

Holy Spirit St. Edward Catholic Churches

Aug 22/23rd, 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #913

21st 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 22 Sat	Funeral Mass for Ronda Katzer, 10:30 AM, HS Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the People of our Parish
Aug 23 Sun	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Christopher Somers 10:45 AM Mass, SE Dannel Ripperger
Aug 24 Mon	5 PM Adoration 6 PM Mass, HS Deceased members of the Vincent Falk family
Aug 25 Tue	8 AM Adoration 9 AM Mass, SE Martin & Luna Santos
Aug 26 Wed	9:15 AM First STM Mass of the School Year Paul Baker
Aug 27 Thur	No Mass
Aug 28 Fri	9 AM Mass, HS Deceased members of the Hubert Bradley family
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



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.

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 22nd, Helping with Open Table, 5-6 PM

-Sept 26/27/28 Tootsie Roll Drive

-Oct 4th, KC breakfast-fundraiser for STM Teachers



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



Eternal rest grant unto James (Jim) Bradley, Jim McGrew, Kathleen Moore, and Ronda Katzer, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

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Sydney Sorensen, 641-344-8911

sydney.weis2014@gmail.com

Principal for St. Malachy School: Jennifer Simmons, 641-782-7125

YOU ARE
Welcome Here

LORD, YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL; DO NOT FORSAKE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.

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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 24, Farewell HS/SE Masses for Deacon Luke Mohan followed by Luncheon at St. Edward

Aug 24, First Day of St. Malachy School

Aug 24, Baptism of C. Mitchell during Mass

Aug 25, STM Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, STM

Aug 26, Wednesday Mass returns to 9:15 AM, STM Gym

Aug 29, Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools Mass & Meal, 4 PM, St. Ambrose Cathedral

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 3/4 & 7, Parish Office Closed

Sept 8, CDA Rosary (5:30 PM), followed by CDA meeting, HS—All Women are invited

Sept 9, Family Faith Night, 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 13/14, Seminarians Special Collection Weekend

Sept 20, Catechetical Sunday

Sept 22, Holy Spirit Friends and Family helping with Open Table (5-6 PM), Methodist Church

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

Sponsored by CD of A



MUM Sale

2026

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



Catholic Daughters of Americas (CDA):

The first meeting of the year will be **Tues., Sept. 8th** with praying the rosary at 5:30 PM followed by meeting. **Program:** Initiation of New Members, Mum Fundraiser, 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.

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.

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule

	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday August 22 5 PM	Alice Reed	Linda Hartsock		Lynn Dan	A Reed Volunteer	C Butler	Jean & Linda Benolt	P Johnson T & K Frem T & C Selver	Alice Reed
Sunday August 23 9 AM	Dan Rosener	Hopkins Family	S Hudek B McKee	Rachel Caroline Nora	B Boyette A Baker	L Rogers H Rogers	Polly Luther Family	R & M Baker Family	Adam Baker
Saturday August 29 5 PM	Virginia Aguilar	Virginia Aguilar		Volunteers	B Hudson Volunteers	C Klejch	Volunteers	Volunteers	Barb Hudson
Sunday August 30 9 AM	Kelsey Bailey	Kelsey Bailey	J Thomsen S Coen R Mohr	Linda Megan	F Doyle B Brightwell B Miller	L Wulf H Wulf M Keller	Jen Strunk Family	S & L Rogers Family	Benita Brightwell

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK DEACON LUKE!



It is with great gratitude in my heart that I conclude my time in Creston and Afton on Sunday August 23rd. Just over two months ago, on June 19th, I was ordained a deacon; on June 22nd, I made Creston my home for the summer. This comes after five years of intensive seminary formation; my time with you all this summer was a valuable extension of this formation.



On Tuesday, I will return to New York for my final year of studies. My studies over the years have consisted of philosophy, morality, biblical studies, church teaching, church history, languages,

and liturgy. My service as a deacon this summer has reminded me of the purpose of all these studies: to love and serve the Lord and his people as an ordained minister. Knowledge is good. Love is better. I cannot thank you enough for the love, generosity, and patience you have shown to me this summer. This has taken the form of feedback on my reading of the Gospel or my homilies, instruction on the procedures and rhythms of the parish, tasty foods or invitations to leisure, and most importantly, your participation in the liturgy. I have loved worshipping God with you, in the Mass, in Adoration, and in the Sacraments.



