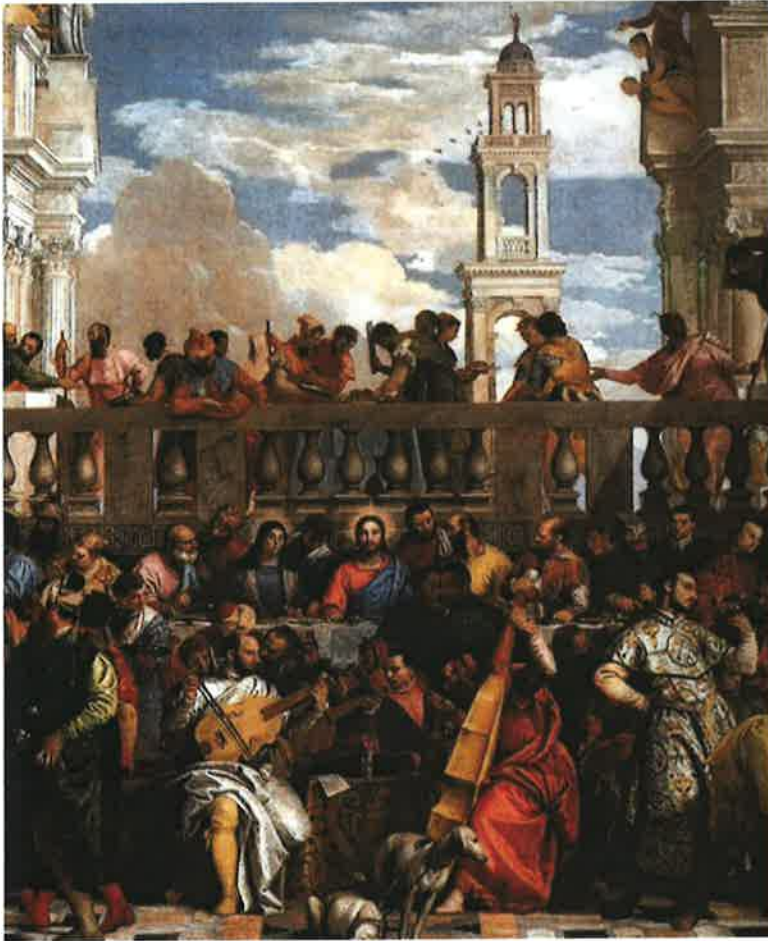


Our Mission Statement:

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.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc

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Holy Spirit and St. Edward Catholic Churches

Holy Spirit: 107 W Howard St., Creston, IA 50801
St. Edward: 104 W Union St., Afton, IA 50830

Parish Office: 406 W Clark St., Creston, IA
641-782-5278

www.holyspiritcreston.com

St. Malachy School: 403 W Clark St., Creston



Welcome! We are glad you are here. If you are new to our parish family, please call the parish office to register or pick up a packet in the church entrance. We would love to get to know you better!

SACRAMENTS & PRAYER Mass

Monday: 6 PM, Holy Spirit (HS)
Tuesday: 9 AM, St. Edward (SE)
Wednesday: 9:15 AM, St. Malachy School
Saturday: 5 PM, Holy Spirit
Sunday: 9 AM, HS & 10:45 AM, SE

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 5 PM, Holy Spirit
Tuesday: 8 AM, St Edward

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 PM, Holy Spirit
Sunday: 8:15-8:45 AM, Holy Spirit
1st Sunday of Month after Mass, St. Edward
And by Appointment

Rosary

30 minutes before Sat/Sun Mass at Holy Spirit

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 | GLORY & PRAISE HYMNAL YEAR A, #934

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT

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Holy Spirit Finance Council:
Jason Kinsella (Chair), Kim Baker, Dan Rosener, Hanna Baker, & Mike Moffitt

Knights of Columbus:
Jake Williamson (Grand Knight)
Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Brenda Strauss (Regent)
CCW: Barb Bennett

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Oct 11, Blessing of Animals, 4 PM, HS parking Lot
Oct 13, CDA Mass (5:30 PM) and meeting
Oct 16, Rite of Marriage for J. Taylor & J. McFee, 6 PM
Oct 17/18, CDA bake sale after Masses
Oct 18, OCIA, 8–9 AM, HS
Oct 18, World Missions Sunday & CDA Sunday
Oct 20, HS PC meeting 6:30 PM
Oct 23, Baptism Prep, 9:30 AM, HS

