

Holy Spirit St. Edward Catholic Churches

Aug 29/30th, 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #916

22nd 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.

Aug 29 Sat **Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**
5 PM Mass, HS
For the People of our Parish

Aug 30 Sun **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**
9 AM Mass, HS
Ronald Dunphy

10:45 AM Mass, SE
For those buried at St. Edward Cemetery

Aug 31/Sept 1 Mon/Tue No Mass

Sept 2 Wed **9:15 AM STM Mass , Gym**
Dennis Nelson

Sept 3-4 Thur/Fri No Mass

Weekend Masses/Confessions Celebrated with Fr. Ignatius

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

Sept 6 Sun **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**
9 AM Mass, HS
Joe Aguilar

10:45 AM Mass, SE
Eddie, Dorthy, & Jimmy Peak
Confessions after Mass



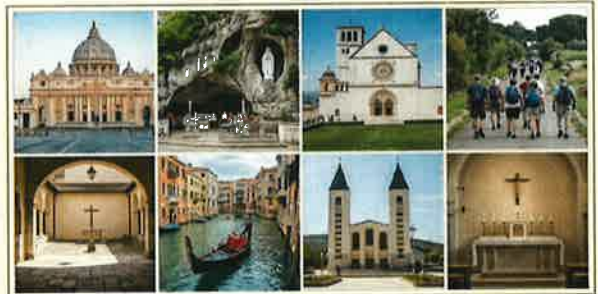
Are you new to the area or new to our parish?

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.

COMING SOON: *A PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE (2027/2028)*

TWO SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS AWAIT

OPTION 1: ITALY & MEDJUGORJE (12 Days)



OPTION 2: FRANCE, SPAIN, & PORTUGAL (12 Days)



Contact Fr. Patrick if you would like to be part of this.

Phone: 641-782-5278

Email: pamedeka@dmdioocese.org

More details to come as planning progresses.



Please pray for: Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Janet Wuebker, Susan Kosman, Jean Mikkelsen Miller, Joe Latus, Denise McGrew, Sarah Amedeka, and Mary Halligan John.



Housing Needed for Religious Sister: We are looking for a family or single woman in Creston willing to open her home to a religious sister for four semesters @ SWCC. She needs a private bedroom and bathroom. Host does not need to provide food or rides. Please call the parish office if you are able to assist!

A JOURNEY IN FAITH



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) begins soon.

The OCIA Meet and Greet will be on Monday, August 31 at 6:30 PM in Holy Spirit Hall. Contact Terri Hopkins (641-782-2392) or Fr. Patrick if you are an adult or over seven years old and have never been baptized, Confirmed, or received the Eucharist.

If you know of anyone who would like to become Catholic, invite them to the OCIA Meet & Greet as soon as possible.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a year-long process of prayer, learning, and reflection designed for those seeking to become Catholic. Gatherings are on Monday evenings.

Content of Formation

Part 1: Biblical Formation (The Bible)

Part 2: Ecclesiological Formation (The Church)

Part 3: Liturgical Formation (Worship)

Part 4: Spiritual Formation (Prayer)

Part 5: Moral Formation (The Christian Life)



MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD.

Email contact: holyspiritcreston@gmail.com

Facebook—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).

Upcoming Events Holy Spirit & St. Edwards

Aug 31, OCIA Meet & Greet, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
Sept 1, The Knights of Columbus (KC) Fall Men's Stag, 5:30 PM at 3189 150th Street, Creston. All catholic men are welcome.
Sept 2, Back to School Picnic, 5-6 PM, STM
Sept 3/4 & 7, Parish Office Closed
Sept 8, First Day of Preschool, STM
Sept 8, CDA Rosary (5:30 PM), followed by CDA meeting, HS—All Women are invited
Sept 9, Family Faith Night w/ Guest Speaker: Micah Kiel, 5:30-7:30 PM, STM
Sept 12, CDA fundraiser—Mum sale and pick up, 9-Noon, near Rerun
Sept 13, Infant Baptism Prep, Noon, SE (*Preregistration required Sept. 6th*)
Sept 13, 9 AM Mass Dedicated to Vocations and Religious Life with Special Collection to support Seminarians, HS
Sept 13, Baptism Prep, Noon, SE Hall (*Preregistration required by Sept. 6th*)
Sept 14, HS FC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
Sept 15, HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
Sept. 17, Business Forum, Parish Office Closed
Sept 20, Baptism (M. Baker) during HS Mass
Sept 20, Catechetical Sunday
Sept 26/27, Christ our Life Conference, Des Moines
Sept 26/27, Missionary Cooperative Appeal – Diocese of Jackson. Masses celebrated w/ Msgr. Elvin Sunds
Sept 26/27/28, KC Tootsie Roll Drive
Sept 27- Oct 1, Annual Fall Priest Workshop
Sept 27, NET Retreat, 9-3 PM, HS
Sept 30, 9:15 AM Prayer Service, STM
Oct 4, KC breakfast-fundraiser for STM Teachers

Thank You We would like to thank all the members of our Catholic Parish family for the support and care in many ways of Ronda in her time of need. We is deeply appreciate everyone's help.
 Sincerely The Ronda Katzer family.

