

# Holy Spirit St. Edward Catholic Churches

July 11/12th, 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #895

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 18/19th, 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #898

16th 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.

*July 11/12th Masses & Confessions  
celebrated with Fr. Ignatius Makoji*

July 11 **Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**  
Sat **5 PM Mass, HS**  
For the People of our Parish

July 12 **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**  
Sun **9 AM Mass, HS**  
Eldon Gammell

**10:45 AM Mass, SE**  
Helen Bryson

July 13 **5 PM Adoration**  
Mon **6 PM Mass, HS**  
Mick Ripperger

July 14 **8 AM Adoration**  
Tue **9 AM Mass, SE**  
Patty and Harry Schlapia

July 15 **12 PM Mass, STM Chapel**  
Wed Owen Baker

July 16 No Mass  
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July 17 **9 AM Mass, HS**  
Fri Fr. Lenoard Kenkel

July 18 **Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**  
**5 PM Mass, HS**  
For the People of our Parish

July 19 **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**  
Sun **9 AM Mass, HS**  
LG and Helen Hayes

**10:45 AM Mass, SE**  
Leonard Miller

July 20 **Adoration w/ Deacon Luke**  
Mon **(5:30-6:30 PM), HS**

July 20-24 **No Mass**

July 25 **Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**  
Sat **5 PM Mass, HS**  
For the People of our Parish

July 26 **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**  
Sun **9 AM Mass, HS**  
Jessica Moeller

**10:45 AM Mass, SE**  
Naomi Dunphy

### July Pope's Prayer Intentions:

For respect for human life—Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God. **On July 18/19th, we will take up a 2nd collection for Peter's Pence Collection.**



**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: Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Janet Wuebker, Susan Kosman, Ronda Katzer, Jean Mikkelsen Miller, and Joe Latus.



Congratulations to Jetsyn Luther son of Ryleigh and Jagger Luther of Creston on receiving the Gift of Baptism at Holy Spirit on July 1st. Please congratulate and welcome them!

**THE SEED THAT FALLS ON GOOD GROUND WILL YIELD A FRUITFUL HARVEST.**

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).



**New School Board Member needed. A 3-year term. Contact Fr. Patrick**

**Upcoming Events Holy Spirit & St. Edwards**

- July 10-12, Steubenville Youth Conference
- July 15, Mass (Noon), STM Chapel
- July 17, All are Invited to the Summer Block Party (Free Community Event), sponsored by Holy Spirit Youth Ministry, 6-8 PM, STM playground/baseball fields area (South of Clark St)—food, games, worship music!
- July 20, Adoration (5:30-6:30 PM) followed by Blessed is She Ministry, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
- July 21, No Mass/Adoration, SE
- July 20-26, Fr. Patrick at African Conference for Catholic Clergy and Religious (No weekday Mass)
- July 22, Blessed is She Ministry, 12:30 PM, STM Chapel
- July 22, All are Invited to our Annual Parish Speaker, Dr. Karlo Broussard presenting *Living Life to the Fullest: A Compass for Human Happiness*, 6:30 PM, HS, followed by reception
- July 24, Blessed is She Ministry, 9:30 AM, HS Hall
- July 26, Final collection of 12 inch rulers for the Ecumenical Backpack Ministry
- July 29 Mass (Noon), STM Chapel
- Aug 1, Baptism (B. Maynes), 10 AM, HS
- Aug 2, Confessions after Mass, SE
- Aug 2, Creston Area Food Pantry needs volunteers from 1-3 PM, 417 Wyoming Ave
- Aug 3, Blessed is She Ministry, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
- Aug 5, Blessed is She Ministry, 12:30 PM, STM Chapel
- Aug 5, KC meeting, 7 PM, HS Hall
- Aug 7, Blessed is She Ministry, 9:30 AM, HS Hall
- Aug 10, Core Staff Calendar Meeting, 1 PM, Parish Office
- Aug 16, SE PC/FC meeting after Mass, SE Hall
- Aug 17, Blessed is She Ministry, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
- Aug 18, HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
- Aug 19-21, Volunteers/ Monetary Donations needed for Summer Lunch Program, 11:30-12:30 PM, Methodist Church



**Ecumenical Backpack Ministry:** This year we will be collecting 12 inch rulers (wooden or plastic) and monetary donations. Drop off your rules by **July 26th** in the box at the back of the church. Please note- if you have already purchased folders and colored pencils, all will be accepted and appreciated. Contact Barb Hudson for more information.



