

Holy Spirit St. Edward

Catholic Churches

October 11/12th 2025

28th 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, Dottie Dunphy, Kyle Rowan, Monica Zorn, Connie Fredrickson, Fr. Stephen Werekoh, Chad Simmons, and Mary Moore.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday Oct 11	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the People of our Parish
Sunday Oct 12	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Hub Bradley, Jr
	10:45 AM Mass, SE Leonard Pettit and son, Steven Pettit
Monday Oct 13	Adoration (5-6 PM) 6 PM Mass, HS Mick Ripperger
Tuesday Oct 14	Adoration (8-9 PM) 9 AM Mass, SE John and Mabel Riebschlaser
	5:30 PM Mass, HS Living and deceased members of CDA
Wednesday Oct 15	9:15 AM Mass, STM Charlie Hribal
Thursday Oct 16	No Mass
Friday Oct 17	9 AM Mass, HS Leo Perez
Saturday Oct 18	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the People of our Parish
Sunday Oct 19	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Frank J. Wickham
	10:45 AM Mass, SE Joseph Waske



Rerun Thrift Shop Hours

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

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

Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

2nd Collection Oct. 19th: Support the Church's world missions through the World Mission Sunday collection. This collection supports Catholic Home Missions, the Church in Eastern Europe, and the Church in Latin America.



Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)	August Budget	August Actual
HS Sunday Tithes	\$ 73,537	\$ 55,329
HS Plate	\$ 2,167	\$ 1,717
SE Sunday Tithes	\$ 9,807	\$ 6,477
SE Plate	\$ 667	\$ 332



We invite families whose relatives passed way in the past year to attend the All Souls Day Mass at 5 PM on Saturday, November 1st. The Knights of Columbus will honor and pray for all those who have entered into eternal life for this past year from Holy Spirit and St. Edward. Their names will be read and a candle will be lit for each person.



SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY



Family Retreat

October 12, 9-12 at Holy Spirit

- Breakfast
- Small Groups
- All age children welcome
- Family Prayer
- Games/crafts

Experience the powerful blessing of praying for your children and hearing them pray for you. Step away from the world and spend family time with Jesus this Sunday. Free, no registration needed.

save the date

Youth Choir Practice
October 19, 10 AM

Youth Mass: Oct 26, 9 AM

Cemetery Visit after
Mass November 2nd
for All Souls Day

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
Small group discussion
Wednesdays 6:45-8
OCT 15, 22, NOV 5, 12, 19

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

ADVENT NIGHT

*WITH CRAFTS AND
ACTIVITIES BY ST MALACHY
TEACHERS*



*NOVEMBER 12
5:30-7:30
AT ST MALACHY*

*5:30 DINNER
6-7 ADVENT ACTIVITIES
7-7:30 PRAYER
6:45-8 HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH GROUP*

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978 saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com

Pilgrims share their stories

"This pilgrimage opened my eyes to a deeper appreciation of the prayerful people in our group. I enjoyed the comments and discussions we had at the churches and holy places we went to. I never in my wildest dreams thought I'd see the historical sites and St Patrick's Cathedral in New York City! I felt the Holy Spirit in me as we toured St Clare's and St Patrick's Old Cathedral. I loved sitting and reflecting. Thank you for the opportunity to meet this wonderful group of people.

- Madonna Hughes, St. Boniface Church, Waukegan, IA.



Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,

Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future.

Amen. ©LPI

Oración de Gratitud

Amado Señor,

Cada día está lleno de bendiciones de Tus manos generosas. Gracias por despertarnos esta mañana, llenando nuestros pulmones de aliento. Gracias por las formas en que estás sanando nuestro pasado, trabajando en el presente y abriendo posibilidades para el futuro. Amén. ©LPI

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"Pilgrimage: a transformative, sacred journey to a holy site to achieve spiritual renewal, deeper connection with God, and a deeper understanding of one's faith.

My trip to NYC was exactly what this soul needed. Not only did I have ample opportunity to draw deeper into my faith, I had the privilege of getting to know my fellow parishioners on a more personal level, along with meeting new friends who will keep me in their prayers.

