

Jan 10/11th 2026

Glory & Praise Hymnal Year A, #804

The Baptism of the Lord

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, Chad Simmons, Mary Moore, Marlene Cihak, Janet Wuebker, Jacque Greene, and Bob Day.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday Jan 10	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the people of our Parish
Sunday Jan 11	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Dennis Nelson
	10:45 AM Mass, SE Leonard Miller
Monday Jan 12	Adoration (5-6 PM) 6 PM Mass, HS Ronda Katzer (Living)
Tuesday Jan 13	Adoration (8-9 AM) 9 AM Mass, SE Catherine Fluckey (Living)
Wednesday Jan 14	9:15 AM, STM School celebrated by Bishop Joensen Sherrill Giza
Thursday Jan 15	No Mass
Friday Jan 16	9 AM Mass, HS Regina Day
Saturday Jan 17	Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM) 5 PM Mass, HS For the people of our Parish
Sunday Jan 18	Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM) 9 AM Mass, HS Jeremy Seddon
	10:45 AM Mass, SE Martha Anglum

Please don't forget to fill out the Holy Spirit Survey and place it in the box at the back of the church. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!



If you have a few minutes after Mass this Sunday, we'd love your help taking down the Christmas decorations at Holy Spirit and St. Edward. As the saying goes, 'many hands make light work' – we truly appreciate any time you can spare!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOOP SHOOT

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest is for girls and boys ages 9 to 14. The eligibility is determined by the child's age as of January 1st. The event will take place at St. Malachy School on Sunday January 25th, 2026. Warm-up starts at 12:30 pm and the contest starts at 1:00pm. The winner of each age division will then compete at the District level which will be in Osceola, IA on February 8, 2026. This will take place at the Osceola High School. The winner of each age division from Osceola will then compete at the Regional level date TBD and then the championship Jurisdiction level that is held in March. If your child is interested, please get a form at St. Malachy School and return to school by January 23, 2026.

INFANT BAPTISM NEW CHANGES FOR 2026

The Journey of Infant Baptism - Turning to the Christian Community

Welcome, Parents!

The day of your child's Baptism is one of joy and pride. Having your child baptized is a moment of turning to the Christian Community we share as children of God. You are bringing your baby to the Church, to pass on your own faith and your identity as a Catholic, and to have Christ claim your child as his own. Even if you are not Catholic, you agree this is an important moment of faith. You are claiming the responsibility of making adequate spiritual preparation on behalf of your child. The priest will meet with you to help you prepare in faith for your child's Baptism if this has not been done already. By now, you have probably thought about choosing godparents. We hope we can give you some help as you make that important decision. Please share and discuss this update with the godparent (s) of your child.

Baptism Prep 2026



If you are expecting to baptize your child, please make sure to join us at one of our Baptism Prep classes. Here, we will discuss the importance and depth of this Sacrament.

Monday, February 9th, 6:30-8 PM, Holy Spirit Church

Saturday, May 30th, 6:30-8 PM, Holy Spirit Church

Sunday, September 13th, Noon-1:30 PM, St. Edward Church

Friday, October 23rd, 9:30-11 AM, Holy Spirit Church



Parents must attend baptism preparation class before their child can be baptized. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. If the parents have taken Baptismal Preparation Classes within the past three years, this requirement is waived.

To register for a class, or for more information, please contact Michelle at
Holyspiritcreston@gmail.com
641-782-5278

INFANT OF BAPTISM—2026 CHANGES (CONTINUED)

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I Baptize my Child? You can baptize your child any time from day one of birth. You can start making arrangements for your child's Baptism even while pregnant. The church considers any child under seven years old as an infant. These children receive Baptism without going through OCIA. The Church teaches that any child who is seven years old or older has reached the age of reason and so needs a period of instruction called OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) to receive the sacraments.

What is a Godparent? Being a godparent is not an honorary social role, it is a specific ministry in the Catholic Church. Godparents are responsible for helping the parents raise their child in the Catholic faith. This means godparents must first and foremost be people who live a life of faith themselves. They must be willing to develop a spiritual relationship with their godchildren, to get to know them and to be part of their religious life.

