

Holy Spirit St. Edward Catholic Churches

November 29/30th 2025

First Sunday of Advent

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.



Please pray for: Alisha Stehr, Denise McGrew, Lara Anderson, Dawn Dickin-son, Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Pat Schlapia, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Marlene Cihak, Janet Wuebker, Jacque Greene, and Bob Day.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday Nov 29 **Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**
5 PM Mass, HS
For the people of our Parish

Sunday Nov 30 **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**
9 AM Mass, HS
Tom E. Dunphy

10:45 AM Mass, SE
Dennis & Theola Bradley

Monday Dec 1 **Adoration (5-6 PM)**
6 PM Mass, HS
Tom Bradley

Tuesday Dec 2 **Adoration (8-9 PM)**
9 AM Mass, SE
Phil Cink

Wednesday Dec 3 **9:15 AM Mass, STM**
William J. Cihak

Thursday Dec 4 **No Mass**

Friday Dec 5 **9 AM Mass, HS**
Jim Baker

2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec 6 **Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**
5 PM Mass, HS
For the people of our Parish

Sunday Dec 7 **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**
9 AM Mass, HS
Joe Aguilar

10:45 AM Mass, SE
Dannel Ripperger
Confessions after Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OH MARY,
CONCEIVED
WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US
WHO HAVE
RECOURSE
TO THEE.



Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 8th

Holy Day of Obligation

9:15 AM Mass at STM
5:30 PM Mass at SE
7 PM Mass at HS



EUCCHARISTIC Minister Training All aspiring Eucharistic Ministers need to attend this training. Existing EMHC are encouraged to attend as part of ongoing formation. *Homebound EMHC need to attend the December meeting for important updates!*

When: Tuesday, December 9th, 6-7:30 PM
Where: Holy Spirit Church

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities in December



Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 PM, HS
Sundays, 8:15-8:45 AM, HS
Sun., Dec. 7th, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM, SE
Frid., Dec. 19th, 9:30-10:30 AM, HS
Tues., Dec. 23rd, 9:30-10:30 AM, SE

What gift can you bring to the Lord? The gift of yourself.



Creston Area Food Pantry needs volunteers on Sunday, December 7th. They need 12 volunteers from 1-3 p.m. (please be there at 12:45 a.m. for instructions). The Creston Area Food Pantry is located at 417 Wyoming Ave. For more information or a way to help please contact Alice Reed (641-202-3355).

LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

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Facebook—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).

Upcoming Events

Nov 29/30, First Sunday of Advent using New Glory and Paise Hymnals

Dec 1, HS FC meeting, 6:30 pm, HS

Dec 3, Noisy Change Collection at STM 9:15 AM Mass

Dec 3, STM Christmas Concert, 6 PM, Creston High-school

Dec 3, KC meeting, 7 PM, HS Hall

Dec 6, Youth Caroling, 10:50 AM, Depot Tree

Dec 7, Volunteers (12) needed at Creston Area Food Pantry, 1-3 PM

Dec 8, Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:15 AM Mass at STM

5:30 PM Mass at SE

7 PM Mass at HS

Dec 9, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) training, 6-7:30 PM, HS

Dec. 10, No Mass at STM

Dec 11, Open to the Parish! CCW & CDA Potluck w/ STM student performance, 11:30, HS Hall

Dec 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, Mass 5 PM, followed with family activities, HS

Dec. 14, HS Nativity Practice after Mass

Dec. 16, School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, STM

Dec. 17, Family Faith Night, Theme: Christmas, 5:30-8 PM, STM

Dec 19, Advent Reconciliation, 9:30-10:30 AM, HS

Dec 19-21, Bishop's Discernment Retreat

Dec 21, Youth Choir practice, 10 AM, HS

Dec 22-Jan 4, STM Christmas Break

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses, 4:30 PM HS & 7 PM SE

Dec 24, Nativity of the Lord Mass, 9 AM, HS

Dec.24, Christmas Day Dinner (Free), 1-2:20 PM, STM

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Dec 31, Vigil Mass, 6 PM @ SE

Jan. 1, Mass, 9 AM @ HS



Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd at 7:00 p.m., Holy Spirit Hall. If want to learn more about the Knights, please contact Perry Strauss (641-344-3289).