Upon arrival to NYC, we went directly to St Patrick's Cathedral, where we attended daily Mass and had a tour of the beautiful church. We walked to our restaurant for supper and fellowship. Exhausted but happy, sleep came easy that night.

It was another early start to the next day. We walked a few blocks to the Staten Island Ferry station, then a commute by train to St Clare's Parish. What a blessing to be met by local parishioners that were willing to drive those that wanted a ride the half mile or so to the church. We had Mass in the chapel, then ate a continental breakfast and visited with the people of Father Patrick's first parish in America. You could just see the love and admiration they have for him. I pray Father Patrick knows that we love and admire him just as much.

I also reconnected with Mike Gigante and his wife Patricia, and Father James Essuon. They were part of CDA projects. That afternoon we had a tour of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Our tour guides were wonderful, and funny. Thanks to Lora Pellman, we wore matching shirts—

and, boy, did they come in handy when counting to make sure we were all together.

Day 3 We Uber'd to Old St Patrick's, where we had Mass before we toured the Basilica, catacombs, and the cemetery. That afternoon we went to the 9/11 museum, Ground Zero, and the One World Observatory—"I can see New Jersey!!"

In my opinion, Day 4 was the highlight. We attended Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan! And concelebrated by our own Father Patrick Amedeka and Father Stephen Werekoh! Watching them process in, well, those that know me know I got a lump in my throat and shedded a few tears. It was very moving. After Mass, we had lunch at a restaurant where our waiter was from Ireland ... and had only been in the states for 3 months. Our conversation with him was fascinating! That afternoon, our journey took us to St Joseph's seminary. It was wonderful to see Kyle Rowan. He and his fellow brothers from the Diocese of Des Moines send their prayers to all of you. We ended the day with a visit to Mother Cabrini's shrine. Another amazing place to pray and ask for intercessions. Oh, I prayed we would be able to see Times Square—because I wanted to go to the M&M store—and we did!!! It wasn't on our itinerary, but what a joy to grab what I needed. I've had friends tell me, "Oh I can't afford it." But honestly, I couldn't afford NOT to go. My soul needed this. My prayer life needed this. Not only did I come back with peace in my heart, but I connected with fellow pilgrims that will pray for me!! Thank you, Father Patrick, for putting this pilgrimage together."

- Virginia Aguilar, Holy Spirit Church, Creston, IA.



THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER.

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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).

Calendar of Events

October: Respect Life Month, World Mission Sunday, Month of the Rosary

Oct 11 & 12, Join us to pray the rosary, 30 min before Mass, HS
Oct 11, Graveside burial for James M. Daughton, 2 PM, Calvary
Oct 12, Family Retreat, For all age children, Free, 9-Noon, HS Hall
Oct 13, Parish Office closed
Oct 14, CDA Mass (5:30 PM) and meeting, HS
Oct 15, Noisy Change Collection at STM Mass
Oct 15, RE & Confirmation Classes, 6 PM, STM
Oct 15, High School Youth Group, 6:45 - 8 PM, STM
Oct 18 & 19, Join us to pray the rosary, 30 min before Mass, HS
Oct 19, CDA Sunday and World Mission Sunday
Oct 19, Youth Choir Practice after Mass, HS
Oct 21, HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS
Oct 22, RE & Confirmation Classes, 6 PM, STM
Oct 22, High School Youth Group, 6:45 - 8 PM, STM



Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Every adult woman of Holy Spirit Parish is a member of CCW. The yearly dues are \$10 and are collected in October. Please label your envelope CCW and place them in the collection plate OR send them to Barb Bennett, Treasurer, (1476 Eagle Ave., Creston, IA, 50801). **What does CCW do?** They help with special events as needed during the year. They remember the sick and shut-ins. They provide food for funeral dinner and help with the Rerun. At the death of a CCW member, the CCW will have a Mass offered.



UPCOMING EVENTS: Contact Father Ross Parker for more information or to register at 515-237-5050.

Nov. 8 - Thinking of Priesthood Day: This one-day event in Ames is for men aged 16-40 who are interested in priesthood.