Who May Be a Godparent? The Church recognizes the importance of this role, so she tries to make sure that godparents are well-prepared. Godparents must meet the following requirements: 1. Fully Initiated Catholic, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. 2. At least 16 years old. 3. Living a life in harmony with the role they are undertaking. 4. Attending Church regularly and practicing the faith. 5. Shall not be a parent of the child. 6. There must be at least one godparent; if there are two, one must be a woman and one a man.

How about Godparents who are not Catholic? Godparents must be faithful, practicing members of the Catholic Church. However, if you choose one godparent, you may ask a second adult to be a Christian witness. This witness must have been baptized in a Christian church, usually Protestant. Adults who have not been baptized, for example, those who are Jewish, Muslim or Hindu, are welcome to share your family's joy by participating in the Baptism liturgy, but they may not serve as a godparent or Christian witness.

What if I am not a Catholic parent? Even if you are not Catholic yourself, the Church welcomes you to baptize your child as you are committed to bringing up your child in the Catholic faith. This is also a providential opportunity for you to begin reflecting on your own faith and salvation. Talk to us, and we will assist you to start a new life with Christ through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

What if I am not Married in the Catholic Church? You are still welcome. Your marriage is not a precondition for having your child baptized in the Catholic Church. Bringing your child to Baptism can be a moment of grace for you to consider receiving the Sacrament of Marriage. If you desire to do so, please talk to us, and we will readily help you.

Can I take a Baptismal Class elsewhere? These classes are also offered at other Catholic Churches. If the parents take the class at any parish other than this one, they must provide proof of completion by either a certificate of attendance or a letter from that church's pastor.

What do I do after we take the Baptismal Prep class? After the class and required video to watch, you will provide the parish office with approach forms and schedule the baptism. Baptisms during Mass will be celebrated the 1st weekend of the month, during either the 5 PM Mass at Holy Spirit or 10:45 AM at St. Edward. Baptisms outside the Mass will be available the 2nd Saturday of the month and may include multiple baptisms depending on priest availability.

What if I have an emergency baptism? Contact the local priest and request an emergency baptism.

Is there a fee for baptism? We do not charge a fee for baptism. That said, you are allowed to give a gift for your chosen purpose. You are highly encourage to make a donation to the minister who baptizes your child if the minister comes from outside the parish.

THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

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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

Jan 13, CDA Mass (5:30 PM) followed by meeting, HS Hall

Jan 14, Bishop Joensen to celebrate Mass at St. Malachy School (9:15 AM)

Jan 17, Baptism, 10 AM, HS

Jan 17, Dodgeball, 2-4 PM, STM

Jan 18, Prolife Service, 2 PM, Abundant Life Family Church

Jan 20, HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall

Jan 25-31, Catholic School Week

Jan 25, Youth Choir Practice after Mass

Jan 25, KC Hoop Shoot, 12:30 PM, STM

Jan 28, 9 AM Mass at STM Chapel

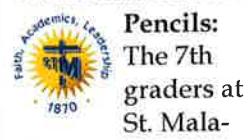
Jan 30, Grandparents/Special Guest Mass (1:30 PM), HS



Pans & Bowls: Many thanks to all our parishioners who have donated food or worked at funeral dinners. We appreciate your participation in providing food for the grieving families. Please check the butcher block table at Holy Spirit Church kitchen basement for plates, pans and bowls that have not be picked up. There are quite a few. If you'd like to be included in the list to work at the dinners, please contact Alice (641-202-3355) or Marsha (641-278-0705).



Creston Catholic Daughters of Americas (CDofA): All women are invited to attend the next CDA meeting on Tuesday, January 13th with Mass celebrated at 5:30 PM, followed by a light meal and meeting. Meal Committee are Ann Marie Kinsella, Ronda Katzer, Carol McKee. Game night: Mexican Train Dominoes.



Pencils: The 7th graders at St. Malachy are doing a project with pencils, both colored and regular, we need those old ones that you probably just throw away, so if you have any you want to get rid of, that are missing erasers, or too short to sharpen, please send them our way.