First Sunday of Advent Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for

burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.— *Father John Muir* ©LPi





SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Small group discussion

Wednesdays

6:45-8

DEC 3, 10, 17

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Celebration

December 12

at Holy Spirit Church

5 PM Mass
6 PM Activities



YOUTH CAROLING

Merry Marketplace

Meet at the Depot Tree at 10:50

DECEMBER 6

Early Bulletin Publish Date

2 week bulletin will be issued for Dec. 27/28th & Jan. 3/4th, please have all bulletin information and announcements to the parish office by 8 AM on Dec. 22nd.

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

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.



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YOU ARE Welcome Here

DONATIONS FOR
DINE-IN/DRIVE-UP
**CHRISTMAS
DINNER 2025**

Thursday, December 25, 2025

1:00 – 2:30 PM St. Malachy Gym (403 W. Clark)

We are planning a Dine-in/Drive-up Christmas dinner for those in Creston or surrounding communities. This will be for anyone and everyone. There is no charge. There will be a delivery service for shut-ins in Creston. Many of us will be out of town or sharing the day with our families, but the items needed can be made ahead and frozen or dropped off to one of us at your convenience. Someone will be at the school at 10:30 AM (after Mass) to receive your donated items on the east alley of the school by kitchen or gym doors. Also, they can be left in the church kitchen (just let us know). Let's all work together and share the joy of Christmas.

The Christmas Dinner Committee,
Barb & Mike Hudson (641-202-2064)
Jeff & Ann Marie Kinsella Family (443-566-0098)
Aaron Finch & Loretta Harvey (641-202-0778)

Items needed:

10 turkeys

30 pies

Monetary donations: Money is needed to buy the other groceries/supplies (stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, butter, milk, etc.)

My Reminders:

I offered to bring or do the following _____

Please return this portion: Place in the collection basket next weekend or mail to the parish office, 406 W. Clark Street. **Return by December 14th at the latest.**

I can donate:

___ Pies

___ I can donate 1 turkey

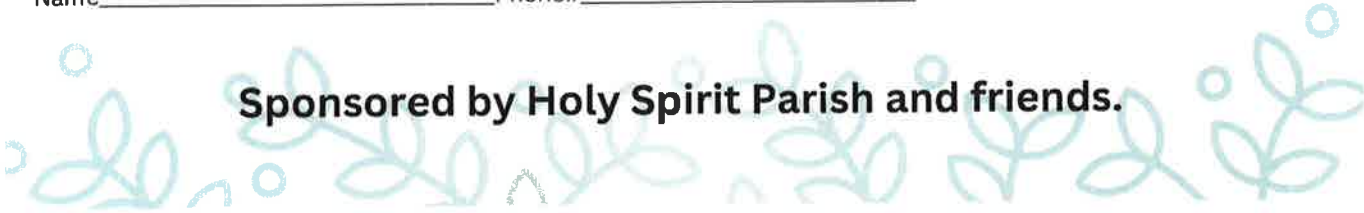
___ I prefer to donate money to use for other grocery items needed

___ I can be a home delivery volunteer on Christmas Day (12:30 PM)

___ I can help Christmas Day, please check time (___10:30 - 1 PM) or (___12:30 - 3 PM).

___ I can help debone turkeys ahead of time

Name _____ Phone# _____



Sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish and friends.

2025 Christmas Poinsettias for Holy Spirit Church



Order your Christmas Poinsettia. Fill out this form, place it in the collection plate, and make checks payable to "Holy Spirit Parish" by Dec. 17th or earlier or contact Syd (641-202-1346).