Oct 23–27, Parish Office Closed
Oct 25, Family Retreat (Elementary students and families) 9–Noon AM, HS
Oct 26, Graveside burial of Linnea Linken Adudell, 11:30 AM, Calvary Cemetery
Oct 27, St. Malachy School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, STM
Oct 31, Knights of Columbus Candle Ceremony



Catholic Daughters of Americas (CDA) Court St. Joan of Arc #428: The next CDA meeting will be this Tuesday, October 13th, Mass at 5:30 PM followed by a light meal and meeting at Holy Spirit. Program: Discuss Pack a Purse for Domestic Violence Shelters, Guest Speaker Danna Buls on Family Giving Tree; Fellowship Committee: Sue O'Brian, Betty Baker, more. Reminders: wear purple on Oct 18th (CDA Sunday), Bring baked goods on Oct. 17/18th for CDA bake sale & pray the rosary.

Ministry	Oct 10	Oct 11
Lector	Diane Hansen	Karen Fries
Rosary	Linda Hartsock	Hopkins Family
Money Counter	N/A	K Fremi, E Haines
Musicians	Rachel, Danna	Linda, Megan
EMHC	A Reed, D Hansen, Not Filled	P Wagner, B Boyette, Not Filled
Altar Servers	B Studer	N Wagner, H Wulf, L Wulf
Greeters	Not Filled	L & P Blakesley
Ushers	B Mostek; J Mansour	Jamie Hayes & friends
Sacristan	Alice Reed	Meredith Wulf

Want to plan ahead?
Please go to our website & at the bottom of the page, you can subscribe to weekly emails, which give you the ministry schedule in advance.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Oct 10, 2026	HS, 5 PM	For the People of our Parish
Sun, Oct 11, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Steve McCann
Sun, Oct 11, 2026	SE, 10:45 AM	James and Margaret Brosnahan
Mon, Oct 12, 2026	HS, 6 PM	Lorraine Victor
Tue, Oct 13, 2026	SE, 9 AM	Martin & Luna Santos
Wed, Oct 14, 2026	STM, 9:15 AM	Bill & Marlene Cihak
Thu, Oct 15, 2026	No Mass	No Mass - Priest Day Off
Fri, Oct 16, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Dale Wagner
Sat, Oct 17, 2026	HS, 5 PM	For the People of our Parish
Sun, Oct 18, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Joe Donahoo
Sun, Oct 18, 2026	SE, 10:45 AM	Helen Bryson

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Religious Education October Dates

Normal Class Nights

October 14 and 21

Grades 2-8 at St Malachy: Dinner at 5:30, Class at 6.

High School Small Group at Holy Spirit at 6:30



ADVENT NIGHT FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

November 4th, 5:30-8
at St Malachy

Activities by
STM teachers. All ages
welcome!



World Mission Sunday - October 18th

In a letter to the faithful (in the narthex) Bishop William M. Joensen encourages Catholics to observe World Mission Sunday on October 18, 2026, by contributing prayers and financial aid to 1,130 mission dioceses worldwide. Marking the centenary of the tradition with the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission," the message also celebrates the beatification of Blessed Fulton J. Sheen and his lifelong devotion to Catholic missions.



A card shower is planned for Ann Moore of Kent, long time St. Malachy & Holy Spirit parishioner, for her 90th birthday on October 22. Her address is 1155 260th St. Kent Iowa 50851.

Prayer List

Please pray for: Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Janet Wuebker, Susan Kosman, Jean Mikkelsen Miller, Joe Latus, Denise McGrew, Sarah Amedeka, Mary Halligan John, and Betty Bradley.



Please pray for the eternal rest of Audrey McManus, Paul Somers, & John Becker. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

We warmly invite all ladies to be active members of Holy Spirit Parish.

Did you know that every adult Catholic woman of the church is ipso facto (by the fact of) a member of the CCW? We would love to have you involved!

CCW helps with special events throughout the year, remembers the sick and shut-ins, provides food for funeral dinners, volunteers at the Rerun, and more.

Together, our CCW efforts support worthwhile spiritual devotion and social programs throughout the year. When a CCW member passes away, the CCW will have a Mass offered in her memory.

October is the month to pay dues. Please make checks payable to CCW. You may place dues in the collection plate in an envelope labeled "HS CCW" or mail them to Barb Bennett, CCW president.

HS CCW dues are \$10. Please give or mail dues to Barb Bennett, 1476 Eagle Ave, Creston, 50801. Contact Barb (641-202-2602) for more questions or ways to get involved!



