

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.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God."
- Mt 22:21

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Holy Spirit and St. Edward Catholic Churches

Holy Spirit: 107 W Howard St., Creston, IA 50801
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Parish Office: 406 W Clark St., Creston, IA
641-782-5278

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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 or pick up a packet at 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 18, 2026 | GLORY & PRAISE HYMNAL, YEAR A, #937

Give the Lord glory and honor.

World Mission Sunday - October 18th

Bishop William M. Joensen encourages Catholics to support global mission through prayer and financial aid as we celebrate the centenary of World Mission Sunday on October 18, 2026.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT

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Holy Spirit Pastoral Council:
Casie Klejch (Chair), Alisha Stehr (Secretary), Dennis Purdum, Levi Evans, Kelsey Bailey, Benita Brightwell, AJ Warner, & Anita Studer

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

Oct 18, OCIA, 8-9 AM, HS
Oct 18, World Mission 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, OCIA, 8-9 AM, HS
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 27, Crest Area fo Life, Annual Meeting, 6:30 PM, Abundant Life Church, Open to public
Oct 31, Knights of Columbus Candle Ceremony, 5 PM, HS
Nov 1, All Saints' Day - Don't be late: Time change - Fall back 1 hr

INFANT BAPTISM PREP

If you are expecting to baptize your child, please make sure to join us at one of our Baptism Prep classes. Here, we will discuss the importance and depth of this Sacrament.

Friday, October 23rd, 2026, 9:30-11 AM, Holy Spirit Church
Monday, April 12th, 2027, 6:30- 8 PM, Holy Spirit Church
Monday, September 13th, 2027, 6:30-8 PM, Holy Spirit Church

Parents must attend baptism preparation class before baptizing their child. Godparents are also encouraged to attend but are not required to. If the parents have taken Baptismal Preparation Classes within the past three years, this requirement is waived. To register for a class or for more information, please contact Michelle at Holyspiritcreston@gmail.com, 641-782-5278



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

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule

	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musicians/ Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday @ 5 PM October 17 5 PM	Denise McGrew	Ted Willets		Janel Dawn	A Reed Volunteers	H Wilson	A & B Stehr Family	Volunteers	Alice Reed
Sunday @ 9 AM October 18 CDA Sunday	Virginia Aguilar	Anita Studer	J Thomsen S Coen R Mohr	Megan Janel	P Wagner V Aguilar A Studer	F Williamson L Williamson G Wethor	Sue O'Brien & CDA Members	CDA Members	Adam Baker

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

Sun, Oct 18, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Joe Donahoo
Sun, Oct 18, 2026	SE, 10:45 AM	Helen Bryson
Mon, Oct 19, 2026	HS, 6 PM	John Amedeka
Tue, Oct 20, 2026	SE, 9 AM	Cal Hultman
Wed, Oct 21, 2026	STM, 9:15 AM	Jeremy Seddon
Thu, Oct 22, 2026	No Mass	No Mass - Priest Day Off
Fri, Oct 23, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Patty Schlapia
Sat, Oct 24, 2026	HS, 5 PM	For the People of our Parish
Sun, Oct 25, 2026	HS, 9 AM	Barb & Herb Savage
Sun, Oct 25, 2026	SE, 10:45 AM	Larry Cimock

Religious Education October Dates

Normal Class Nights

October 21

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

High School Small Group at Holy Spirit at 6:30

No RE on October 28

Family Retreat

October 25th at Holy Spirit
9:00 Mass, 10-12 family activities, games, and prayer

For families of
Elementary aged students
(all siblings welcome)



ADVENT NIGHT FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

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

Activities by
STM teachers.

All ages
welcome!



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.

Sacrificial Giving

Holy Spirit relies on donations from all parishoners. 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



We prefer recurring online giving, but if you still receive bi-monthly envelopes in the mail, the next mailing is at the end of November.

We are in the process of updating our church registry. If you have not given either by check, tithing envelope, or online giving within the past 5 years, you will not receive tithing envelopes in the mail, unless you call the parish office and request them. This will reduce cost on unused envelopes.



Families who have lost a loved one during the past year are invited to attend the All Souls Day Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 31st. The Knights of Columbus will honor and pray for those from Holy Spirit and St. Edward who have entered eternal life during the past year. A candle will be purchased and lit for each person, and their names will be read during the Mass.



