

Jan 24/25th, 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #859

3rd 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, Lara Anderson, Dawn Dickinson, Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Pat Schlapia, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Marlene Cihak, Janet Wuebker, Bob Day, Fr. Pins, and Susan Kosman.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday Jan 24	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the people of our Parish
Enthronement of the Bible	
Sunday Jan 25	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Dorothy Baker
	10:45 AM Mass, SE Sam Moore
Monday Jan 26	Adoration (5-6 PM) 6 PM Mass, HS Iris Smith
Tuesday Jan 27	Adoration (8-9 AM) 9 AM Mass, SE McGrew Family
Wednesday Jan 28	No Mass
Thursday Jan 29	No Mass
Friday Jan 30	1:30 PM STM Grandparent & Special Guest Mass, HS Jessica Moeller
Saturday Jan 31	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the people of our Parish
Sunday Feb 1	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Marie Schroeder
	10:45 AM Mass, SE Those buried in Hopewell Cemetery Confessions After Mass

What is Enthronement of the Bible?

Enthronement of the Bible is a symbolic act by which the Bible is openly enthroned in a place to signify that the Word of God is the center of that place or community. The enthronement can be done anytime in any suitable place—church, home, office, school, workshop, retreat, etc. The *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* being the *Sunday of the Word of God*, the parish youth will lead us in a ceremony to enthron the Word of God in our midst. Through a series of Scripture readings, we will be reminded that the Bible is a living gift meant to be celebrated daily as a way to grow closer to Jesus. Various symbols—including light, fire, hammer, seeds, water, sword, and flowers or fruits—will be placed by the Word to represent its power to guide, nourish, and transform the hearts of the faithful. The ceremony will conclude with a profession of faith in God's Word and a solemn commitment to read, reflect upon, and live out the Gospel in daily life. You are welcome to take the handout home and conduct your own Enthronement of the Bible at home or in your office.



A Message of Gratitude from Fr. Patrick

Father Patrick would like to extend his deepest thanks to all parishioners and friends for the extraordinary kindness and Christmas gifts shared with him this year. Through your remarkable generosity, Father was able to provide essential food and supplies to over 40 households in Ghana, specifically reaching the elderly and those suffering from illness. The families and individuals who received this support have sent their heartfelt gratitude and the promise of their prayers for our community. May God replenish you in superabundance and supply all your needs according to His boundless grace.

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION.

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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

Jan 25-31, Catholic School Week
Jan 24, Dodgeball, 2-4 PM, STM
Jan 25, Youth Choir Practice after Mass
Jan 25, KC Hoop Shoot, 12:30 PM, STM
Jan 28, 9 AM Mass at STM Chapel
Jan 30, Grandparents/Special Guest Mass (1:30 PM), HS
Feb 1, Youth Mass & Youth Choir & Donut Sunday, 9 AM, HS
Feb 1, Volunteers needed at Creston Area Food Pantry, 1-3 PM, 417 Wyoming Ave
Feb 3, Mass & Blessing of Throats (9 AM), SE
Feb 4, Family Faith Night, 5:30 PM, STM
Feb 4, KC meeting, 7 PM, HS Hall
Feb 9, Baptismal Prep, 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

Please don't forget to fill out the Holy Spirit Survey and place it in the box at the back of the church. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!



The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single Catholic women, ages 18-40, who are curious about religious life, to their Monastic Experience February 27-March 1, at their monastery in Clyde, Missouri. There is no cost to attend, and more details are available at www.benedictinesisters.org.



Creston Area Food Pantry needs 12-15 volunteers Feb. 1st from 1-3 PM. (please be there at 12:40 PM for instructions).

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

Rerun Thrift Shop Hours

Tuesday 12-5 PM

Friday 9-5 PM

Saturday 9-Noon



Open on Mondays (8 AM—4 PM)
to receive donations only.

308 W. Union St., Creston, IA

641-202-4488



Can you help for a few hours during the day? Are you retired? 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 and STM school.



Congratulations to Stetson, son of Kendall and Nick Walsh on receiving the Gift of the Lord last week. Please welcome our newest family to the church!

If you have a child who needs to be baptized or are planning to have a child, please register at the Parish Office ASAP for the February 9th, 6:30 PM class at Holy Spirit.

 **Fr. Patrick will be away from Feb. 3rd after Mass until Feb. 17th, there will be no daily Adoration and Mass during that time, except for Wed. School Mass and St. Blaise Mass on Feb. 3rd.**



A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

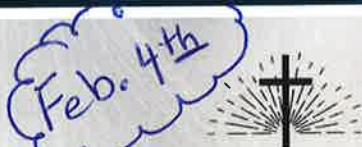
POPE FRANCIS | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

JULY 10-12
MESSAGE LEAH BEFORE FEB 5
TO RESERVE A SPOT
\$40 PER STUDENT TOTAL FEE
FOOD, TRANSPORTATION, &
HOUSING INCLUDED
**STEUBENVILLE
YOUTH
CONFERENCE**
8TH (THIS YEAR)-12TH GRADERS