Catholic Men's Stag Night

The Knights of Columbus (KC) Annual Fall Catholic Men's Stag Night will be Tuesday, **September 1st** starting at 5:30 PM at Dennis Kinsella's 3189 150th Street, Creston. **All catholic men are welcome.** Main dish will be provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Have fun and get to know your brothers in Christ. After the meal, there will be a short KC meeting. Contact Jake Williamson, Grand Knight (641-344-2872) for more info. Also mark your calendars for other future KC events.



-Sept 26/27/28 Tootsie Roll Drive
 -Oct 4th, KC breakfast-fundraiser for STM Teachers



Catholic Daughters of Americas (CDA):

The CDA Kick-off meeting will be Tues., Sept. 8th starting with praying the rosary at 5:30 PM followed by meal & meeting. *Program:* Initiation of New Members, Mum Fund-raiser, CDA National Convention Report.

Fellowship Committee: CDA 2026-2027 Officers; Anita Studer, Vice Regent; Rita Riley, Secretary; Kay Kinsella, Financial Secretary & Patty Wagner, Treasurer.

Contact Brenda Stauss, Regent (641-344-7483) to learn more or join CDA.

Sponsored by CD of A



MUM Sale

2026

Pick Up (9AM-Noon) Saturday September 12th Next to Rerun Thift Store

Big Mums for Sale: \$25 each

To reserve a color: White, Yellow, Orange/Rust, Red or Purple/Lavender, contact Anita Studer (61.344.1435), Sue Obrien (641.340.2851) or sign up at the back of church

ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StMalachySchoolCreston>

641-782-7125

<https://crestonstmalachy.org>



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

<https://www.facebook.com/RerunCreston/>

Closed Saturday (Sept 5) & Monday (Sept 7)
during Labor Day Weekend.



PK-8 BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

- ✓ Join us for food, friends & back-to-school fun!
- ✓ Protein & plates, and silverware provided!
- ✓ Bring a hot dish, cold dish, or dessert to share!
- ✓ Bring your favorite school-friendly beverage!
- ✓ Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

WE WILL HAVE A RIBBON CUTTING AT 5PM
TO OPEN OUR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



Please send extra prayers for Fr. Patrick as he travels to Ghana Aug 31–Sept. 25th to be with his ill mother and attend his brothers funeral. Please note Fr. Patrick will NEVER request gift cards via email or text. This is SCAM.

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule

	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday August 29 5 PM	Virginia Agullar	Virginia Agullar		Volunteers	B Hudson Volunteers	C Klejch	Volunteers	Volunteers	Barb Hudson
Sunday August 30 9 AM	Kelsey Balley	Kelsey Balley	J Thomsen S Coen R Mohr	Linda Megan	Volunteer B Brightwell B Miller	L Wulf H Wulf M Keller	Jen Strunk Family	S & L Rogers Family	Benita Brightwell
Saturday September 5 5 PM	Alice Reed	Ted Willets			B Boyette A Reed	H Wilson	C Dunphy C Mansour	B Mostek J Mansour	Alice Reed
Sunday September 6 9 AM	Karen Struble	L & P Blakesley	M Baker L Baker Todd Dunphy		A Baker P Wagner A Wethor		P & D Wagner Family	Jamie Hayes Volunteers	Adam Baker

Priest: Father Patrick
Amedeka : 641-458-4784
pamedeka@dmdiocese.org
Rectory & Parish Office
Phone: 641-782-5278

Business Manager & Parish Secretary for HS & SE: Michelle Moore,
holyspiritcreston@gmail.com
Director of Religious Education & Coordinator of Youth/Young Adult Ministries at HS: Leah Rogers, 515-421-8978,
SaltandLightYouth513@gmail.com
Director of Religious Education at SE: Sydney Sorensen, 641-344-8911
sydney.weis2014@gmail.com
Cemetery Sextan: Larry Bailey, 641-344-0364
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: 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.