These Poinsettias will be displayed at Holy Spirit Church for Christmas Season (Dec. 24-Jan 4th) You may take your poinsettia after the season. Each plant is \$25.

Purchaser Name: _____

Name of Recipient (In Memory of OR In Honor of):



Don't forget to pick up a Little Blue Book devotional book to deepen your spiritual life during Advent and Christmas. Pick one and give one to your friend.

Helping Families in Need! To help our local families, we



have set up a Giving Tree at the back of Holy Spirit Church. If you can, please take a tag and purchase a gift to help a child in need this Christmas. Please bring back the tag & gift unwrapped by **Dec. 14th or earlier**. If you have any questions please contact Charlene Dunphy or Sharon Moffit (641-202-1802).

Council of Catholic Women
&
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

invite you to join in our
Christmas Potluck Lunch
Featuring the St. Malachy
5th Grade Carolers

All in the parish are invited. Just bring a dish or treat to share and enjoy the lively entertainment of the student singers, which is a treat in itself!

Thursday, December 11, 2025
11:30 am
Holy Spirit Church Hall



Vocation Opportunities: Dec. 19-21 - Bishop's Discernment Retreat: This is a unique retreat for men who are high school seniors or older and thinking about priesthood. Join Bishop Joensen and current seminarians to learn more about discernment and life as a diocesan priest.

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule									
Date	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday November 29 5 PM	Phyllis Allen	Ted Willets		R. Ramaeker D. Gibbons	P Allen S Heffern	B Studer	Jean & Linda Benoit	P Johnson T & K Freml T & C Seiver	Steve Heffern
Sunday November 30 9 AM	Karen Struble	L & P Blakesley	A Baker L Baker Todd Dunphy	L. Baker D. Dunphy	F Doyle A Wethor A Baker	J Pokorny T Pokorny M Keller	A & J Wethor Family	Sue Bissell J Moberg	Adam Baker
Saturday December 6 5 PM	Alice Reed	Marsha Mohr			A Reed M Mohr B Boyette	C Butler	C Dunphy C Mansour	B Mostek Tom Dunphy J Mansour	Alice Reed
Sunday December 7 9 AM	Dan Rosener	Virginia Aguilar	K Freml E Haines		V Aguilar K Struble Volunteer	L Wulf H Wulf C Ramaeker	Polly Luther Family	Therese & John Alejandria Family	Meredith Wulf



Christmas ASPIRE DRIVE

\$25 Walmart gift cards

Popcorn tins

Cookies/tins

**THROUGH
DECEMBER 14**

St. Edward's CCW



*SE BASEMENT
DECEMBER 14
IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS

CHRISTMAS Youth Group Meeting

Hot cocoa, lunch, cookies,
music. What could be
better?



Mandatory Training

For New Altar Servers

November 30

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



Upcoming Events

Dec 3, SE CCW meeting, 6:30 PM, SE

Dec 7, Confessions after Mass, SE

Dec 14, RE Nativity with song before Mass

Dec 14, Youth Group after Mass, SE Hall

Dec 17, SE Movie Night for Everyone, 6:30 PM,
SE Hall

Dec 21, Candle Light Ecumenical Service, 5 PM,
Methodist Church, Afton

Dec 23, Advent Reconciliation, 9:30-10:30 AM,
SE

Dec 24, Christmas Eve Mass, 7:30 PM, SE

Dec. 31 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of
God (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass, 5:30
PM, SE

JOY to the WORLD

Join the faith for-
mation students
from St. Edward's
in a short skit cele-
brating the Nativi-
ty before Mass on
December 14th.



St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday November 30	Monica Zorn	Lindsay Thølen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Jim & Shayla Findley Family		Diane Ide	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Eric & Deb Ripperger
Sunday December 7	Logan Findley	Stephanie Summers Ellie Fry Kathy Simmerman	Curt & Megan Friday Family		Tim & Rachel Warnke	Stephanie Summers & Volunteer	Ally Lacina *Summers Family