Jack Bakerink
John Becker
Jim Bradley
Marlene Cihak
Bob Day
Regina Day
Ronda Katzer
Bob Kerrigan
Mary McElroy
Audrey McManus
Christopher Somers
Paul Somers



All Souls Day is a traditional Catholic time of prayer for all the departed souls. If you would like to remember other family members or friends, please write their names in the prayer book at the back of the church.

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



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.

SAINT EDWARD YOUTH

GATHER AROUND THE FIRE AND RETIRE OUTDATED CHURCH ITEMS

OCTOBER 25TH, AFTER MASS

NEED SERVICE HOURS? HELP OUT!
LEARN WHY WE BURN OR BURY CHURCH ITEMS.
HOT COCOA AND SNACKS PROVIDED

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 (outside)
Oct 25, Nov 8 & 15: SE Altar Server Training, 3 PM, SE
Nov 1: All Saints' Day – Don't be late: Time change – Fall back 1 hr
Nov 1: Children blessing & Confessions after Mass
Nov 4: SE CCW meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Hall

St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
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
Sunday October 25	RE Students	Kathy Simmerman Ellie Fry	RE Students	Blaine Pettit David Friday	Diane Ide	Volunteers	Ally Lacina *Summers

PARISH CONTACTS

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Eric Ripperger 641-344-2034

Pastoral/Finance Council:
Randy Wuebker (Chair),
Jeanne Bryson (Secretary),
Dan Waigand, Tim Warkne,
Ally Lacina, and Monica Zorn

St. Edward Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting Minutes of April & May 2026

St Edward Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Minutes April 19, 2026

Opening: Meeting was called to order by Randy Wuebker at 12 pm in the church basement.

Approval of minutes of Feb. 2 meeting minutes: Dan made the motion to approve, Stephanie seconded. Motion passed.

Old business: Updates to SE FY 2027 Budget from Council:

Council worked to finalize numbers for FY 2027 in the categories that the Parish Secretary highlighted. They tried to be realistic with income numbers and allow space in the budget for building repairs and a possible ADA shortfall. There is still an open question on SE tithing for Paul VI for FY27. Currently the projected budget has a shortfall.

Updates on Paul VI FY 2027 Budget: Randy and Dan met with Holy Spirit representatives about SE's percentage of Paul VI tithing. St. Edward currently provides 20%, and the Council would like to see that number lowered. The Holy Spirit representatives will report back to the HS Finance Council and then follow up with SE Council.

Updates on funds and new purchases: \$4200 was received in donations, and other people are willing to donate.

- Projector and table: Stephanie purchased it for \$500. She will also purchase a bag and screen.

- Fr. Patrick will purchase a presider chair in the next few weeks and altar server chairs as well. He has multiple companies to consult and choose from.

- Stephanie will order altar server robes.

Parish Pastoral priorities levels 1-2: Level 1 has been addressed. Level 2 is ongoing.

2026 Missionary Cooperative Appeal—Diocese of Jackson,

Mississippi: Priest will be coming to do an appeal on Sept. 27. Blue Star Marker/Church basement as shelter: The Marker is going to be relocated to Lorimor. Retta Ripperger is contacting Brett Weis, Afton Fire Chief, about the church being used as a shelter. Council Secretary will follow up with Retta.

New business

Finances: Review/motion to approve Q1 (calendar year) Financial Reports SE & Paul VI

Stephanie made the motion to approve, Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Lasts until the end of June. Father Patrick will give reminders.

Pastoral, Faith Formation, and Liturgy: Upcoming Masses: First Communion Mass will be on May 3rd. Seniors and Confirmandi will also be recognized, with CCW hosting a reception in the Hall after Mass. The Confirmation Mass will be at Holy Spirit on Saturday, May 9th at 9 AM. The All-Senior Mass will be at Holy Spirit on May 17th.

Corpus Christi procession: Procession will be at Holy Spirit this year. There will still be Mass at St. Edward at the usual time.

Consecration of SE Parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Reminder that this event is on June 12th with Deanery Priests attending.

Visit from the Dean: He suggested that SE celebrate St. Edward's feast day. There are two possible dates: Oct. 13th or Jan. 5th.

Building and Grounds

- New weather stripping was installed in the Main Entrance.
- An estimate is being sought to install a heat duct in the Confessional.
- Rectory boiler passed inspection.
- Reviewed bid from Mike's Service for lawn care. Jeanne made motion to approve, Stephanie seconded, motion passed.

