

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. Feb. 1	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, Holy Spirit For the People
Sun. Feb. 2	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, Holy Spirit Michelle Baker 10:45 AM Mass, St. Edward Steven and Leonard Pettit Confessions after Mass
<i>In Memory of St. Blaise, blessing of throats</i> Mon. Feb. 3	Adoration (5 PM) 6 PM Mass, Holy Spirit Frank Ripperger
Tues. Feb. 4	Adoration (8 AM) 9 AM Mass, St. Edward Those buried at St. Edward Cemetery
Wed. Feb. 5	9:15 AM Mass, STM School Gym Helen Harvey
Thur. Feb. 6	No Mass
Frid. Feb. 7	9 AM Mass, Holy Spirit Jean Mikkelsen & Miller Family
Sat. Feb. 8	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, Holy Spirit For the People
Sun. Feb. 9	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, Holy Spirit Mick Ripperger 10:45 AM Mass, St. Edward Mike Schlapia



Are you new to the area or new to our parish? We saw a few new faces last week. Please make sure to register at our churches by filling out Registration Form at the back of the church and place it the plate collection OR use the QR code or contact the Parish Office (641-782-5278). You are always welcome here!

Adult Faith Studies

February 5th at 5:45
At St Malachy School
Small group discussion and real life application

Men's Study: Into the Breach
High school age and up

Women's Bible Study
High school age and up



Submit a Nomination for 2025 Teacher, Administrator, or School Volunteer of the Year: Nominations are due **February 16**. Winners will be announced the first week of

March and will be recognized at the 2025 Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools. You may nominate one individual in each of the three categories, but only one form may be submitted per nomination. Submit your nomination at dmdiocese.org/nominate.



February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? IT IS THE LORD!

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Facebook—HolySpiritParishCreston

Website: www.holyspiritcreston.com

Holy Spirit Parish Priority Cultivating a Culture of Welcome and Care

Spiritual Home: This component will focus on making our liturgy and pastoral environment a welcome home for all who hunger for Christ. It will consider Formal Music Programs for youth and adults alike, Consistent Bible Study groups (youth, young adults, adults), and pilgrimages. It will pay particular attention to our liturgical space and music paraphernalia and work in collaboration with our musicians and cantors for empowerment, enrichment, and legitimate innovation.



Hospitality: This component will focus on Non-Catholic visitors, New parishioners, New parishioners with children, New parishioners without children, and Lapsed Catholics.

Marriage & Family Life: This component will focus on Expectant mothers, Families with newly baptized children, Engaged Couples (Marriage Prep/Wedding), Newly married,

Parishioners with troubled marriages/family illnesses, mental health or disability challenges, and Single parents.

Community Apostolate: This component will focus on Local community involvement, including Ecumenical engagements, Homeless & Hungry, Fellowship, Funeral Meals, and Disaster relief. It will seek to implement Matthew 25:31-46, The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Homebound & Elderly: This component will focus on making our elderly parishioners, shut-ins, and the sick feel belonged. It will involve youth ministry through the "Adopt a Grandparent" movement.

Bereavement: This component will attend to parishioners who may be at the end of their life, assist families in funeral planning, and offer accompaniment to members/families who have recently lost loved ones.

If you have any Palms from last year, please place in the narthex by Feb. 26th, we will use them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday Mass.



Praying for those who are sick or just in need of extra prayers. We have a prayer tree (contact Mary Wichhart) but we also want to start a prayer list in the bulletin as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope. If you want us to put your name on the prayer list in the bulletin, just contact the parish office. We will only do this with permission to do so. Together as a parish, we can pray for one another. Also see page 5 for other ways to pray!

2025 OCIA: Please pray for our Inquirers to the Catholic Faith this year, their journey is hard and long - Hank Shinn, Natalie Stevens, and Bryson Berry.

