



Feb 7/8th 2026

Glory &amp; Praise Hymnal Year A, #865

5th 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.



Please pray for: Alisha Stehr, Denise McGrew, Dawn Dickinson, Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Pat Schlapia, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Marlene Cihak, Janet Wuebker, Bob Day, Fr. Pins, Susan Kosman and Rhonda Katzer.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions****Weekend Masses will be celebrated w/ Fr. Ignatius**

<b>Saturday</b> Feb 7	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)</b> <b>5 PM Mass , HS</b> For the people of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> Feb 8	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)</b> <b>9 AM Mass, HS</b> Dorothy Baker
	<b>10:45 AM Mass, SE</b> Mike Schlapia
<b>Mon/Tue</b> Feb 9/10	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> Feb 11	<b>9:15 AM, STM School celebrated</b> <b>w/ Fr. Felix</b> Jessica Moeller
<b>Thur./Fri.</b> Feb 12/13	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b> Feb 14	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)</b> <b>5 PM Mass , HS</b> For the people of our Parish
<b>Sunday</b> Feb 15	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)</b> <b>9 AM Mass, HS</b> Marlene Cihak (Living)
	<b>10:45 AM Mass, SE</b> Tim Ripperger

**Fr. Ignatius Makoji will hear Confession on Feb 7/8th and 14/15th at Holy Spirit.**

**The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation****What is this Sacrament Called?**

“It is called the *sacrament of conversion* because it makes sacramentally present Jesus’ call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the *sacrament of Penance*, since it consecrates the Christian sinner’s personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance and satisfaction.

It is called the *sacrament of confession*, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of the sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a “confession—acknowledgment and praise—of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the *sacrament of forgiveness*, since by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent “pardon and peace”.

It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: “Be reconciled to God.” He who lives by God’s merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord’s call: “Go, First be reconciled to your brother.” CCC 1423-1424

# THE JUST MAN IS A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS TO THE UPRIGHT.

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**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

**Feb 7-17**, Fr. Patrick on winter break  
**Feb 9**, Baptismal Prep (Please Register at the Parish Office by Feb 7th), 6:30-8 PM, HS Church  
**Feb 10**, Hosting Open Table, 4:30-6:30 PM, Methodist Church  
**Feb 10**, CDA Rosary (5:30 PM) followed by CDA meeting, HS Hall  
**Feb 14**, Dodgeball, 2 PM, STM  
**Feb 16**, HS FC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall  
**Feb 17**, HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall  
**Feb 18, Ash Wednesday**  
9:15 AM Mass, STM  
5:30 PM Mass, HS  
7 PM Mass, SE



**Catholic Daughters of America:** All women are invited this **Tuesday, Feb. 10th**.

Pray the Rosary at 5:30 PM in the Hall followed by a light meal and meeting. Program: Business: Lenten Soup Supper Sign up, Bake Sale in April, nominating committee and more info on Jared boxes. Meal Committee: Karen Fries, Lois Nelson and Michelle Moore

**Barnabas Ministry (Community Apostolate) being the face of Jesus in our community.**

## Volunteers Needed to Help with Open Table - Our

church have volunteered to host the meal for the Open Table this Tues., **Feb. 10th** from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Methodist Church in Creston. We need 8-10 volunteers from Holy Spirit or St. Edward Parishes to help with providing food, serving, and/or to cleaning-up. Please contact Grand Knight, Perry Strauss ( 641-344-3289) or Jerry Katzer ( 641-344-7182), ASP.

## Rerun Thrift Shop Hours

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



Can you help for a few hours during the day? Volunteers are needed at the Rerun, especially to help run the register. Please contact Phyllis Allen (515-493-9149) or the Rerun to schedule a few hours to help the community.

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

**641-202-4488**

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule									
000	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/ Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday Feb 7 5 PM	Marsha Mohr	Marsha Mohr		Rachel Harper	B Hudson K Struble Volunteer	C Butler C Ramaeker	S Hudek and Friends	P Johnson T & K Frelm T & C Seiver	Barb Hudson
Sunday Feb 8 9 AM	Karen Struble	Virginia Aguilar	S Coen R Mohr	Janet Dan	K Bailey A Baker B Boyette	H Rogers L Rogers R Kinsella	K & E Anderson Family	Kim & Scott Coen Family	Benita Brightwell
Saturday Feb 14 5 PM	Joanne Gibson	Ted Willets		Linda Jolene	A Reed M Mohr Volunteer	B Studer	S O'Brien M Gammell	Volunteers	Alice Reed
Sunday Feb 15 9 AM	Dan Rosener	Kelsey Bailey	S Hudek B McKee	Lynn Hannah	M Wulf F Doyle K Bailey	J Pokorny T Pokorny M Keller	Jen Strunk Family	S & L Rogers Family	Meredith Wulf
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Feb 18 5:30 PM	Denise McGrew	Marsh Mohr	N/A	Janet Dan	1) F Doyle 2) V Aguilar 3) A Baker	Volunteer	K & E Anderson Family	Jamie Hayes Francis Doyle Dean Schulte	Adam Baker



With the Lent Season fast approaching, we invite you to join us for our Monday evening Stations of the Cross and soup suppers. We are looking for volunteers to share a pot of soup. Please visit the sign-up sheet at the back of the church to help us fill our calendar. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

# SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Small group discussion  
**Wednesdays 6:45–8**  
at St Malachy  
**FEB 11, 25 AND**  
**MAR 4, 11, 25**

**New Altar Server Formation**  
Coming soon!

Message Leah if your child is interested. We will schedule the sessions when we have a group.