Other building needs:

- Ceiling panels need replaced.
- Water damage in Narthex needs to be painted.
- Outlet plates by the altar need connected.
- More storage space is needed in the basement.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm. The next meeting will be May 17th. Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Bryson

St Edward Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Minutes May 17, 2026

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Randy Wuebker at 11:45 am in the church basement.

Approval of April 19 meeting minutes: Dan made the motion to approve, Ally seconded. Motion passed.

Old business: FY2027 SE and Paul VI budgets: The Council proposed an 85/15 split on Paul VI quota with Holy Spirit. Ally made the motion to approve, Jeanne seconded. Motion passed. Holy Spirit had proposed an 83/17 split. Father Patrick endorsed the 85/15 split. He requested the two Councils to have a joint discussion on this issue starting earlier in the next fiscal year to reach a consensus on the quota for future years. Dan made the motion to approve the SE and Paul VI budgets, Ally seconded. Motion passed. There is a budget shortfall, but the Council used a conservative budget strategy by intentionally underestimating revenue and overestimating expenses.

New purchases: All the items on the wish list have been purchased. The chairs need to be assembled. A chasuble appeared in the Sacristy, and Father Patrick assumes it is a donation. There is around \$600 left in donations.

Parish Pastoral priorities levels 1 & 2: Council feels that the Level 1 topic of accessibility has been or is in the process of being addressed. The idea of projecting the homily on a screen is not allowed by the diocese. Installing an elevator is financially prohibitive, and there is no space. Fr. Patrick will share with Ally resources from Patty Origer on getting help for accessibility projects. Level 2 addresses relational hospitality. Dan and Ally will work together to develop a welcome packet for new parishioners.

Church basement as shelter: Jeanne was in contact with Retta Ripperger. Retta has had difficulty reaching Brett Weis, the Afton Fire Chief. She has written a letter to him and is waiting to hear back.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: The latest figures are in the bulletin. SE is 70% towards its goal.

Local Consecration of the Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 12th Mass: Mass is at 6 pm. Deanery priests who are able will attend. A meal will be served after Mass for the priests and other attendees. Ally will contact El Ranchito about catering the meal.

St. Edward's Feast Day: The Council and Father Patrick elected to combine this celebration with the St. Therese Outdoor Mass, rather than trying to choose a separate time. This year the date will be October 4th.

Building needs: Randy will be the contact for the Building and Grounds Committee. One item that needs attention is determining whether there are ducts leading to the vent in the Narthex.

Updating In remembrance plaque: The plaque, hanging on the exterior Confessional wall, commemorates those who left a memorial offering or had a memorial offering left in their name. The list of names is out of date. Jeanne will contact the Parish Secretary to ask if she can find records for more recent memorial donations.

New business: Summary April Financial Reports SE & Paul VI Dan made the motion to approve, Jeanne seconded. Motion carried.

Sound system for outdoor Mass and sound technician: The person who had the equipment and helped with the sound system in recent years has retired. Ally will contact the City about using its equipment like we did last year. SE also needs to find someone who can act as a sound technician.

Election of officers for 2026/2027: Dan Waigand will be rotating off the Council unless he elects to stay for another term. Stephanie Summers has decided not to renew her term and has asked Monica Zorn to fill the vacancy. Election of officers will be at the June meeting.

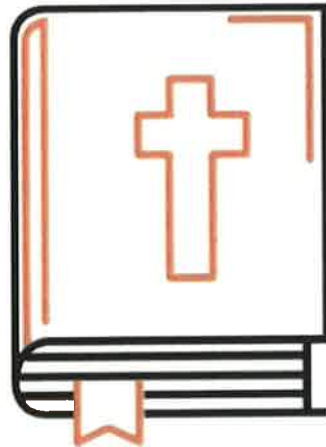
Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm. The next meeting will be June 21st. Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Bryson

Mandatory Training

For New Altar Servers

October 25

3-4pm Sunday afternoon.
Fr. Patrick will focus this session on the Catechesis..
Parent attendance is mandatory.



November 8

3-4pm Sunday afternoon.
Fr. Patrick will focus this session on Liturgy of the word.



November 15

3-4pm Sunday afternoon.
Fr. Patrick will focus this session on the Liturgy of the Eucharist..





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CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS IN CHRIST

CONFIRMATION TIMELINE

What the change means for your family

There will be no change in the age of Confirmation in 2026. The transition begins with 2027-2028. Your parish faith formation director will let you know when your sacramental preparation sessions will begin.

All parish sacramental preparation programs for Confirmation will be one year and will be family focused. *Parishes may change this due to candidate numbers.*

If your child is entering...

