

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. March 8	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, Holy Spirit For the People
Sun. March 9	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass (Rite of Sending Forth) Holy Spirit Vicki and Robert Jansen 10:45 AM Mass, St. Edward Dannel Ripperger
Mon. March 10	10 AM Funeral Mass for Angela Pullen, Holy Spirit 5 PM Adoration & 6 PM Stations of the Cross, Holy Spirit
Tues. March 11	Adoration (8 AM) 9 AM Mass, St. Edward Hub Bradley, Jr. 6 PM Mass, Holy Spirit All the living and deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Wed. March 12	9 AM Mass, STM School Chapel Eddie, Dorothy, & Jimmy Peak
Thur. March 13	No Mass
Frid. March 14	9 AM Mass, Holy Spirit Dale Wagner
Sat. March 15	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, Holy Spirit For the People
Sun. March 16	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, Holy Spirit Paul Baker 10:45 AM Mass, St. Edward Stella Christain



Are you new to the area or new to our parish?
Please make sure to register at our churches by filling out Registration Form at the back of the church and place it the plate collection **OR** use the QR code **OR** contact the Parish Office (641-782-5278). You are always welcome here!



2025 JUBILEE YEAR & LENTEN RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

New! Reconciliation during Family Faith Night at STM from 6-7:30 PM with Fr. John and Fr. Patrick

Reconciliation before Mass, Saturdays (4:15-4:45 PM) and Sundays (8:15-8:45 PM), Holy Spirit

Reconciliation after Mass, 1st Sunday of the Month, St. Edward


Special Lenten Reconciliation Opportunity
March 28th, 9:30-10:30 AM, HS
April 16th, 5:30-6:30 PM, SE

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025)	Feb. Budget	Feb. Actual
HS Sunday Tithes	\$ 249,090	\$ 308,205
HS Plate	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,048



Eternal rest grant unto Angela Pullen and Margret Picchini, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Funeral Mass for Angela will be at 10 AM on Monday, March 10th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Holy Spirit Monday evening Mass will be canceled, but Adoration (5 PM) and Stations of the Cross (6 PM) will continue. Margret is Anna Mealey's grandmother.

 **Prayer List**-Please pray for: Mary Sid McDonald, Alisha Stehr & Family, Mary Wichhart, Denise McGrew, Teresa Kordick (Fr. Adam Westphal's mother), Holly Dunphy, and Danny Haines

If you want your name on the prayer list in the bulletin, please contact the parish office.

ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**STM PRESCHOOL
ENROLLMENT
OPENS APRIL 1ST!**



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St. Malachy School

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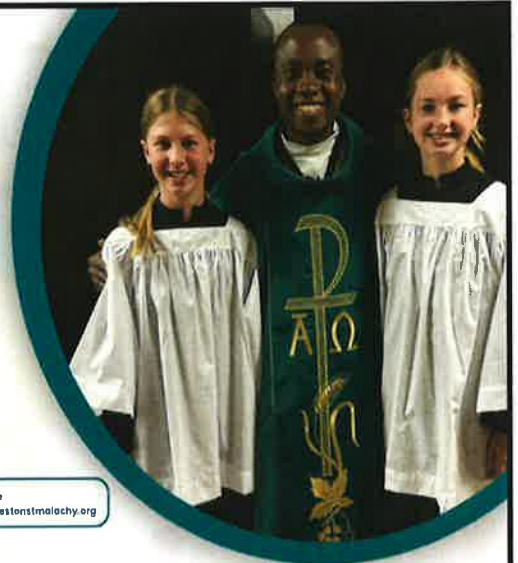
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- Exceptional Teachers & Staff

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Closes March 31st

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Website
www.crestonstmalachy.org



***Thank you for all who financially support STM School during the year, especially those who help put together the 32nd Annual Gala & Auction and donated the many auction items. Congratulations to Mrs. Levine on winning the Spirit of St. Malachy Award!

SPRING *break*

MARCH 6TH-16TH
SCHOOL
RESUMES
MARCH 17TH



SUPPORT THE ST. MALACHY PTO

**All New
St. Malachy Gear**

Check out our latest collection
STM gear! Limited time only.

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SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 23-27TH
**DISCOVERY
MISSION**
Catholic Vocation Bible School
PREF-5TH GRADE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF ENDLESS GLORY!

