

Holy Spirit  St. Edward
Catholic Churches

April 11/12th, 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #828

Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

—Divine Mercy Sunday —

- April 11 Sun 5 PM, Mass HS**
For the People of our Parish
- April 12 Sun 9 AM, Mass HS**
Joe Donahoo
Followed by Devotions & Confessions in Spanish & English w/ multiple Priests
- 10:45 AM, Mass SE**
Fr. Dennis Conway
- 5 PM Adoration**
- April 13 Mon 6 PM, Mass HS**
Hub Bradley, JR
- 8 AM Adoration**
- April 14 Tue 9 PM, Mass SE**
Sister Pat Frueh
- April 15 Wed 9:15 AM, Mass STM School**
Dennis & Theola Bradley
- April 16 Thur No Mass**
- April 17 Fri 9 AM, Mass HS**
Eddie, Dorothy, & Jimmy Peak
- Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**
- April 18 Sat 5 PM, Mass HS**
For the People of our Parish
- Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**
- April 19 Sun 9 AM, Mass HS**
Jeremy Seddon
- 10:45 AM, Mass SE**
Sam Moore



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.

Life Tools\$

Life planning tools for any stage of life



Tax Returns

A "tax return" is a document filed with tax authorities that reports an individual's or entity's income, deductions, & other financial information for a specific tax year, used to calculate the amount of taxes owed or refunded.

In short: A tax return is an annual financial report card due to the government, showcasing income, deductions, and potential refunds or owed taxes.

For more information, please contact our partner in planned giving:

 **Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa**

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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.

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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).

Please pick up "The Little White Books Easter 2026" meditation booklet in the narthex of both Holy Spirit and St. Edwards Churches to assist you on your Easter Season!


- ### Upcoming Events
- April 12,** Divine Mercy Sunday with Adoration and Confessions with multiple priests, 9 AM, HS
 - April 14,** CDA Mass and Meeting, 5:30 PM, HS
 - April 19,** Youth Choir Practice after Mass, HS
 - April 19,** KC breakfast after Mass
 - April 20,** HS FC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
 - April 21,** HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
 - April 22,** Help Package Meals of the Heartland at SWCC Gym, Noon
 - April 22,** Disability Ministry Presentation by Patty Origer, hosted by CCW, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
 - April 26,** Youth Mass with choir and Donut Sunday
 - May 2,** First Holy Communion Mass, 5 PM, HS

2026 ADA Goal:
\$41,819

Holy Spirit

Thank you for your generosity during Lenten Soup Supper & YM collection of Rice bowls

Holy Spirit raised \$ 370.68 for CRS-Rice bowls

 Please pray for: Denise McGrew, Lara Anderson, Dawn Dickinson, Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Janet Wuebker, Bob Da, Susan Kosman, and Rhonda Katzer




We have a parishioner who needs help getting a ride to Des Moines for Doctor appointments. Please contact the parish office if you desire to help (641-782-5278).

 Holy Spirit Parish is making a team who will help feed people in Iowa and around the world on Wednesday, April 22nd at Noon.

We desire to build one team of 7-10 people. Please sign up at the of back church!

If you can't help in person, but would like to donate to this Parish Ministry, please make checks payable to Holy Spirit in the memo, write "Meals from the Heartland". Donations may be sent or dropped off at the parish office or an envelope marked "Meals for the Heartland" can be dropped in the collection basket. Meals are assembled in the SWCC gym at Noon on April 22nd. **This is a faith event and we hope you can participate!** Contact Kelsey Bailey if you have any questions.

 **KC Sunday Breakfast Fundraiser for STM Teachers.** The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on Sunday, **April 19th** after Mass. That day's menu is scrambled eggs, French Toast, and ham. ALL proceeds will be placed in the STM Teacher's Fund which is used to help the teachers buy school supplies. Everyone is invited to come down the Holy Spirit Hall and enjoy a delicious meal and good company.