8th, 9th, or 10th grade in August 2027

He or she will begin Confirmation preparation in 2027.

7th or 8th grade in August 2028

He or she will begin Confirmation preparation in the 2028-2029 school year.

6th or 7th grade in August 2029

He or she will begin Confirmation preparation in the 2029-2030 school year.

6th grade in August 2030

He or she will begin Confirmation preparation in the 2030-2031 school year.

Diocese of Des Moines Confirmation Standards

- **Parish Registration:** Family registered in a parish, or in residence, within the Diocese of Des Moines.
- **Sacramental Readiness:** Baptized Catholic Christian or already received into the Catholic Church. Baptized Protestant Christians go through an adapted Becoming Catholic process for children.
- **Education Enrollment:** Enrollment in a parish Faith Formation Program, Catholic School, or Home School.
- **Program Participation:** Enrollment and participation in the parish Sacrament of Confirmation Program.
- **Instructional Formation Sessions:** Standard of nine formation sessions within eleven months. *(The eleven-month process anticipates a parent/confirmandi meeting at the beginning of the process and ends with Confirmation.)*
- **Saint Selection:** Selection of a Saint for the Confirmation preparation process and liturgy.
- **Sponsor Selection:** Selection of a Sponsor for the Confirmation preparation and beyond.
- **Home Engagement:** Completion of At Home Conversations for the Confirmation Program.
- **Sponsor Engagement:** Completion of Sponsor Chats.
- **Retreat:** Attending a Retreat that is substantive and appropriate in duration during the Confirmation Program Year.



NEW CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROCESS

Sacramental preparation for the celebration of Confirmation will move from 10th grade to 6th grade over a 3-year period beginning with 2027-2028. All parishes will use the same one-year, family-focused formation framework that allows for local adaptations.

What if parents don't feel equipped to prepare their children for Confirmation?

The Diocese is creating for us a step-by-step process that includes hands-on activities, prayer, and many opportunities for discussion. Confirmation is about receiving gifts from the Holy Spirit that help us see God in our daily lives and empower us go on mission by living like Jesus taught us.

Here is a glimpse into the framework for the year-round preparation.



Month 1

Belonging: Baptism makes us members of God's family.



Month 2

Identity (Part 1): Strengthen baptismal identity as a beloved child of God.



Month 3

Identity (Part 2): Strengthen baptismal identity as a beloved child of God.



Month 4

Belonging: Service is the focus with an introduction to the Works of Mercy.



Month 5

Encounter with Jesus: Strengthen baptismal identity as a beloved child of God.



Month 6

Encounter with Scripture: Learn to pray with Scripture.



Month 7

Encounter with the Holy Spirit: Recognize the Holy Spirit as a living presence.



Month 8

Retreat: An opportunity to encounter Jesus deeply and personally.



Month 9

Called to Mission: Focus on the works of Mercy, family service.



Month 10

Life in the Spirit: Confirmation transforms us to missionary disciples.



Month 11

Discipleship at Home and at our Parish: How to live as a young disciple in daily life.



Month 12

Ready to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.



CONFIRMATION FAQ FOR LEADERSHIP



What happening with the sacrament of Confirmation?

Confirmation will move from 10th grade to 6th grade over a 3-year period beginning with 2027-2028. All parishes will use the same one-year, family-focused, formation framework that allows for local adaptations.



Why is the Diocese lowering the age for Confirmation?

1. Young people are more receptive to a personal, life-changing encounter with Jesus that seals their identity as disciples and members of the Body of Christ.
2. We want our young people to have the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they begin to face cultural realities, scheduling and peer pressures, mental health issues, and other challenges that arise in adolescence.
3. Confirmation is a sacrament that strengthens baptismal grace and anchors a young person's identity in Christ. The sacrament equips young people to see themselves on mission to live as Jesus did and share his love with others.



Who does this apply to?

This change applies to all Catholic families in the Diocese of Des Moines who want their children to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, including those in Catholic schools, public schools, and home schools.



When and how will this change happen?

There will be no change for families in 2026-2027. Our parish will take time this summer to discern when we will roll out the new sacramental preparation process following the curriculum created for us by the Diocese of Des Moines.



What do you think of the change?

Bottomline, this is an opportunity for our families. Parents and kids will deepen their faith together and become more active living their faith in our parish and our community. As a leader in our parish, I'm looking forward to seeing more details as the Diocese shares them in late summer.