 9:15 – 10:30 AM, SE Rectory
Sept 21, Catechetical Sunday
Sept 21, SE PC/FC meeting after Mass, SE
Sept 22, Adoration (8 AM) and Mass (9 AM), SE
Sept 24, Q & A with your Priest, 6:30-7:30 PM, SE
Sept 28, Feast of St. Therese, Outdoor Mass, 10:45 AM, SE followed by lunch (TBD)

Share Your Talent of Time: St. Edward Parish has a vacancy for **1 male member** to serve on the Pastoral Council for a three-year term starting now. Please contact the Parish Office if you are being called to this ministry. You can also nominate someone.



Check out page 9 of The Catholic Mirror, issued on August 15th, two of our youth, Olivia Findley and Trevor Fry are showcased in the article, *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Blossoms in Afton* written by Ann Pierson.



MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA

PARTY!

YOUTH GROUP
KICKOFF HAPPENING
SEPTEMBER 7TH AFTER
10:45 MASS

BRING A FRIEND, A
FAVORITE TOPPING, AND A
SONG OR FAVORITE ARTIST
TO SHARE

SAINT EDWARD YOUTH GROUP WILL PROVIDE
CRUSTS, CHEESES, AND SAUCE.

St. Edward Ministry Schedule							
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday August 31	Randy Pettit	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Mike & Nancy Ford Family		Shayla Findley	Parish Council & Volunteer	Monty & Diane Ide
Sunday September 7	Jack Summers	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Curt & Megan Friday Family	Josephine Friday	Diane Ide	Parish Council & Volunteer	Dan & Carol Waigand