## LENT ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATE

March 4 Family Faith Night  
March 14 Family Dodgeball  
March 15 Youth Choir Practice  
March 16 Youth Stations of the Cross  
March 22 Youth Mass  
March 23–April 1 Altar Server Practices  
for Holy Week

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978 saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com

Help St. Malachy bring an **Interactive**  
**Outdoor Classroom** for all grades to life.



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# DENIM & DIAMONDS



DINING and AUCTION EXPERIENCE

*Great Food, Great Fun,  
Invite Friends & Family!*

**SATURDAY FEB 28, 2025  
THE LEGACY VENUE, CRESTON**

Cocktails @ 5:00pm   Dinner @ 6:00pm   Auction @ 7:00pm

**Event Tickets \$50 each**

*Be sure to wear Denim & Diamonds  
inspired clothing or colors.*



**Questions? Call St. Malachy School at 641-782-7125**



Like our Facebook page and stay up-to-date on this event

St. Malachy School Auction - Creston, Iowa

## COMMITTEES ARE FORMING NOW TO REVITALIZE OUR BUILDING, OUR PRACTICES, AND OUR COMMUNITY

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MAKING SAINT EDWARDS  
AND MASS MORE  
INCLUSIVE  
SIGN UP NOW!

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LACINA  
402-801-2021

3-6 MEMBERS

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HOSPITALITY

CONTACT DAN  
WAIGAND  
641-340-0702

3-6 MEMBERS

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IV

BUILDING UPDATE

CONTACT TIM  
WARNKE  
319-269-7511

4-8 MEMBERS



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During Lent, Saint Edward will host Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays, starting at 6:30pm. Immediately following, we will pray the rosary. Journey towards Easter with your fellow parishioners.

### Upcoming Events

- Feb 8, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, and R.E. students minister at Mass
- Feb. 9, Baptismal Prep, 6:30 PM, HS
- Feb 10, No Mass/Adoration, SE
- Feb 10, Catholic Daughters of the Americas lead Rosary (5:30 PM) and meeting, HS Hall
- Feb 15, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory
- Feb 17, No Mass/Adoration, SE
- Feb 18, Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday Mass (7 PM), SE. Reminder to Fast & Abstain from meat on this day and on Fridays in Lent
- Feb 21, Annual Diocesan Appeal Kick Off
- Feb 25, Stations of the Cross & Rosary, 6:30 PM, SE
- March 6, Lenten Fish Fry Dinner, 6-7:30 PM, Afton Square
- March 27, Lenten Fish Fry Dinner, 6-7:30 PM, Afton Square.

## church needs

Saint Edward Church has a need for updating and modernizing our parish. Can you help in this? With questions or donations, contact Randy Wuebker, 515-979-0056, or Father Patrick.

altar server  
garb



projector and  
screen



presider's chair  
altar server chairs



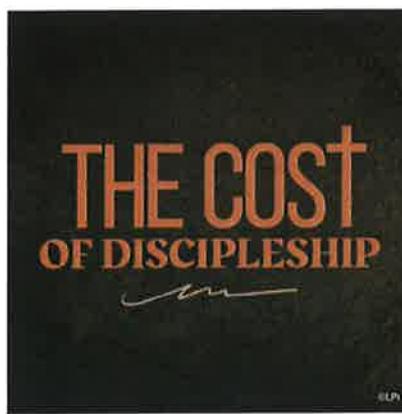
computer for  
priest duties

### St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday February 8	RE Students	Stephanie Summers Ellie Fry Kathy Simmerman	RE Students	Manny Lara	Shayla Findley Olivia Findley	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Dan & Carol Waigand
Sunday February 15	Cyler Wuebker	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Jeanne Bryson & Kathy Simmerman	Blaine Pettit Quinn Pettit	Tim Warnke Rachel Warnke	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Dan & Carol Waigand
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Feb 18 7 PM	Jeanne Bryson	Ellie Fry Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Mike & Nancy Ford Family	David Friday	Volunteer	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Dan & Carol Waigand

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



**Matthew 5:13-16**  
 I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a

predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "**You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden**" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.— *Father John Muir ©LPI*



**Mateo 5:13-16**  
 Hoy la liturgia nos prepara, con su Palabra, a ser conscientes de lo que significa ser sal y luz en nuestra vida cotidiana. Jesús pone como ejemplo elementos que usamos todos los días para dar sabor a la vida del cristiano.

La amargura, la envidia y la oscuridad de pensamientos nos alejan de lo que verdaderamente importa: ser sencillos y encontrarnos con Dios.

*"Ustedes son la sal de la tierra. Pero si la sal se vuelve insípida, ¿cómo podrá ser salada de nuevo? Ya no sirve para nada, por lo que se tira afuera y es pisoteada por la gente"* (Mateo 5:13). Darle saborcito a la vida, añadiendo colores de humildad y apertura al diálogo frente a las adversidades que vivimos en la familia y en la sociedad, será clave para purificar y transformar nuestro entorno.

El Señor también nos llama luz del mundo: "*Nadie enciende una lámpara para taparla con un cajón; la ponen más bien sobre un candelero, y alumbría a todos los que están en la casa*" (Mateo 5:14-15). Cuando se va la luz en nuestra casa, nos sorprende, porque a veces no tenemos ni siquiera una vela que nos alumbe, mucho menos una lámpara con baterías. Sin embargo, al encender una luz —por muy pequeña que sea— sentimos alivio, porque podemos ver por dónde pisamos y así podemos realizar las actividades necesarias. Jesús quiere que sus seguidores sean así: como una pizca de sal y un poquito de luz, para que todo funcione de manera distinta en la familia y en la sociedad. ©LPI

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 Ministries at HS:*

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 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

#### Sacraments

**Baptismal Prep Classes:** Feb 9, May 30, Sept 13 and Oct 23 in 2026, call the Parish Office to register.

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

**Bulletin information is due on Mondays.**