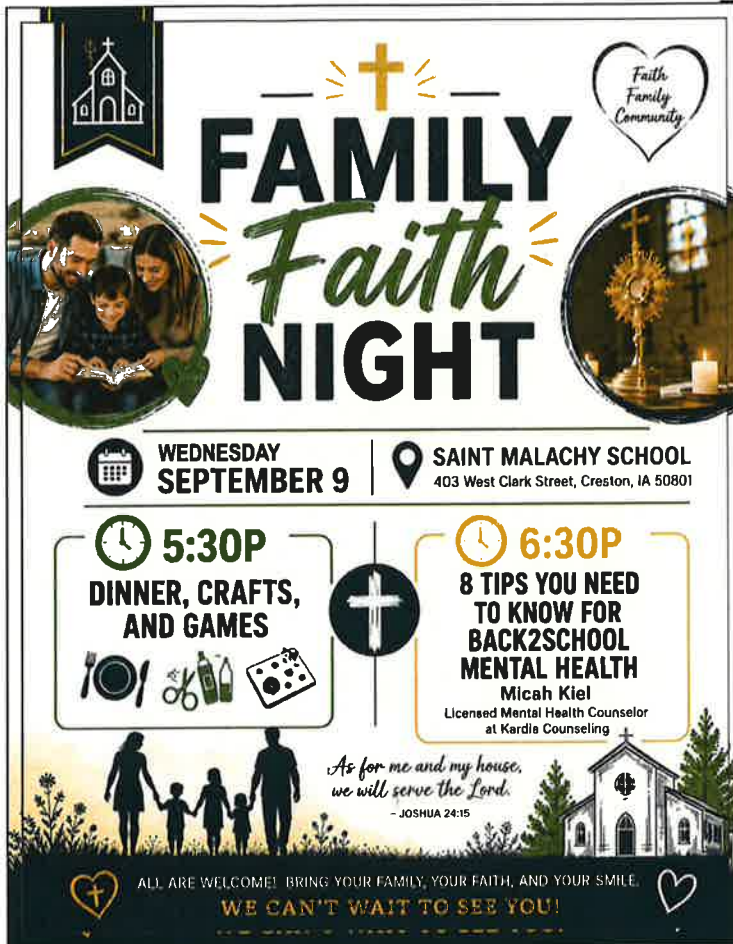


SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

All things



Holy Spirit Youth



FAMILY Faith NIGHT

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9 | SAINT MALACHY SCHOOL
403 West Clark Street, Creston, IA 50801

5:30P
DINNER, CRAFTS, AND GAMES

6:30P
8 TIPS YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR BACK2SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH
Micah Kiel
Licensed Mental Health Counselor at Kardie Counseling

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
- JOSHUA 24:15

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FAITH, AND YOUR SMILE.
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

1st through 10th grade parents, sign up for RE here.



We still need more volunteers for RE nights and Family Faith Nights. Please message Leah if you can help minister to our youth.



We are hosting another
NET Retreat
on September 27th from 9 to 3.

All 6th through 12th graders are welcome. There is no cost to attend.

This retreat is required for 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students.

Message Leah if you are interested in hosting Missionaries!

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978 saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com

Leah Leaves ...

Yes, you read that right: Leah Rogers and her family (Steve, her husband, and Hannah, Luke, and Kaylee, their children) are leaving Creston after four years in our parish. Leah and her family's departure is a big loss to the parish, but they will be a great gain to another, which is a good thing. The parish launched youth ministry with Leah as its first leader. She led youth ministry at both Holy Spirit and St. Edward until Stephanie Summers took over the baton at St. Edward. After 3 years in her role, Leah is moving on from the Creston area with her family. When the parish Director of Religious Education (DRE) became vacant this summer, Leah agreed to combine the youth ministry leadership role with that of the DRE.

The parish is grateful to Leah and her family for what they contributed to the faith formation of children and young people in the parish and to the growth of the parish as a whole. They came with their faith in Christ and did not shy away from sharing their lives with us. In many ways, they motivated our children and families to trust that they too can live the life of Christian discipleship with courage and joy. They journeyed with us through challenges and accomplishments. Although we are sad they are leaving, we are not perturbed, because we know we still have them with us in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We pray for them and wish them well in the new chapter of their lives. Holy Spirit Parish will always be their home. Though they leave this place, we will remain connected in the Eucharist through the Holy Spirit.

With this change, the parish needs a new Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Prospective candidates should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

In Christ,

Fr. Patrick Amedeka

WE'RE HIRING: Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Full-Time Position: Join our parish team to guide, inspire, and nurture the faith of our young people and families. This role leads our K–8 faith formation, sacramental preparation, and middle/high school youth ministry.

Primary Responsibilities

- Oversee K–8 religious education and recruit/support catechists.
- Coordinate sacramental prep for Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- Plan and lead dynamic youth group nights, retreats, and service projects (grades 6–12).
- Foster family engagement and manage program logistics.

Benefits & Details

- Competitive salary based on experience.
- Comprehensive diocesan benefits package (Health, Dental, Retirement, PTO).

