

**Holy Spirit**  **St. Edward**  
**Catholic Churches**

April 25/26th, 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #832

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**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.

**Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**

April 25 **5 PM Mass, HS**  
Sat For the People of our Parish

**Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**

April 26 **9 AM Mass, HS**  
Sun Mary Beth Gordon

**10:45 AM Mass, SE**  
Tom Bennett

April 27 **5 PM Adoration**  
**6 PM Mass, HS**  
Mon Joe Aguilar

April 28 **11 AM Funeral Mass for**  
**Terry Horning, HS**  
Tue

April 29 **9:15 AM Mass, STM School**  
Wed Martin & Luna Santos

April 30 No Mass  
Thur

May 1 **9 AM Mass, HS**  
Fri Pat Kenealy

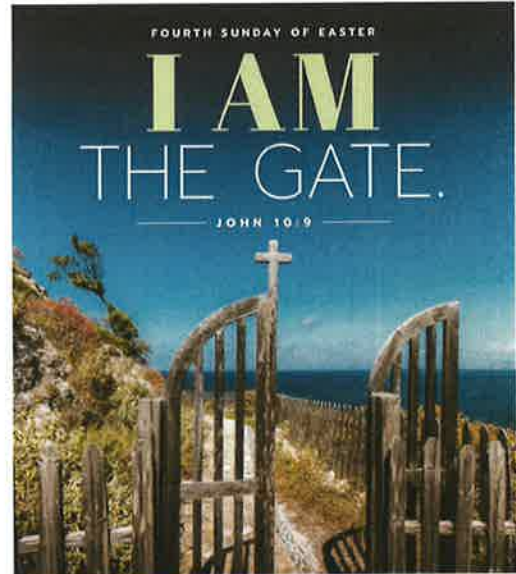
**Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**

May 2 **5 PM Mass, HS**  
Sat For the People of our Parish

**Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**

May 3 **9 AM Mass, HS**  
Sun Gene Miller

**10:45 AM Mass, SE**



**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.

# Life Tool\$

Life planning tools for any stage of life



**Proof of Loans Made & Debts Owed**

"Proof of loans made and debts owed" refers to documentation, such as loan agreements, promissory notes, or records of transactions, that confirm the existences and terms of financial obligations between borrowers and lenders.

**In short:** Proof of loans made & debts owed refers to documentation validating the existence of loans extended and debts incurred by individuals or entities.

For more information, please contact our partner in planned giving:

 **Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa**  
515.237.5044 | contact@cfswia.org

"Jesus is always present in His Sacrament. The more we stay with Him, the stronger our love grows for Him." Watch *Jesus Thirsts: The miracle of the Eucharist* on Formed.org. This app/website is free to all parishioners and families, sign up using Zipcode 50801 and find our church. Enjoy videos to help your faith grow.

# THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

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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).

## Upcoming Events

**April 26,** Youth Mass with choir and Donut Sunday

**April 27,** St. Malachy LAP-A-THON, STM

**April 28,** Funeral Mass for Terry Horning, 11 AM, HS

**April 28,** School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, STM

**April 29,** STM/HS First Holy Communion Practice (5:30 PM), Dinner starts at 5 PM, HS

**May 2,** HS/STM First Holy Communion Mass, 5 PM, HS

**May 6,** KC meeting, 7 PM, HS Hall

**May 9,** Confirmation Mass, 9 AM, HS

**May 12,** 5:30 PM Mass, Farewell potluck for Joanne Gibson, All are invited, HS

**May 13,** Creston High School Baccalaureate Service, 7 PM, Creston High School

**May 17,** All Senior Graduation Mass, 9 AM, HS

**May 22,** 8th Grade STM Graduation, 7 PM, HS

Please pray for: Denise McGrew, Lara Anderson, Dawn Dickinson, Fr. Patrick Amedeka, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Janet Wuebker,

Bob Day, Susan Kosman, Ronda Katzer, Mike Zotz, and Larry Morgan.

**Farewell:** Joanne Gibson is moving East to be closer to family. So at our next Catholic Daughters meeting on May 12, we are having a farewell gathering. Everyone is invited and please bring a salad or dessert to share! Mass is at 5:30 PM, followed by gathering in HS Hall.

2026 ADA Goal:	Gifts Received	% ADA Goal Reached	# Families Donated
\$41,819			
Holy Spirit	\$ 31,955	76%	64

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)	March Budget	March Actual
HS Sunday Tithes	\$ 330,917	\$ 361,447
HS Plate	\$ 9,750	\$ 9,100
Easter (April)	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,236



St. Malachy School


## Now Enrolling

# 3 year old Preschool

## 1/2 day 4 year old Preschool




Limited spots available  
641-782-7125 or [jsimmons@crestonstmalachy.org](mailto:jsimmons@crestonstmalachy.org)

 CDA will be handing out Life Savers after Masses this weekend and collecting donations for Domestic Violence Local Crisis Center.