SPRINGFIELD, MO



Family Faith Night

Theme: Reconciliation

5:30 dinner and games

6-7 activities

7-7:30 Adoration

7:30- 8 High school small group



**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP**
Small group discussion
Wednesdays 6:45-8
at St Malachy
JAN 28 FEB 4, 11, 25

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978

saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com



Volunteers Needed to Help with Open Table - The Knights of Columbus have

volunteered to host the meal for the Open Table on **Tuesday, February 10th from 4:30-6:30 PM** at the Methodist Church in Creston. We are needing 8-10 volunteers from Holy Spirit or St. Edward Parishes (FYI you don't need to be a Knight to help) for example to provide food, to serve, and/or to clean-up afterwards. Many hands are needed, please contact Grand Knight, Perry Strauss (641-344-3289) or Jerry Katzer (641-344-7182).

Weekly rosary gathering at Orient:
Everyone is invited to join us as we pray the Holy Rosary.

Every Tuesday
10:00 AM
Orient Bank Community Room
(please use west entrance).

If you have questions please contact Deb Brown (402-657-3622)



SECOND GRADE PARENT MEETING

First Confession & First Holy Communion



Tuesday, February 4



6:00 – 7:00 PM



During Family Faith Night

All Second Grade Parents Please Join Us!



Children are welcome to attend

Kids will make a **Confession Folder** during the meeting!

 Preparation for First Confession

 Upcoming Confession Dates

 Plans for First Holy Communion



Join us as we prepare for these special sacraments!

Holy Spirit Religious Education

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule

	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/ Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday Jan 24 5 PM	Denise McGrew	Marsha Mohr		Rachel Dan	T Young M Mohr S Heffern	Volunteers	Stormy Wilson Family	B Mostek Tom Dunphy J Mansour	Alice Reed
Sunday Jan 25 9 AM	STM	Virginia Aguilar	A Baker L Baker Todd Dunphy	Janet Danna	K Struble F Doyle P Wagner	STM Students	Polly Luther Family	STM students/ R & M Baker Family	Benita Brightwell
Catholic Schools Week									
Saturday Jan 31 5 PM	Denise McGrew	Ted Willets		Lynn Londyn	A Reed V Aguilar	C Klejch	C Dunphy C Mansour	B Mostek Tom Dunphy J Mansour	Alice Reed
Sunday Feb 1 9 AM	Youth Ministry	Hopkins family	K Freml E Haines	Youth Choir Linda	M Wulf P Wagner D Schulte	STM Students	Polly Luther Family	Youth Ministry	Meredith Wulf

ST. MALACHY SCHOOL

SECURE YOUR SPOT K-8TH GRADE

Priority enrollment for current families January 25-31st.



St. Malachy School

641-782-7125 alevine@crestonstmalachy.org

www.crestonstmalachy.org

ST. MALACHY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN & 1ST-8TH OPEN HOUSE

RESERVE A TIME TO MEET THE TEACHER

- Jan 28th 4-6pm for Parents
- March 27th - Kindergarten Round-Up for students



641-782-7125



www.crestonstmalachy.org

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Ministries at HS:*

*Leah Rogers, 515-421-8978, Sal-
tandLightYouth513@gmail.com*

*Principal for St. Malachy School:
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.

ST. EDWARD

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

<https://www.saintedwardafton.com>

YOUTH MINISTRY
CHANGES COMING SOON!



SAINT EDWARD YOUTH,
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN
FOR A NEW WAY TO
EXPERIENCE YOUR FAITH.



Parish Mission Committee

We are looking for a few parishioners interested in building community faith through mission talks at Saint Edward. This includes deciding on outside speakers, topics, and dates. Ongoing faith formation is vital to our lives as Catholics.



If you are interested in helping out, please contact a member of the Pastoral Council, or Father Patrick.



St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday January 25	Jake Findley	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Kyle & Ashley Weaver Family	Adam McNeill Blaine Pettit Quinn Pettit	Diane Ide Adley Grandfield	Randy Wuebker & Volunteer	Monty & Diane Ide
Sunday February 1	Lindsay Thelen	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Randy & Jenny Wuebker Family	Manny Lara	Emily Adair R & M Ritchie	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Dan & Carol Waigand

Upcoming Events

- Jan 25, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory
- Jan 27, Adoration (8 AM), Mass (9 AM), SE
- Feb 1, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory
- Feb 1, Confessions after Mass, SE
- Feb 3, Mass & Blessing of Throats (9 AM), SE
- Feb 4, SE CCW, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
- Feb 8, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, and R.E. students minister at Mass
- Feb 8, SE Youth Group gathering after Mass, SE Hall
- Feb. 9, Baptismal Prep, 6:30 PM, HS
- Feb 10. No Mass/Adoration, SE
- Feb 10, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Rosary (5:30 PM) and meeting, HS Hall
- Feb 15, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory
- Feb 18, Ash Wednesday Mass, 7 PM, SE
- Feb 22, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory



Little is known about St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat ailments.

In memory of St. Blaise, Mass will be held at St. Edward on Feb. 3rd at 9 AM with blessing of throats.