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

- Feb. 2,** Mass w/ Blessing of Candles & Youth Choir & Donut Sunday, 9 AM, HS
- Feb. 2,** Volunteers needed for Creston Area Food Pantry, 1-3 PM
- Feb. 3,** Blessing of throats at Monday Mass (6 PM), HS
- Feb. 5,** Family Faith Night, 5:30 PM, STM
- Feb. 5, NEW!** Adult Faith Studies, 5:45 PM, STM
- Feb. 5,** KC meeting, 7 PM, HS Hall
- Feb. 11,** Open Table, hosted by HS YM, 5 PM, Creston Depot
- Feb. 11,** HS Mass (6 PM) followed by CDA meeting 6:30 PM
- Feb. 12,** Talk: Digital Citizenship, Online safety by BenTracy
- Feb. 12, 19, & 26,** RE & YG, 5:30 PM, STM
- Feb. 14,** Valentines Day—show God's Love and Mercy to someone
- Feb. 16,** Mass w/ Rite of Entrance (OCIA), 9 AM, HS
- Feb. 16,** KC hosting breakfast after 9 AM Mass, HS
- Feb. 18,** HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, STM
- Feb. 26,** Bring back your Palms from last Easter
- March 1,** 32nd Annual Gala and Auction, Legacy Venue
- March 2,** Confirmation Mass w/ Bishop Joensen, 9 AM, HS
- March 5,** Ash Wednesday (Start of Lent)
 - 9:15 AM Mass, STM
 - 5:30 PM Mass, SE
 - 7 PM Mass, HS



Congratulations to Olivea, daughter of Brittany and Ryan Shinn of Creston, on receiving the Gift of Baptism last weekend.



A New Face to WELCOME!

Hi my name is Dawn Dickinson and I'm from Corning. I'm 54 years old and I really love being very active walking and being outside. I also enjoy spending time with friends. My favorite color is blue. I enjoy church and volunteering as much as I can. Animals are an important part of my life and I have a cat named Oscar. I also sing and it's one of my favorite things to do. I especially enjoy singing in church.

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Presentation of the Lord

Question: Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple. Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that

a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification. The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes. Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPi

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule									
Date	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday February 1 5 PM <i>Candlemas</i>	V Aguilar	V Aguilar		L. Baker J. Griffith	B Boyett V Aguilar A Reed	M Keller K Kruse B Evans	B & A Stehr Family	B Mostek Tom Dunphy J Mansour	A Reed
Sunday February 2 9 AM <i>Candlemas</i>	Youth Ministry	K Bailey	K Freml E Haines	Youth Choir L. Taylor	B Miller K Bailey G Bucklin	J Anderson G Wethor L Williamson C Tallmon	C & P Luther Family	Youth Ministry	Adam Baker
Saturday February 8 5 PM	P Schlapia	M Mohr		D. Gibbons L. Taylor	B Hudson M Mohr P Allen	C Klejch R Baird	M Gammell S O'Brien	T & K Freml T & C Seiver P Johnson	Steve Heffern
Sunday February 9 9 AM	D Hansen	Hopkins Family	S Coen R Mohr P Varner	R. Hopkins L. Baker	G Bucklin A Wethor K Anderson	K Knutstrom N Wagner M Keller R Kinsella	A & J Wethor Family	R & M Baker Family	Adam Baker

St. Edward Ministry Schedule							
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday February 2 <i>Candlemas</i>	Jeanne Bryson	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Kathy Simmerman	Kyle & Ashley Weaver Family	L Friday A McNeill	Emily Adair	Randy Wuebker Volunteer	Ally Lacina *Summers Family
Sunday February 9	Alex Pettit	Sydney Sorensen Stephanie Summers Lindsay Thelen	Randy & Jenny Wuebker Family	J Findley	Diane Ide	Randy Wuebker Volunteer	Ally Lacina *Summers Family

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Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston

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

All bulletin updates are due on Mondays and are printed weekly.

Sacraments

Baptism: Call 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.

2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMS OF HOPE



EVENT FREE TO THE PUBLIC

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, ONLINE SAFETY, AND RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA USE FOR FAMILIES

BEN TRACY, of Safe Social Network, speaks to more than 100,000 students, parents and educators each year.

**6:00 PM - 12 FEBRUARY, 2025
SWCC PERFORMING ARTS THEATER**

For info: 641-782-7125
safesocialnetwork.com

Brought to you by St. Malachy PTO

Rescheduled!



Creston Area Food Pantry needs volunteers on Sunday, February 2nd. They need 5-7 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).