Email contact: holyspiritcreston@gmail.com

Facebook—[HolySpiritParishCreston](https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCreston)

Website: www.holyspiritcreston.com

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).

Calendar of Events

- March 9**, VBS planning meeting, after 9 AM Mass, HS
March 9, Ecumenical Lenten Service and Dinner, 5 PM, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
March 10, Stations of the Cross, 6:00 PM followed by Soup Supper and Catechesis, HS
March 11, CDA Mass & Meeting, 6 PM, HS
March 12, **Mass time change:** 9 AM, STM Chapel
March 12, All are invited to Family Faith Night, 5:30 PM Dinner, Adult Studies, Games & Crafts, Confessions & Adoration, STM
March 14, KC Lenten Fish Fry, 5-6:30 PM, STM
March 16, Ecumenical Lenten Service and Dinner, 5 PM, First Christian Church
March 17, Fr. Patrick's Birthday— Send him a card!
March 17, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM followed by Soup Supper and Catechesis, HS
March 19, Noisy Change Collection during STM Mass
March 19, RE & YG, 5:30 PM, STM
March 19, STM PTO meeting, 6 PM
March 21, KC Lenten Fish Fry, 6-7:30 PM, Afton Community Cnt.
March 26, RE & YG, 5:30 PM, STM
March 28, Lenten Reconciliation Opportunity, 9:30-10:30 AM, HS
March 28, KC Lenten Fish Fry, 5-6:30 PM, STM
March 30, Ecumenical Lenten Service and Dinner, 5 PM, Salem Lutheran Church
March 31, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM followed by Soup Supper and Catechesis, HS
April 4, KC Lenten Fish Fry, 6-7:30 PM, Afton Community Cnt.
April 6, Creston Food Pantry needs volunteers, 1-3 PM
April 11, Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30-7 PM, St. Patrick's in Corning, Free will donation



Remember the
Stations of the Cross
Monday, March 10th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Followed by Soup Supper and Lenten Catechesis

"Good Shepherd, give me a greater trust in your mercy and in your love. Amen."
The Magnificat Lament Companion

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 107 W Howard St.
 Creston, IA

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday March 8 5 PM	J Gibson	T Willets		D. Dunphy J. Schulte	B Boyett V Aguilar T Young	R Baird C Klejch	C Dunphy C Mansour	P Johnson T&K Freml T&C Seiver	Volunteer
Sunday March 9 9 AM	K Bailey	Hopkins Family	S Coen R Mohr P Varner	L. Baker D. Gibbons	K Struble K Anderson A Wethor	G Wethor T Pokorny L Williamson C Tallmon	E & K Anderson Family	R & M Baker Family	Adam Baker
Saturday March 15 5 PM	P Allen	M Mohr		L. Baker J. Griffith	M Mohr B Hudson P Allen	H Wilson B Studer	M & L McCabe	B Mostek Tom Dunphy J Mansour	Steve Heffern
Sunday March 16 9 AM	K Bailey	K Bailey	S Hudek B McKee	L. Taylor A. Evans	K Anderson K Bailey D Schulte	K Knutstrom N Wagner H Rogers L Rogers	J Strunk Family	C & J Purdum Family	Adam Baker

Holy Spirit Parish Priority: Cultivating a Culture of Welcome and Care through the lens of Joachim & Anne Ministry (Homebound & Elderly)

- Are you being called to be trained an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist to shut-ins?
- Would you love to Adopt-A-Grandparent?
- Would you delight in delivering Friday Fish Fries or Christmas meals to shut-ins?
- Would you take delight in delivering blessed palms on Palm Sunday to shut-ins?



Prayer Fasting & Almsgiving



All women are invited to the annual Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Conference (9:30 AM- 3 PM) on April 5th at St. John the Apostle Parish in Norwalk. Registration of \$30 is due by March 29th. For more info email DesMoinesCCW@gmail.com



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) will meet on Tuesday, March 11th. Mass will be at 6 PM followed by refreshments and meeting at Holy Spirit Hall. Fellowship Committee: Linda Hartsock, Linda Linch and Meg Crawford. Program: Book Exchange, Business: Palm Sunday Brunch.

Find joy in every day, not because life is good, but because God is.