**Blessed is She Ministry:** *Want to join a group of women to learn more about God's word and our Catholic Faith? Then make plans to attend our gatherings. Summer Schedule (July–August) First and 3rd weeks of the month. Find readings & reflections under "content heading and devotions" on <http://blessedishe.net>*

**Growing the Faith of Iowa**

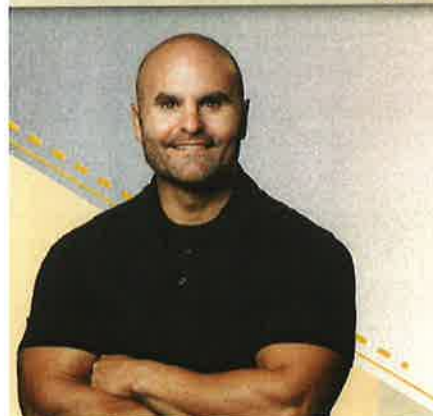
Join us for this free evening of faith, education, and community with apologist Karlo Broussard from Catholic Answers.

**Dr. Karlo Broussard**

Topic: "Living Life to the Fullest: A Compass for Human Happiness."

Date	Where	Time
July 22, 2026	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 107 W Howard St. Creston, IA 50801	6:30pm

Reception to follow talk!



Scan to reserve a spot



Mark Your Calendars !!!

**Aug 19-21 @ Methodist Church 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Summer Lunch Program**

For Age 0 to 18

Holy Spirit Parishioners and friends helping local kids

Serving: 150 kids/day

Share Your Time, Talent, and Treasure:

- 7-8 Workers/day | Meal Prep | Serving Meals | Helping w/Drive-Up | Clean-up | Monetary Donations | Food Donations | & More

Plan to Help Today


To Help: Contact Barb Hudson 641-202-2064 or sign up at the back of church




→ JOIN US FOR A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ←

# SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

SPONSORED BY HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

 JULY 17, 2026

 6-8 PM

 406 W CLARK ST,  
CRESTON, IA

FREE WILL DONATIONS  
ACCEPTED



6PM GAMES AND  
FREE DINNER

BRING BLANKETS OR  
LAWN CHAIRS



7PM PRAISE MUSIC

LIVE MUSIC BY

*The King  
Sisters*

# THANK YOU, ANNA!

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in thanking Anna Mealey for her dedicated service as our Director of Religious Education (DRE) at Holy Spirit Parish over the last two years. Anna has stepped down from this role, effective July 6, 2026.

Let us sincerely thank Anna for her commitment, initiative, and faith. She brought many blessings to our parish, notably by transitioning our religious education to an integrated syllabus from the Augustine Institute. By successfully combining technology with personal encounter and fostering parent-child involvement, she helped strengthen our formation system to meet the needs of the time. She also contributed to a healthy, collaborative relationship between faith formation and youth ministry.

Anna stepped into this role during a time of great need for our parish. She sacrificed significant time and personal comfort, traveling from Corning to Creston to help our families grow in faith. It was a joy to see her family grow alongside yours in the faith. Her son, Rowan, received his First Reconciliation and Eucharist, and her husband, Blake, entered the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. A beautiful hallmark of Anna's service was that whenever she came to work or worship, her entire family was by her side.

While we are sad to see her conclude her time as DRE, I fully support her decision to refocus on her family and her well-being. The Mealey family remains a vital part of our parish community. Please join me in praying for Anna and her family as they begin this next chapter in Christ.

The search for a new Director of Religious Education is now underway.

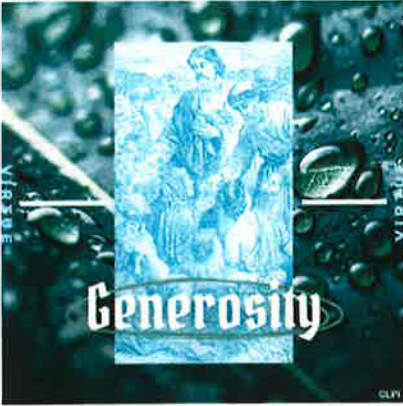
In Christ,

*Fr. Patrick Amedeka*



**Generosity, Explained!**

In the early Church, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, “all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need.” (Acts 2:44-45)



This doesn't mean we are obligated to sell our homes and cars, move in with our fellow parishioners and split the water bill. But it certainly does describe the spirit with which we must live as Christians — and it is a generous spirit, a spirit of self-denial, a spirit that prioritizes the welfare of our brothers and sisters as it does our own.

Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, cultivated in our hearts by a closeness to the sacraments and a persistence in prayer: “The one who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” (2 Corinthians 9:10) ©LPi



Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule									
	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday July 11 5 PM	Linda Hartsock	Volunteer		Linda Jolene	Barb Hudson Volunteer Deacon Luke	H Wilson	Linda Hartsock & Friends	Volunteers	Barb Hudson
Sunday July 12 9 AM	Karen Fries	Hopkins Family	M Baker L Baker Todd Dunphy	Linda Megan	A Baker Deacon Luke D Schulte	C Tallmon N Wagner M Keller	P & D Wagner Family	Sue Bissell J Moberg J Hayes	Adam Baker
Saturday July 18 5 PM	Alice Reed	Volunteer		Jolene	B Hudson A Reed Deacon Luke	B Studer	Jean & Linda Benoit	P Johnson T & K Freml T & C Seiver	Alice Reed
Sunday July 19 9 AM	Dan Rosener	Virginia Aguilar	K Fremi E Haines	Rachel Dan	V Aguilar Deacon Luke B Miller	H Rogers L Rogers R Kinsella	L & P Blakesley	R & M Baker Family	Meredith Wulf
Saturday July 25 5 PM	Volunteer	Ted Willets		Lynn Danna	Barb Hudson Deacon Luke Volunteer	C Butler	C Dunphy C Mansour	B Mostek J Mansour	Barb Hudson
Sunday July 26 9 AM	Kelsey Bailey	Kelsey Bailey	S Coen R Mohr	Linda Megan	B Boyette Deacon Luke A Wethor	M Keller H Wulf L Wulf	K & A Wethor Family	Sue Bissell J Moberg J Hayes	Benita Brightwell

St. Edward Ministry Schedule							
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday July 12	Jack Summers	Kathy Simmerman Ellie Fry Deacon Luke	Austin & Sydney Sorensen Family	Quinn Pettit Libby Friday	Shayla Findley  Olivia Findley	Jeanne Bryson & Volunteer	Dan & Carol Waigand
Sunday July 19	Lindsay Thelen	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Bill & Stephanie Summers Family	Josephine F. Jake Findley	Tim Warnke  Rachel Warnke	Jeanne Bryson & Volunteer	Dan & Carol Waigand
Sunday July 26	Jake Findley	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Matt & Lindsay Thelen Family	David Friday Adam McNeill	Diane Ide  Adley Grandfield	Jeanne Bryson & Volunteer	Dan & Carol Waigand

Just a reminder, if Deacon Luke is celebrating Mass, he will always carry the Gospel down in the processional, and he will always be an EMHC. Thus we will need two laypersons to help with EMHC during weekend Masses.

# LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.

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Website: [www.holyspiritcreston.com](http://www.holyspiritcreston.com)

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

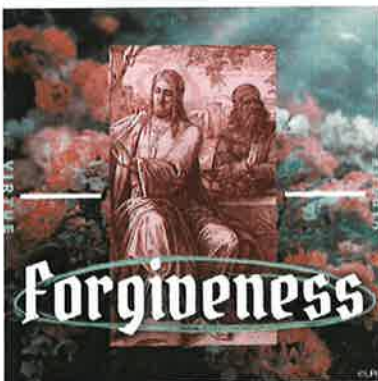
<https://www.saintedwardafton.com>

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support to our Ministries!**

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)	Budget	Actual
SE Sunday Tithes (April)	\$49,032.50	\$43,345.00
SE Plate (April)	\$ 3,333.34	\$ 3,256.15
SE Sunday Tithes (May)	\$53,935.75	\$47,110.13
SE Plate (May)	\$ 3,666.67	\$ 3,515.15
LC Clinic Baby Bottle	\$458.38	
Mary Knoll Missionary	\$1,200.00/ fiscal year	

## Parish Support

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)	Budget	Actual
HS Sunday Tithes (April)	\$ 367,682.00	\$ 390,675.73
HS Plate (April)	\$ 10,833.34	\$ 10,322.31
HS Sunday Tithes (May)	\$ 404,453.50	\$ 420,715.73
HS Plate (May)	\$ 11,916.67	\$ 11,758.56
LC Clinic Baby Bottle Fund.	\$ 737.52	



**Forgiveness, Explained!** The virtue of forgiveness is described to us in detail by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 18, when he tells Peter that he must forgive his brother “not seven times, but seventy-seven times” before relating the parable of the unforgiving servant. Here we see that exercising forgiveness is an absolute requirement of the Christian life. What we have received from God through no merit of our own, we must likewise extend to others. Forgiveness is love in action — and as is the case with most virtues, if we find it hard to practice, that means we’re doing it right. The Catechism says that forgiveness “bears witness that...love is stronger than sin” (CCC 2844) and points out that it “is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.” (CCC 2843) ©LPI

St. Edward Pastoral/ Finance Council members are kindly requested to sign-up to be money counters for 2025-2026 on the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you for your support and help with this ministry.

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Director of Religious Education at HS: TBD

Director of Religious Education at SE:

Sydney Sorensen, 641-344-8911

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Principal for St. Malachy School: Jennifer Simmons, 641-782-7125



### 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:** 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 and are issued every 2 weeks in the summer.**