Please continue to pray for me as I return to seminary; I promise to do the same for you. I will remember you always with great affection as the first communities I had the privilege to minister to as an ordained servant of the Lord and His Church. The first of many, no doubt, but perhaps not the last time I will serve in Creston and Afton. Regardless, we are Catholic (meaning “universal”), such that whenever we pray and worship, we are joined as the one Body of Christ, the Church. May God be good to you and your families.



I am yours in Christ,
Deacon Luke Mohan
201 Seminary Ave,
Yonkers, NY 10704



ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

641-782-7125

<https://crestonstmalachy.org>

Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning!
I want to grow closer to you
in everything I do at school.
In math and science, help me to see
your beautiful plan in the world.
Help me to discover new stories
and values as I read and write.
In arts and music, help me to be cre-
ative.
In sports, help me to treat my team-
mates
and my opponents fairly.
Help me to learn new skills
in technology.
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.
Help me to listen with open ears,
an open heart, and an open mind
to all my teachers at school.
Help me to treat my classmates
with care, kindness, and respect.
Thank you, Jesus, for school!
Amen. ©LPi

New Middle School Math Teacher!



- ✓ 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



Mrs. Boswell
Middle School

My husband and I live on a farm in Adams County with our kids and a lot of sheep. We have adopted 6 children and are foster parents.

HOBBIES

- READING
- QUILTING
- COOKING

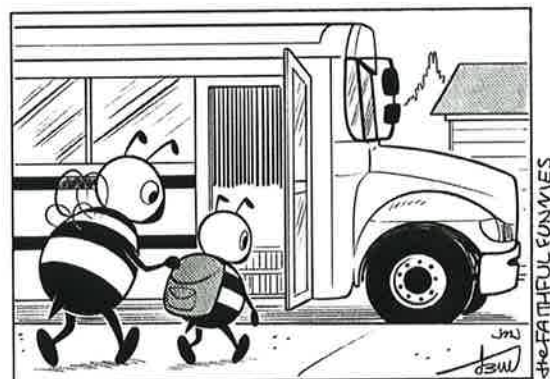
I love teaching and feel very led to STM. It was truly like God showing me a neon sign to teach here. Also-Math Rules!

ABOUT ME

WHY STM?

Check out St. Malachy Facebook about other great St. Malachy teachers.
www.facebook.com/StMalachySchoolCreston

"How do bees get to school?"



"By taking the school buzz."



FUN FACT!

Say a prayer for the students and teachers returning to school this season. May God bless their comings and goings!

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SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY





TUESDAY, 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 Kardia 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

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

Option 1: Visit Italy and Medjugorje (12 Days)
Option 2: Visit France, Spain, and Portugal (12 Days)

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



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/>

The Rerun is ran by 100% volunteers. We thank all for them for both their dedication to help the community and to support St. Malachy School. All profits from the Rerun go to support St. Malachy School which is approx. 14% of their annual budg-

CHRIST OUR LIFE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Sister Medhin Tesfay



Serving as Director of Social and Development Programs for Daughters of Charity. Sister cares for the sick and hungry and works alongside Mary's Meals to provide food for the poorest children in Tigray, Ethiopia.

Join Sister Medhin and eight other world-class speakers for a faith filled, life-changing event this fall in Des Moines, Iowa.

September 26 & 27, 2026 **Casey's Center**
(formerly Wells Fargo Arena)

Scan the QR code to buy tickets

Go to ChristOurLifeIowa.com for complete information

In person or Livestream



Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

KINGDOM

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

MATTHEW 16:19



AUGUST 22

The Queenship of Mary

This feast day recognizes Mary as the "Queen of Heaven and Earth" and celebrates her special role in salvation.

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

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

<https://www.saintedwardafton.com>

Upcoming Events

Aug 24, Farewell Mass for Deacon Luke Mohan followed by Luncheon at St. Edward

Aug 26, SE Trustee Meeting, 5 PM, SE

Sept 1 The Knights of Columbus (KC) Fall Men's Stag, 5:30 PM at 3189 150th Street, Creston. **All men of St Edward Parish 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, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory

Sept 13, Baptism Prep, Noon, SE Hall
(Preregistration required Sept. 6th)

Sept 14, Seminarians Special Collection Weekend

Sept 20, Catechetical Sunday

Sept 20, St. Edward Religious Education, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory

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.com

Saint Edward's Parish

Religious Education Class Calendar

September 13, 2026 – May 23, 2027

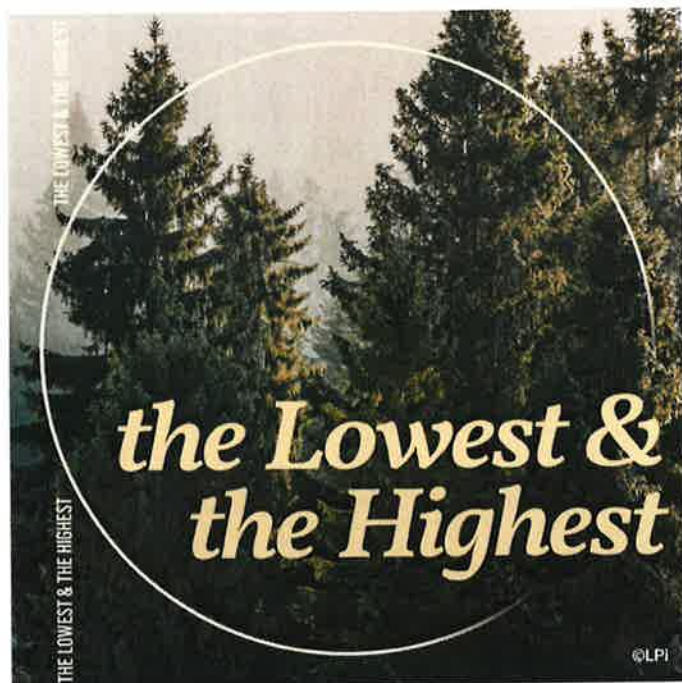
Classes begin at 9:15 AM. Notifications on cancellations/changes are sent via GroupMe. Questions? Contact Sydney Sorensen, 641-344-8911.

This calendar follows the East Union Community School District calendar for scheduled breaks.

Classes

Sep 13, 2026	Dec 6, 2026	Mar 7, 2027
Sep 20, 2026	Dec 13, 2026	Mar 21, 2027
Oct 11, 2026	Jan 17, 2027	Apr 11, 2027
Oct 18, 2026	Jan 24, 2027	Apr 18, 2027
Oct 25, 2026	Jan 31, 2027	Apr 25, 2027
Nov 8, 2026	Feb 14, 2027	May 9, 2027
Nov 15, 2026	Feb 21, 2027	May 16, 2027
Nov 22, 2026	Feb 28, 2027	May 23, 2027

St. Edward Ministry Schedule							
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday August 23	Monica Zorn	Kathy Simmerman Ellie Fry Volunteer	Kyle & Ashley Weaver Family	Adam McNeill David Friday	Diane Ide Adley Grandfield	Jeanne Bryson & Volunteer	Sheila Brown *Summers Family
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



August 23, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI



23 de agosto de 2026
XXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Mateo 16:13-20

La pregunta que Jesús hizo a sus discípulos fue: *"Según el parecer de la gente, ¿quién es este Hijo del Hombre?"*. La respuesta no se hizo esperar; presurosos respondieron: *"unos dicen que Juan el Bautista, otros que Elías, o Jeremías, o alguno de los profetas"*. Enseguida vino otra pregunta: *"Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?"* (Mateo 16:13-17). Esta segunda pregunta ya es directa para los discípulos: ¿quién es Jesús para cada uno de ellos. Pedro lo identifica con claridad: *"Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo"* (Mateo 16:16). Jesús le dice que esta revelación viene del Padre que está en los cielos y no de su propia capacidad humana.

Se necesita revelación y una fe profunda para identificar a Jesucristo como nuestro Mesías y Salvador. ¿Cómo anda tu relación personal con Jesús? ¿Qué dicen tu familia, tus amigos y tu comunidad acerca de Él? El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en el número 424, nos dice: *"Movidos por la gracia del Espíritu Santo y atraídos por el Padre, nosotros creemos y confesamos a propósito de Jesús: 'Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo' (Mt 16:16). Sobre la roca de esta fe, confesada por san Pedro, Cristo ha construido su Iglesia"*. Mateo, en su Evangelio, nos muestra un vínculo especial con la Iglesia, y debemos prestar atención a ello. La identidad de Jesús con la comunidad eclesial es única. Entonces, ahora vale la pregunta: ¿qué es la Iglesia para mí? ¿Veo una relación viva entre Jesús y la Iglesia? Pidamos por la Iglesia y oremos por el Papa León XIV, especialmente hoy. ©LPI