Looking for Meals from the Heartland
HUNGER FIGHTING TEAMS
April 23rd, 2025
 SWCC GYMNASIUM
10AM - 3PM
BE A HUNGER FIGHTER



Rerun Thrift Shop Hours

Tuesday 12-5 PM
Friday 9-5 PM
Saturday 9-Noon

Phone: 641-202-4488

Open on Mondays (8AM-4:30 PM) to receive donations
308 W. Union St., Creston, IA

Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

ST. MALACHY SCHOOL
FISH FRY
All includes hand battered fried cod fish, baked potato, roll, cole slaw, dessert & drink
\$12 PER PERSON
Dine-in or Drive Thru
FRIDAY
MARCH 14 & MARCH 28
5-6:30 PM
HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lenten Ecumenical Service
Light Meal at 5 PM
JOIN US THIS SUNDAY 3.9.2025
Theme: Love
Preacher: Mary O'Brien
AT THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
1111 S Lincoln, Creston, IA 50801



SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

Lent

IS HERE!
 PICK UP A
 PURPLE FOLDER
 FROM THE BACK
 OF CHURCH FOR
 CHALLENGES:
PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING
 COMPLETE LENT
 BINGO FOR A
 CHANCE FOR A
 PRIZE (FOR YOUTH
 THROUGH HIGH
 SCHOOL AGE)

Family Faith Night

MARCH 12, 5:30-7:30
 AT ST MALACHY

9 Square & games
5:30 Supper
5:45 Adult Studies
6:00 Activities,
Crafts, lessons,
Confession
6:45 Adoration



THEME:
SACRAMENTS
OF HEALING

WEDNESDAYS RE AND YOUTH GROUPS

5:30 Dinner

6:00 RE classes

6:00 Middleschool YG

6:00 Highschool YG

6:45 Conf. Classes

7:00 9 Square/games

ALL ARE
 WELCOME AT
 YOUTH GROUPS

MARCH
19 & 26

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR LENT

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YOUTH STATIONS NIGHT

Mass at 6 at Holy Spirit, followed by youth-led Stations of the Cross, then soup supper and crafts. Adoration begins at 5 PM.

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YOUTH OFFERTORY

At 9 AM Mass. Bring your filled Rice Bowls (or other offering) to Mass to carry up to the altar during the offertory.

JOIN THE YOUTH MINISTRY



CONTACT LEAH TO JOIN
 THE TEXT GROUP
 515.421.8978

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2025 ADA Bishop Letter

Dear Friends in Christ:

Our diocesan mission of sowing God's spirit is rooted in three key aspects of our faith journey: *encounter*, *friendship*, and *communion*. These aspects orient everything we do together as the Body of Christ in Central & Southwest Iowa.

The pilgrimage of faith begins with an *encounter*. Like the apostles who met Jesus by the shores of Galilee, the woman at the well whom Jesus engages in conversation, and Mary Magdalene who comes upon the Risen Lord at the tomb, we are invited to encounter Christ in prayer, the sacraments, and one another in so many varied venues of our lives. Your support makes these sacred moments possible—through youth retreats, parish missions, and outreach to the vulnerable, such as families in crisis or those in prison.

These encounters cultivate *friendships* rooted in faith. Jesus calls us his friends, and through your support, we foster meaningful connections, for example: among young people discerning their vocations, families sharing their faith journeys, and those who serve and are served.

Ultimately, these relationships participate in *communion* where we share God's life and love. At the altar of the Eucharist, we experience the ultimate communion with Christ and his Church. Your support sustains the parishes, schools, and ministries that nurture this sacred bond, ensuring that our Church continues to thrive.

With this outreach, I boldly invite you to make a difference in our Diocese through your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your generosity directly supports vital ministries—forming seminarians, serving the poor, providing youth faith formation, and so much more. Every contribution advances our local Church where God's love is encountered, shared, and celebrated.

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift today? Your support allows us to grow as a community of faith, sowing God's Spirit and revealing Christ's love to the portion of the Kingdom vineyard God has entrusted to us.

Thank you for your generosity. May God grace you and your family abundantly in moments of *encounter*, *friendship*, and *communion* during this Jubilee Year 2025, where we accompany one another as pilgrims of hope.



Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.
Bishop of Des Moines

SAINT EDWARD YOUTH

WE NEED YOU ON MARCH 26TH!