Apply Today: Please send your resume and cover letter to:

Fr. Patrick Amedeka | pamedeka@dmdiocese.org | 641-782-5278

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

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

<https://www.saintedwardafton.com>

Upcoming Events

Sept 1 The Knights of Columbus (KC) Fall Men's Stag, 5:30 PM at 3189 150th Street, Creston. **All catholic men are invited to attend**
Sept 2, Deanery meeting with Bishop Joensen, SE
Sept 2, SE CCW meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
Sept 6, Confessions after Mass, SE
Sept 13, St. Edward Religious Education Kick Off, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory
Sept 13, Baptism Prep, Noon, SE Hall
(Preregistration required by Sept. 6th)
Sept 13, Seminarians Special Collection Weekend
Sept 20, Catechetical Sunday
Sept 20, St. Edward Religious Education, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory
Sept 27, Missionary Cooperative Appeal - Diocese of Jackson
Sept 27, NET Retreat (All 6th-12th graders), Free, **Required for Confirmation**, 9AM-3 PM, HS
Oct 4, Parish Feast Day (St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Edward), Outdoor Mass

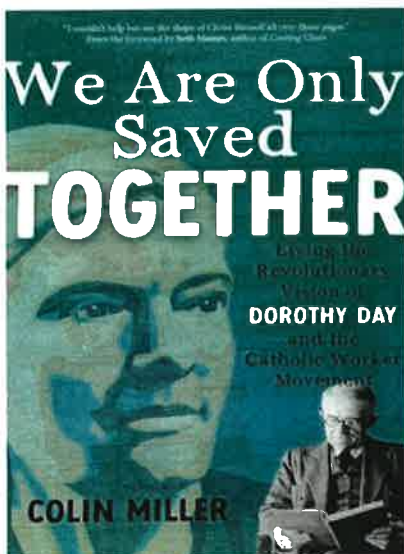
SE ADA (Goal \$13,231)

Gifts Received \$10,855

Infant Baptism Prep – Sept. 13th, Noon-1:30 PM, St. Edward Hall

- ▷ If you are expecting to baptize your child at Holy Spirit or St. Edward, please make sure to join us Sept 13th or Oct 23rd.
- ▷ Parents must attend Baptism Prep before their child can be baptized. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. If the parents have taken the Baptismal Prep within the past 3 years, this requirement is waived.
- ▷ **Preregistration is required by Sept 6.** To register, please contact Michelle, 641-782-5278 or holyspiritcreston@gmail

WHO IS YOUR COMMUNITY IN YOUR LIFE PROJECT
OF BEING A CHRISTIAN?



Saint Edward Youth

“The Gospel had become our social fabric, and our community was solid because it was not grounded in feelings or in liking certain people, but in being necessary to one another’s life project of being Christians.”

St. Edward Ministry Schedule

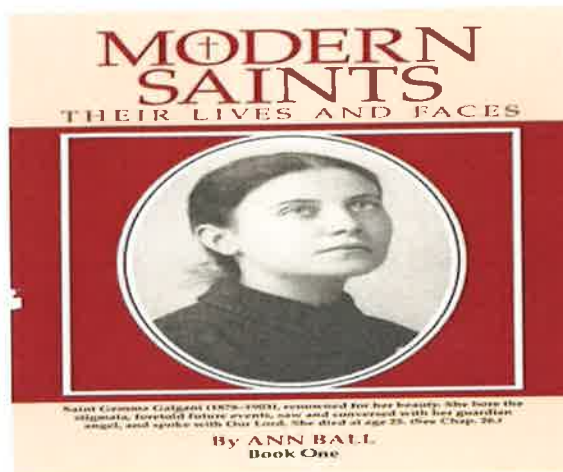
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday August 30	Jeanne Bryson	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Randy & Jenny Wuebker Family	Jake Findley Blaine Pettit	Emily Adair	Jeanne Bryson & Volunteer	Sheila Brown *Summers Family
Sunday September 6	Alex Pettit	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Jeanne Bryson & Kathy Simmerman	Manny Lara Adam McNeill	Emily Adair	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Eric & Deb Ripperger



Saint Edward BOOK CLUB



Mondays
6:30-8pm
Starting
10/19



Interested? Want
more
information?
Contact
Stephanie
Summers
641-347-2191



Come read our next book with us!
We'll eat together, talk about the saints we're reading about
(more than 50 over the course of the book!), and grow in
friendship. Come for a few meetings, come for them all.
We'd love to have you!

Saint Edward Youth

(6th-12th Grades)



Upcoming Service Opportunities

Sept: Drink Drive
Oct: Retiring liturgical items
Nov: Food Drive
Dec: Visit elderly/homebound

Upcoming Events/Activities

Sept:
Oct: Dia de los Muertos
Nov:
Dec: Live Nativity w/RE