000	Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule								
	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday April 25 5 PM	Marsha Mohr	Marsh Mohr		Rachel Jolene	B Hudson Volunteers	C Butler	S Hudek and Friends	Volunteers	Barb Hudson
Sunday April 26 9 AM	<b>Youth Ministry</b>	L & P Blakesley	K Freml E Haines	Youth Choir Linda	K Bailey F Doyle D Schulte	C Tallmon N Wagner K Knutstrom	Polly Luther Family	Youth Ministry	Meredith Wulf
Saturday May 2 First Eucharist 5 PM	Diane Hansen	Ted Willets			D Hansen A Reed	H Wilson C Ramaeker	C Dunphy C Mansour	B Mostek J Mansour	Alice Reed
Sunday May 3 9 AM	Denise McGrew	Hopkins Family	S Coen R Mohr		A Baker K Bailey B Boyette	L Williamson F Williamson C Ramaeker	S & L Roger Family	R & M Baker Family	Adam Baker



# OPEN DONATION

**St. Malachy Middle School students are raising funds for an outdoor classroom!**

**This space will be a natural, immersive learning experience that benefits all St. Malachy students!**

**All funds raised will be used to purchase sustainable outdoor classroom equipment, garden beds, water and sand tables, and more!!**

**How to donate:**

- ✔ Visit: [Adopt a Classroom.Org](https://adoptaclassroom.org) and search Brea Ramsey to donate!
- ✔ Direct Donations to St. Malachy School
- ✔ Watch for other fundraising opportunities throughout the year!

Visit the link below to learn more and donate!

<https://donors.adoptaclassroom.org/s/designation/a1mUi000008nrxlIAA/brea-ramsey>

Send questions to [bsteinkamp@crestonsmalachy.org](mailto:bsteinkamp@crestonsmalachy.org)

# The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (NSBECS)



## The Standards

The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (NSBECS) is intended to describe how the most mission-driven, program effective, well managed, and responsibly governed Catholic schools operate. They are offered as school effectiveness standards rather than curriculum content standards, although they support curriculum development consistent with national curriculum standards.

The NSBECS contains three types of statements grounded in Church teachings, best practice, and proven success of those committed to the future of Catholic elementary and secondary education in the United States. The nine Defining Characteristics define the deep Catholic identity of Catholic schools and serve as the platform on which the standards and benchmarks rest. The thirteen Standards describe policies, programs, structures, and processes that should be present in Catholic schools in four Domains: Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. The seventy Benchmarks provide observable, measurable descriptors for each standard.

## Defining Characteristics

Nine Defining Characteristics, grounding the standards and benchmarks, summarize Church teaching regarding the deep Catholic identity of Catholic schools.

## Standard Domains and Benchmarks

### Mission and Catholic Identity (1–4)

Catholic schools invite young people to a relationship with Jesus Christ, insert them into the life of the Church, and help them see the role of faith in life.

### Governance and Leadership (5–6)

Catholic school governance and leadership based on the principles and practices of excellence are essential to insuring the Catholic identity, academic excellence, and operational vitality of the school.

### Academic Excellence (7–9)

Catholic schools provide curricular and co-curricular experiences which are academically rigorous, relevant, research-based, and infused with Catholic faith and traditions.

### Operational Vitality (10–13)

To support and ensure viability and sustainability, Catholic schools must adopt standards for operational vitality in four key areas: finances, human resources/personnel, facilities, and institutional advancement.

## The Standards Background

Catholic Schools in collaboration with parents and guardians as the primary educators, seek to educate the whole child by providing an excellent education rooted in Gospel values.

To Learn more got to sited source from [https://ncea.org/NSBECS/NSBECS/Standards/The\\_Standards.aspx](https://ncea.org/NSBECS/NSBECS/Standards/The_Standards.aspx)



# SALT+LIGHT YOUTH MINISTRY

Join our  
**YOUTH CHOIR**  
Practice after  
Mass April 19



**MASS APRIL 26**

Join us for  
**THE SACRAMENT OF  
CONFIRMATION**  
**MAY 9TH**  
**9 AM**  
**AT HOLY  
SPIRIT**



Join us for

**FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION**  
**AT HOLY SPIRIT**  
**MAY 2ND**  
**5 PM MASS**



**HIGHSCHOOL  
YOUTH GROUP**

**Wednesdays  
6:45 to 8  
at St Malachy  
Small groups  
and prayer  
APRIL 22 & 29  
MAY 6 & 13**

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978 saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com



2026 ADA Goal:	Gifts Received & Pledges	% ADA-Goal Reached	# Families Donated
\$13,231			
St. Edward	\$ 7,080	54%	19



Scan the QR code or visit [DMDIOCESE.ORG/GIVING](https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving)



We will be celebrating our EU Senior Graduates and First Communicants at ST. Edward on May 3rd after Mass at St. Edwards.