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	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday April 11 5 PM	Denise McGrew	Ted Willets		Dawn Linda	D Hansen B Hudson M Mohr	B Studer	C Dunphy C Mansour	B Mostek J Mansour	Barb Hudson
Divine Mercy Sunday April 12 9 AM	Dan Rosener	Volunteer	S Hudek B McKee	Harper Hannah Janet	M Wulf F Doyle B Miller	T Pokorny J Pokorny M Keller G Wethor	Wulf Family	Sue Bissell J Moberg	Meredith Wulf
Saturday April 18 5 PM	Alice Reed	Joanne Gibson		Lynn Londyn	A Reed B Boyette V Agullar	C Klejch	Jean & Linda Benoit	P Johnson T & K Freml T & C Seiver	Alice Reed
Sunday April 19 9 AM	Karen Struble	Kelsey Bailey	A Baker L Baker Todd Dunphy	Janet Danna	B Brightwell K Struble P Wagner	H Rogers L Rogers R Kinsella	P & D Wagner Family	Kim & Scott Coen Family	Benitta Brightwell



SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY



Join our
YOUTH CHOIR
Practice after
Mass April 19



MASS APRIL 26

Join us for
**THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION**
MAY 9TH
9 AM
**AT HOLY
SPIRIT**



Join us for

**FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION**



AT HOLY SPIRIT
MAY 2ND
5 PM MASS

**HIGHSCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP**

Wednesdays
6:45 to 8
at St Malachy

Small groups
and prayer

APRIL 15, 22,
AND 29

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978 saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com



**ANNUAL
DIOCESAN
APPEAL**

**2026 ADA
Goal:
\$13,231**

St. Edward



Scan the QR code or visit
[DMDIOCESE.ORG/GIVING](https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving)



The ADA provides more than 3/4 of the funding needed to support the parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines. Your gift makes a difference!



As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end this year, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at St. Edward's on Sunday, April 12th.**

Upcoming Events

- April 12**, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory
- April 12**, Return CRS Rice Bowls, SE
- April 14**, Adoration, 8 AM, Mass 9 AM, SE
- April 14**, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Mass and Meeting, 5:30 PM, HS
- April 15**, Movie Night-*Unsung Hero*, 6:30 PM, SE Hall,
- April 19**, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory
- April 22**, Disability Ministry Presentation by Patty Origer, hosted by CCW, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
- April 26**, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory—Last Class of the Year— End Year Celebration



Disability Ministry Presentation

Building Communities of Belonging!

Date & Time:

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

6:30PM-7:30PM

Snacks Provided

Location:

St. Edward Church Basement

104 West Union Street

Afton, IA 50830

Hosted by: Catholic Council of Women

How can we as a faith community build communities of belonging for persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers? Learn how the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching relate to the topic of disability needs. We will talk about the needs and gifts of persons with disabilities and how you, as individuals, families and a faith community, can help build that community of belonging that Jesus invites us all to participate in. Adaptive Faith Formation materials will be shared.

MOVIE NIGHT
at Saint Edward

Join us for a showing of *Unsung Hero*, snacks, and great company!

**Wednesday, April 15
6:30 PM**

This is the story behind the music group For King and Country and Rebecca St. James



MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is sign up now at wwme.org or call Greg & Denise at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. **Upcoming dates:** April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.

St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday April 12	Sydney Sorensen	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Bill & Stephanie Summers Family		Shayla Findley Olivia Findley	Ally Lacina & Volunteer	Eric & Deb Ripperger
Sunday April 19	Jack Summers	Kathy Simmerman Stephanie Summers Ellie Fry	Matt & Lindsay Thelen Family		Tim Warnke Rachel Warnke	Ally Lacina & Volunteer	Eric & Deb Ripperger

The 14 Promises of Divine Mercy



Our Lord Jesus Christ, risen and alive, appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska in 1935 and gave us the gift of Divine Mercy. Our Lord

gave her the image of Divine Mercy and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and made 14 promises to those who pray his Divine Mercy Chaplet. In 2000, St. John Paul II officially instituted the Second Sunday of Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Those who attend Mass on this day, go to Confession on this day, and spend appreciable time in prayer before the Divine Mercy image receive profound graces. Here are the 14 promises:

1. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over one's enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 48)
2. "The two rays denote Blood and Water... These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father... I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy... whoever approach the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.
3. I desire that the Feast of Mercy... be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 699)
4. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 687)
5. "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 687)
6. "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 754)
7. "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy... at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1075)
8. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners.

Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 299-300)

Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1397)

9. "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1485)
10. "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1521)
11. "Through this chaplet, you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1731)
12. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1541)
13. "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1541)
14. "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony... I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1320)

Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,
May your mercy flow over us,
filling our gaps and healing our wounds.
Open our hearts more deeply
with knowledge of your love for us,
understanding of the depth of your
passion,
and trust in your never-ending mercy.
Amen.

Prayer of Divine Mercy

O Blood and Water that redeems and
saves, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that heals and
restores, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that strengthens and
renews, have mercy on us!
Amen.