Blessing of the Animals

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

When: OCTOBER 11, 2026

**Where: Holy Spirit
Parking Lot (107 W
Howard St, Creston, IA
50801**

Time: 4:00 - 4:30 PM



ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **St. Edward Book Club:** Starts Monday, Oct 19, 6:30–8:00 PM. Reading Modern Saints: Their Lives and Faces (Book 1) by Ann Ball. Contact Stephanie Summers at 641-347-2191.



- **SE CCW dues** are \$5, payable to CCW. Give or mail to Georgia Pettit, 800 N Grant St, Afton, 50830. CCW meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the Month.



- **Sacrificial Giving:** St. Edward relies on donations from all parishioners. Thank you for supporting our parish and our missions! Scan the QR code to start giving today. Questions? Contact Michelle Moore at 641-782-5278

Aug	Budget	Actual
SE Tithes	\$8,833	\$10,025
SE Plate	\$500	\$710
HS/SE Diocese of Jackson \$ 2,081.75		

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) 2026	
Need	\$13,231
Gifts Received	\$11,485

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 11: Religious Education, 9:15 AM, Rectory
 Oct 18: Religious Education, 9:15 AM, Rectory
 Oct 18: World Mission Sunday, 2nd Collection
 Oct 18: SE Parish/Finance Council Meeting after Mass, Rectory
 Oct 18: SE Youth Ministry gathering after Mass: Día de los Muertos, SE Hall
 Oct 19: SE Book Club 6:30–8:00 PM, SE Hall
 Oct 25, Waske Family Event, Hall Rented
 Oct 25, SE Youth Bonfire, Gather Around the Fire and Retire Outdated Church Items
 Oct 23–27: Parish Office Closed

St. Edward Ministry Schedule							
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday October 11	Jake Findley	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Alex & Taylor Pettit Family	Manny Lara Quinn Pettit	Shayla Findley	Volunteers	Ally Lacina *Summers Family
Sunday October 18	Lindsay Thelen	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Austin & Sydney Sorensen Family	Adam McNeill Libby Friday	Tim & Rachel Warnke	Volunteers	Ally Lacina *Summers Family

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 Randy Wuebker (Chair),
 Jeanne Bryson (Secretary),
 Dan Waigand, Tim Warkne,
 Ally Lacina, and Monica Zorn

St. Edward Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting Minutes of Jan. & Feb. 2026

St Edward Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Minutes Jan. 18, 2026

Opening

Meeting was called to order by Randy Wuebker at 11:50 am in the Church basement. Father Patrick said an opening prayer.

Approval of minutes of Nov. 16th meeting

Not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Review and approve 4th Quarter Financials for SE and Paul VI

Not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Old business

Parish Pastoral priorities levels 1-3

This topic is an ongoing discussion. There were no updates, but there was a general discussion on heating the Narthex and the confessional.

Percentage of St. Edward tithing going to Paul VI fund

Should tithing be based on percentage of money contributed or number of parishioners or masses said. St. Edward tithing to Paul VI is currently 20%, and there is concern that little money is left for Parish operations. It was decided that Holy Spirit and St. Edward Finance Councils need to meet and come up with a consensus.

Parish retreat or mission in 2026

Money will be an issue. Speakers charge from roughly \$1000 to \$5000 a day. A small task force of parishioners will be set up to explore possibilities.

St. Edward Parish boundaries

Dan Waigand supplied a map with boundaries. The lines are acceptable, but our western border will need to match the Holy Spirit eastern border.

ACTION ITEM: Dan and a Holy Spirit rep will meet and agree on St. Edward western and Holy Spirit eastern boundaries.

New business

Health Care Benefits Change: Discussed but not approved due to lack of a quorum.

We Remember board on confessional wall: Board has certain past parishioner's names. It's out of date, but no one is sure what criteria were used to add names. Discussion tabled until more information can be found out on its origins.

Adult Faith Formation: There will be a Q & A forum with Fr. Patrick on March 11. Father Patrick would like to offer more opportunities for faith formation.

Priest comments

Items St. Edward Church needs:

- New chasuble (outer vestment)
- New altar server vestments
- Presider's chair (prominent seat for priest or Bishop during mass)
- Projector

Purchase an office computer:

Father Patrick's office does not have a computer; he uses his personal one. He suggested the Parish (using Paul VI funds) purchase a computer for the priest (to be used by succeeding priests as well).

Missions: Father Patrick would like to promote missions.

There is the option of having a sister parish or a cooperative mission appeal (raising funds or other items).