Seniors – Logan Findley, Julian Lara, Paul McNeill, and Clayton Toppin.



**PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

**First Communicants on May 3rd**  
Hannah Friday, Eva Thelen & Connor Grandfield. Join us in the Hall after Mass for a cake reception.

**Upcoming Events**

- April 26, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory—** Last Class of the Year– End Year Celebration with Pizza after Mass
- April 28, No Adoration/Mass**
- May 1-3, CGS Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Retreat, SE**
- May 3, SE First Holy Communion Mass,** SE followed by cake reception in Hall hosted by CCW
- May 3, Confessions after Mass, SE**
- May 6, SE CCW meeting, 6:30, SE Hall**
- May 13, East Union High School Baccalaureate Service , 6 PM, EU School**
- May 16, SE Hall Rented**
- May 17, SE PC/FC meeting after Mass, SE**
- May 30, Infant Baptism Prep Class, 6:30 PM, HS (call the Parish Office ASAP to register)**



**St. Edward Ministry Schedule**

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/ Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday April 26	Jake Findley	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Sydney Sorensen	Dan & Carol Waigand Family		Diane Ide  Adley Grandfield	Ally Lacina & Volunteer	Eric & Deb Ripperger
Sunday May 3	Lindsay Thelen	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Tim & Rachel Warnke Family	Adam McNeill	Emily Adair	Jeanne Bryson & Volunteer	Ally Lacina *Summers Family

**Priest: Father Patrick Amedeka : 641-458-4784**

[pamedeka@dmdiocese.org](mailto:pamedeka@dmdiocese.org)

**Rectory & Parish Office Phone: 641-782-5278**

*Business Manager & Parish Secretary for HS & SE:* Michelle Moore, [holyspiritcreston@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritcreston@gmail.com)

*Director of Religious Education at HS:* Anna Mealey, 641-458-0835, [holyspiritcrestonre@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritcrestonre@gmail.com)

*Director of Religious Education at SE:* Sydney Sorensen, 641-344-8911

*Coordinator of Youth/Young Adult Ministries at HS:*

Leah Rogers, 515-421-8978, [SaltandLightYouth513@gmail.com](mailto:SaltandLightYouth513@gmail.com)

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



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:** May 30, 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.**

# ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

**GIVE TODAY**

**YOUR DONATION IS IMPORTANT!**

Saint Edward's Goal is \$13,231.  
Please consider giving what you can.

**Any money not donated directly  
comes from the SE budget.**




**DONATE HERE:**





**DID YOU KNOW?**

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IS OBSERVED ON GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.



“ ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN IS HEAVEN, BECAUSE JESUS SAID, "I AM THE WAY." ”

- ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Saint Edward Church

**12 June**

*Consecration Mass is Coming...*

12 June, 2026. Friday @ 6pm!

Virtues, Explained! Humility



“If anyone wishes to be first,” Christ told the Apostles in the Gospel of Mark, “he must become the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35).

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own. “Man is a beggar before God,” said St. Augustine.

The Blessed Mother is the perfect model of this, and her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) is a blueprint for a life lived in joyful humility.

Humility, says the Catechism, is also the key to a fruitful prayer life: “Humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that ‘we do not know how to pray as we ought,’ are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer.” (CCC 2559) ©LPi



# STM OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



An immersive, natural learning experience at St. Malachy

## BENEFITS

\*based on the studies of *Outdoor Classroom Day*  
40,000 schools were surveyed



INCREASE self esteem,  
lesson retention, respect of  
nature, problem solving and  
communication skills, and  
increase test scores

DECREASE in anxiety, symptoms of  
ADD, ADHD, and behavioral problems.



## VISION



**Cross curricular  
learning space for  
all grades at STM**

The classroom will have flexible seating,  
sustainable blackboards, work benches, and  
tables.

The goal is to also add  
gardens, water and  
sand tables, plants, bug  
hotel, etc... possibilities  
are endless!!



## GOAL

-Reach for the stars \$20,000

-\$5,000 [AdoptAClassroom.org](http://AdoptAClassroom.org)

-Grants

-Fundraising

o Donations



## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Sweatpants fundraiser  
Noisy Change



## OUTDOOR PLAY/LEARNING

supports physical health, mental health, sensory development, and overall well-being.



## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SKILLS

More cooperative, socially expressive, easier to verbalize desires, and more likely to engage in play with others.



## SENSORY ENHANCEMENT

Outdoor play/learning engages all senses, which then enhances brain development: cognitive skills, emotional skills, visual-spatial skills, etc.