We are looking for 20 kids and teens who can lead the Stations of the Cross and the rosary. If you can read out loud, you have the skills we're looking for. Sign up in the narthex and we'll spend five minutes after Mass on March 16th and 23rd to go over it together.

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025)	Feb. Budget	Feb. Actual
SE Sunday Tithes	\$ 35,145	\$ 32,825
SE Plate	\$ 2,333	\$ 2,969

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry

Join us for a Fish Fry Dinner Fundraiser to help raising funds for local projects

Friday
March 21
April 4

at Afton Community Center on the Square
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Free will Donation

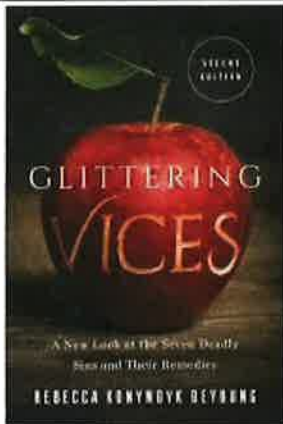
Dinner include: fried fish, baked potato or French fries, roll, coleslaw, dessert & drink

Dine-in & Take-Out available.

- ⇒ **March 9**, SE Religious Education (R.E.) 9:15 –10:30 AM, SE Rectory
- ⇒ **March 9**, Celebrate Confirmed St. Edward Students after Mass and SE Youth Group hangout
- ⇒ **March 11, 18, 25** Adoration – 8 AM, Mass – 9 AM, SE
- ⇒ **March 12**, Bishop Joensen visits & Lenten Simple Supper (6 PM), Stations of the Cross & Rosary, SE
- ⇒ **March 19 & 26**, Lenten Simple Supper (6 PM), Stations of the Cross & rosary, SE
- ⇒ **March 21**, KC Lenten Fish Fry, 6-7:30 PM, Afton Community Center
- ⇒ **March 23 & 30**, SE Religious Education (R.E.), 9:15 -10:30 AM, SE Rectory
- ⇒ **April 2**, Lenten Simple Supper (6 PM), Stations of the Cross & rosary, SE
- ⇒ **April 2**, SE CCW meeting, after Stations of the Cross, SE
- ⇒ **April 4**, KC Lenten Fish Fry, 6-7:30 PM, Afton Community Center
- ⇒ **April 6**, Confessions after Mass
- ⇒ **April 9 & 16**, Lenten Simple Supper (6 PM), Stations of the Cross & rosary, SE
- ⇒ **April 16**, Lenten Reconciliation Opportunity, 5:30-6:30 PM, SE

St. Edward Ministry Schedule							
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday March 9	Sydney Sorensen	Carol Waigand Monica Zorn Ellie Fry	Curt & Megan Friday Family	Adam McNeill	Emily Adair	Eric Ripperger Volunteer	Monty & Diane Ide
Sunday March 16	Lindsay Thelen	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Kathy Simmerman	Chris & Allison Grandfield Family	Jake Findley	Diane Ide	Eric Ripperger Volunteer	Monty & Diane Ide

BE WITH ME, LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE.



Join us as we delve into our first book of 2025!

We will begin discussing Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung's book, Glittering Vices, 2nd Edition, on April 21st. Potluck dinner starts at 6:30pm in Saint Edward's basement, and discussion usually runs for about an hour. Many voices make for a fuller discussion, consider adding your voice to our group!

We do NOT provide books, so order yours today so you'll have it in time for our discussions!



Saint Edward Stations of the Cross

Join us every Wednesday throughout Lent as we journey our way closer to God. Bishop Joensen will join us for our first evening of the Stations of the Cross on March 12. Come out and greet our Bishop! After the Stations, we also pray the rosary. Center your week on our Lord's sacrifice for us all.

Dates:

- March 12 Bishop Joensen joins us
- March 19
- March 26 SEYouth will lead
- April 2
- April 9
- April 16

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SE Knights of Columbus: Darren Moore, 641-344-8350



Lenten Simple Suppers at Saint Edward

Why simple suppers instead of soup suppers? This Lent, let us join together as a community for a simple meal (not necessarily soup), no meat, no "dressing things up," no extravagance. And after we've had our simple supper, head upstairs to join in praying the Stations of the Cross and the rosary. Use the QR code to sign up to bring food.