Other subjects

Flocknote

Stephanie discussed Flocknote, which is a communication and management software platform designed for churches among other organizations. It allows members to sign up for specific groups, receive relevant updates, RSVP to events, etc. The cost is \$25 a month.

St. Edward budget worksheet

Council members will take home and be prepared to work on at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm. The next meeting is Feb. 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Bryson

St Edward Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Minutes Feb. 1st, 2026

Opening: Meeting was called to order by Randy Wuebker at 11:50 am in the Church basement. Father Patrick was hearing confessions, so Randy led the opening prayer.

Approval of minutes of Nov. 16th & Jan. 18 meeting minutes: Tim made the motion to approve, Stephanie seconded. Motion passed.

Retta Ripperger on behalf of the Afton Development Corporation (ADC) The ADC is in the process of refurbishing and updating the Afton sign directly north of the Church, which is on Church property. Nothing will change structurally with the sign. Ladies from the Afton Federated Garden Club would like to move a Blue Star Marker (large rock honoring veterans) from Three Mile Lake Campground to underneath the sign, where it is more visible. The ADC is contacting the Churches on the west side of town to ask if they would consider allowing their basements to be shelters in case of tornadoes.

These items were discussed in Father Patrick's absence. Council approved these actions, and Council Secretary will write a summary and send to Father Patrick for his approval.

Old business

St. Edward Parish 2026/2027 budget worksheet: Council members will work on their worksheets separately and possibly share results online. We want to present one set of figures, not six.

St. Edward tithing vis-a-vis Paul VI fund: Currently, Holy Spirit pays 80% of the Paul VI fund and St. Edward pays 20%. However, a greater percentage of St. Edward tithing goes to Paul VI fund, which is creating a budget deficit for St. Edward. Stephanie made a motion to send a proposal to Holy Spirit to change the percentages from 80/20 to 88/12. Ally Lacina seconded, and motion passed. ACTION ITEM: Dan Waigand will pass along the proposal to Dennis Purdam from Holy Spirit.

Approve employee healthcare benefit change: Ally made the motion to approve. Dan Waigand seconded, and the motion passed with one abstaining vote.

International missions

Father Patrick would like the parish to do one of two things:

1. Raise funds for a particular need/charity of a parish.

2. Establish a relationship with a sister parish.

Given our budget constraints, council members aren't sure how much St. Edward could support a sister parish. As for a specific charity, Father Patrick suggested helping to build a new church in his village in Ghana. The discussion was tabled, and Father will get an estimate of the cost of the new church.

New purchases: Father Patrick will announce at Mass the need for a rose chasuble and new altar server vestments. The hope is people would donate towards those purchases. Randy found a used, less expensive presider's chair online and will investigate that further. The Council will also investigate projectors with screens that will stay at St. Edward. A computer for the priest's office will be purchased with Paul VI fund. Flocknote: This communication software is \$25/month. GroupMe, a group chat app, is free. No decision made on whether to proceed with either option.

New business

Lenten Reconciliation Day: Father Patrick will bring in two priests, including one Spanish-speaking, to hear confessions on March 25 at 6 pm.

Deanery* updates: The Dean (Fr. Dan Kirby) will visit St. Edward on March 11, and Father Patrick will give him an overview of the parish, including a financial overview. He would like the Council to come up with a list of challenges, activities, blessings, and anything else to give a picture of how St. Edward is doing. Council members will work together to come up with a list for Father Patrick by February 25. Priests of the deanery will celebrate a Mass of consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for parishes in the deanery. Council members chose June 12 for our Mass date.

Parish office telephone: The phone that was formerly in the priest's office and the office main hall are broken. Council agrees that the office needs its own phone.

ACTION ITEM: Parish secretary will investigate phone options that would work best and be similar to her phone.

Capital Campaign (Ignite) & Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA): Father Patrick will give a presentation and is looking for ideas on how to best do this.

Other matters: During Lent, starting February 25, there will be Stations of the Cross and rosary at 6:30 pm. There will be no soup supper this year.

An outlet outside the kitchen door was suggested as it will help light the nativity scene.

Possibly buy another microphone for the Church.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. There will be no meeting during Lent.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Bryson

* A deanery is a subdivision of a diocese. A priest, known as a Dean, is appointed to oversee a deanery.

**Día de Los
MUERTOS**



Saint Edward
Youth



Join Us October 18th after Mass
to learn about Dia de los Muertos, and the
spiritual works of mercy of praying for the
living and the dead.

SAINT EDWARD YOUTH

BONFIRE DAY



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