Dec. 9 - Andrew Dinner: At the Basilica of St. John in Des Moines. More information coming soon.

Dec. 19-21 - Bishop's Discernment Retreat: This is a unique retreat for men who are high school seniors or older and thinking about priesthood. Join Bishop Joensen and current seminarians to learn more about discernment and life as a diocesan priest.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) will meet on Tues., **October 14th** with Mass at 5:30 PM followed by a light meal and meeting at Holy Spirit. Fellowship Committee: Betty Bradley, Meg Crawford, & Dawn Dickinson. Program: Meet our Youth Minister and DRE of St. Edward's, Pack a Purse, & CDA Sunday. All Women of the Church are invited!



Please congratulate Dillon and Bailey, parents (& older siblings Andi & Blakley), for their 2 sons who were baptized in the Lord, Luca and Ledger Moore.



Eternal rest grant unto Iris Smith who passed away recently, let perpetual light shine upon Iris. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule									
Date	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday October 11 5 PM	Joanne Gibson	Marsha Mohr		L. Taylor A. Evans	B Boyett M Mohr P Miller	H Wilson	Stormy Wilson Family	B Mostek Tom Dunphy J Mansour	Pat Miller
Sunday October 12 9 AM	Karen Struble	L & P Blakesley	K Freml E Haines	L. Baker L.Wolf / Dunphy	K Struble D Schulte F Doyle		Jen Strunk Family	R & M Baker Family	Adam Baker & Meredith Wulf
Saturday October 18 5 PM	Alice Reed	Ted Willets		L. Taylor J. Griffith	A Reed T Young Volunteer		Jean & Linda Benoit	P Johnson T & K Freml T & C Seiver	Alice Reed
Sunday October 19 9 AM CDA Sunday	CDA	CDA	S Coen R Mohr P Varner	R. Ramaeker D. Dickinson	CDA		CDA	CDA	CDA?



All Women of St. Edward Parish
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Connect, Serve, Grow

- Monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month
- Support funeral dinners and parish events
- Fun, faith-filled activities
- Annual dues: \$5

For more information, Contact Georgia Pettit
pettit@iowatelecom.net



Oct 12, R.E, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory
Oct 12, SE Youth Group after Mass, SE Hall
Oct 14, Adoration (8 AM), Mass (9 AM), SE
Oct 15, **SE Movie Night, 6:30 PM, SE Hall**
Oct 19, SE Hall Rented
Oct 19, R.E, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory
Oct 19, SE PC/FC meeting, after Mass, Rectory
Oct 21, Adoration (8 AM), Mass (9 AM), SE
Oct 22, SE CCW hosts LC Clinic Speaker, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
Oct 26, R.E, 9:15 AM, SE Rectory
Oct 28, Adoration (8 AM), Mass (9 AM), SE
Nov 2, Blessing of Children and Confessions after Mass
Nov 2, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, after Mass



Respect Life Event

What do you know about the LC Clinic (www.IowaLcClinic.org)? SE CCW is hosting Hannah Hoyt, Executive Director of LC Clinic to speak on October 22nd at 6:30PM at St. Edwards (Afton). Light refreshments will be served.

You are invited!

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

02 November 2025 12 PM

St. Edward Basement



St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday October 12	Jeanne Bryson	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Matt & Lindsay Thelen Family		Tim & Rachel Warnke	Stephanie Summers & Volunteer	Sheila Brown *Summers Family
Sunday October 19	Alex Pettit	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Tim & Rachel Warnke	Adam McNeill	Emily Adair	Stephanie Summers & Volunteer	Sheila Brown *Summers Family

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**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

Bulletin information is due on Mondays

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Parish Office at least 1 yr before making marriage plans.

Please call the Parish Office for information on other sacraments.

What Common Sense Media has to say:

Parents need to know that Lasse Hallström's *The Hundred-Foot Journey* follows the journey of Hassan (Manish Dayal), a young and extremely talented chef, and his/his family's culture clash with rival restaurateur Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren). The many mouth-watering food scenes are often accompanied by wine, and there are some scenes in which one character starts to drink a bit more heavily (to suggest depression). Two brief moments feature some violence (including one in which men throw fire bombs) – one of which causes a sad death. There are also a few romantic kisses and suggestions of intimacy and language along the lines of "bloody."