"For I was hungry and you gave me food" ...Matthew 25:35



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) will meet on Tuesday, February 11. Mass will be at 6 PM followed by a refreshment and a meeting at Holy Spirit Hall. Fellowship Committee: Jean Gibbons, Karen Fries and Kay Kinsella. Program: How do you hear God's word? Books? Social Media? Websites? Business/Project: Valentine cards for all homebound parishioners and sign up for soup suppers in Lent. Reminder: Bring a book (s) you're willing to lend out for others to read.

No one will ever, ever, ever love you more than God. Amen!

DIAPER DRIVE



JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Did you know??

EACH BABY WILL USE MORE THAN 6,000 DIAPERS AT A COST OF \$4000+ BEFORE POTTY TRAINING?

Through our Earn While You Learn Program, we are privileged to share the love of Jesus Christ with our clients. Moms and Dads can "purchase" diapers and other baby necessities in our Baby Boutique. You can help bless our clients through participating in the Annual Diaper Drive!

OUR GREATEST NEEDS ARE:
HUGGIES & PAMPERS—SIZES NEWBORN THROUGH SIZE 8 & PULL-UPS ALL SIZES

Drop Off Sites and Times:
Creston Clinic: Mon 10-2, Tues & Thurs 1-7 (1109 S. Sumner St.)
Stuart Clinic: Tues 1-6 (212 S. Division St.)
Northwest Bank in Creston: Mon-Fri 9-3 (101 W. Adams St.)



THE 32ND ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

The Golden Age of St. Malachy

MARCH 1, 2025 AT THE LEGACY VENUE



SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

Family Faith Night FEBRUARY 5TH, 5:30-7:30 AT ST MALACHY



Supper
9 square / games
Crafts / lessons
Activities
Adoration
Adult studies

YOUTH MINISTRY

Prayer Team



PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH AND OUR MINISTRY ON YOUR OWN OR TOGETHER. RECEIVE INTENTIONS FROM YM. CONTACT LEAH TO JOIN THE TEAM 515.421.8978

OPEN TABLE FEB 11, 5-6 PM Run by Holy Spirit Youth

Message Leah at 515.421.8978 to bring food or serve!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CYC scholarship to cover the cost of camp.
CYC leaders Scholarship for counselors. Contact Leah for more info.

WEDNESDAYS RE AND YOUTH GROUPS

- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:00 RE classes
- 6:00 Highschool YG
- 6:45 Conf. Classes
- 7:00 Middles YG

ALL ARE WELCOME AT YOUTH GROUPS

FEBRUARY
12TH
19TH
26TH

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978 saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com

Saint Edward Youth Group

New Meeting Dates and Times:

The 2nd Sunday of the month, immediately following Mass.

Thank you to the youth and adults who helped assemble and deliver packages to parishioners who could use a pick-me-up at the holidays!



Thank you, too, to the families who have provided meals for our meetings this year! They have been wonderful!

Bishop Joensen is coming to Saint Edward!



March 12, at the Stations of the Cross and Rosary, Bishop Joensen will give a quick talk. Come out and spend a quiet Lenten evening in prayer with the Bishop.

Interested in helping plan for his visit? Contact Stephanie Summers, 641-347-2191.

St. Edward Updates!

- ⇒ **Feb. 4**, Adoration – 8 AM, Mass– 9AM, SE
- ⇒ **Feb. 5**, SE CCW, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
- ⇒ **Feb. 9**, RE, 9:15-10:20 AM, SE Rectory
- ⇒ **Feb. 9**, SE YG (moved to 2nd Sunday of the month), 11:45 AM, SE Hall
- ⇒ **Feb. 11, 18 & 25** Adoration –8 AM, Mass– 9AM, SE
- ⇒ **Feb. 16**, SE PC/FC meeting after Mass
- ⇒ **Feb. 16 & 23** RE, 9:15-10:20 AM, SE Rectory
- ⇒ **Feb. 23**, Lenten Kickoff Lunch hosted by SE CCW, after Mass
- ⇒ **March 5, Updated:** Ash Wednesday Mass, 5:30 PM, SE
- ⇒ **March 12**, Bishop Joensen visits SE

Please check the calendar on page 2 for other important events/dates.

Lenten Simple Suppers are Coming Soon!

Join us for a potluck style gathering, followed by the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary. Wednesdays during Lent, 6pm in the basement of Saint Edward.