Watch the trailer:



St. Edward

YOUTH GROUP



Service Project



Come together in
faith, friendship,
and service!

Sand, clean, and paint the parking lot
poles.
Clean the handrails on the entrance
ramp.
LUNCH!!!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Following 10:45 Mass

**ALL Help Welcome and
Encouraged!**

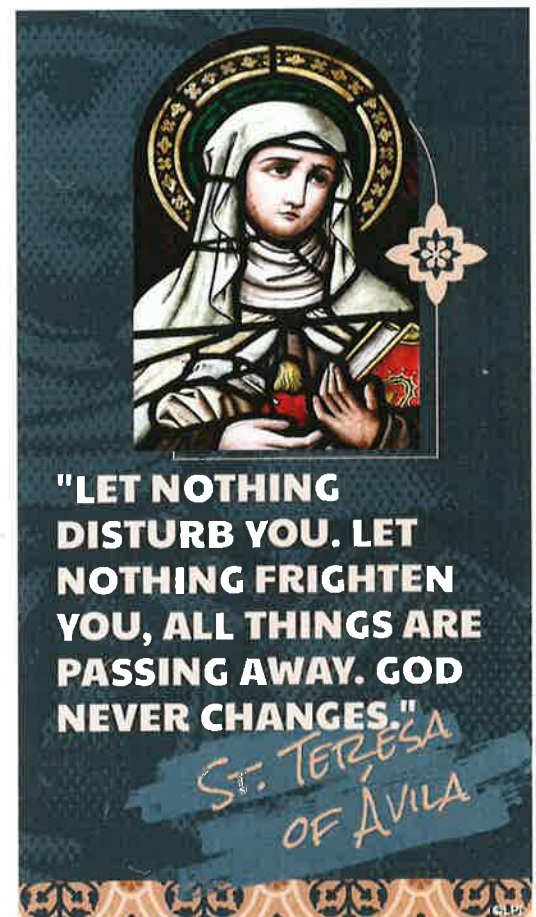


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Stephanie Summers



A summary of the St. Edward Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2025.

Key actions included the election of new officers and approvals for several building maintenance projects and financial reports.

Officer Elections

With Ellie Fry and Eric Ripperger rotating off the council, new officers for the 2025-2026 term were elected:

- Chairperson: Randy Wuebker & Secretary: Jeanne Bryson

Financial and Administrative Approvals

- The minutes from the June 15th meeting were approved.
- The June 30th End-of-Year Financials and the Annual Financial Review (AFR) were approved and signed.

Building and Technology Updates

Several updates and approvals were made regarding the church's facilities:

- Basement Remodel: The council approved the use of Ignite money for the basement remodel, specifically to replace windows and complete the drywall work (hang, tape, and finish). Volunteers will be recruited for painting.
- Rectory Maintenance: A quote of \$7,425 to install soffit and fascia on the St. Edward Rectory was approved.
- AED: An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been ordered for \$1,349.27 and is expected to arrive in December.
- Wi-Fi Access: Parishioners can now use the church Wi-Fi, though access requests must be approved by Bill Summers.

Parish Priorities and Future Events

- Pastoral Priorities: The council's focus remains on Level 1, but discussions have started on Level 2: creating Care and Welcoming Environment. Fr. Patrick suggested assigning a council member to lead each of the six pastoral levels, recruit volunteers, and provide periodic updates to the parishioners.
- Outdoor Mass: Preparations are underway for the Outdoor Mass on September 28th. The Afton Community Club sound system will be borrowed, and the CCW will provide the meal for the celebration.
- New Families: Welcome packets for the two new families (Sara & Daniel King and Allison & Chris Grandfield) will be delivered in person.
- Altar Servers: Fr. Patrick plans to hold a training session for altar servers in November.
- Church Sesquicentennial: Preliminary discussions have begun for the church's 150th anniversary (2029). Council members were asked to start bringing ideas for celebrations and to consider a budget for memorabilia like a history book, contact Jeanne Bryson.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th.