[https://crestonstmalachy.org](http://crestonstmalachy.org)

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)	Dec Budget	Dec Actual
HS Sunday Tithes	\$220,611	\$249,556
HS Plate	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,547
Christmas	\$ 11,974	\$ 9,302

Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule

	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday Jan 10 5 PM	Alice Reed	Ted Willets		Linda Danna	A Reed P Allen B Hudson	H Wilson	S O'Brien M Gammell	P Johnson T & K Freml T & C Seiver	Alice Reed
Sunday Jan 11 9 AM	Dan Rosener	Hopkins family	S Coen R Mohr	Lynn Dan	M Wulf V Aguilar B Boyette	H Wulf L Wulf C Ramaeker	Jen Strunk Family	S & L Rogers Family	Meredith Wulf
Saturday Jan 17 5 PM	Marsha Mohr	Marsha Mohr		Linda Jolene	B Hudson P Allen S Heffern	B Studer	Jean & Linda Benoit	B Mostek Tom Dunphy J Mansour	Barb Hudson
Sunday Jan 18 9 AM	Kelsey Bailey	Kelsey Bailey	S Hudek B McKee	Janet Hannah	K Struble B Boyett A Baker	C Tallmon N Wagner K Knutstrom	Brad & Alisha Stehr Family	Sue Bissell J Moberg	Adam Baker

FAMILY DODGEBALL IS BACK!

SATURDAY
JANUARY 17
2-4 PM

At St Malachy School

Free to attend. All are welcome.



HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED: TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Looking for students age 13+ to help:

- Remake a teen room (plan, design, and/or implement)
- Start a worship band
- Run an Instagram page.

Message me if you can help with any of these things!

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH CHOIR

New Year meeting and practice
January 25, 10-10:45
Message Leah if you can't make it.

MASS FEB 1, 9AM



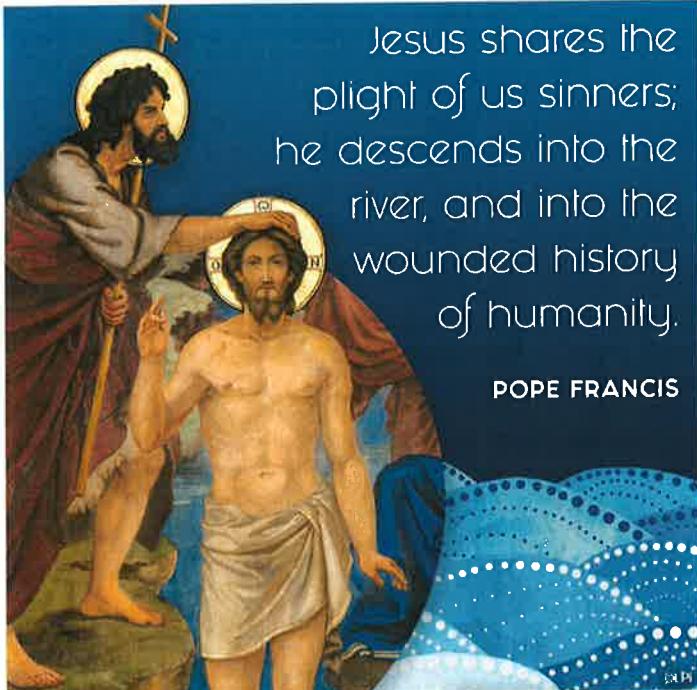
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Small group discussion
Wednesdays 6:45-8
at St Malachy
JAN 14, 21, AND 28

Save the date
STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 10-12 in Springfield, MO
For all high school students.
Cost: \$40 everything included.
Contact Leah to reserve a spot.

Online Giving: Thank you to the 8 generous SE Parishioners who have set up their tithing online for 2025 for recurring giving. By doing this they have reduced paper waste, reduced money counters & bookkeeper time & have received contribution statements by email already. **Please consider signing up for online giving this year by going to our website (www.saintedwardafton.com) and find the link under Donate and set up for recurring giving.** Paper contribution statements will be at the back of the church during the last 2 weeks of January.



Upcoming Events

Jan 11, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory
Jan 11, Canceled: SE Youth Group
Jan 12, Adoration (8 AM), Mass (9 AM), SE
Jan 14, Bishop Joensen to celebrate Mass at St. Malachy School (9:15 AM)
Jan 14, SE CCW meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
Jan 18, SE R.E., 9:15 AM, Rectory
Jan 18, SE PC/FC meeting after Mass, SE Hall
Jan 20, Adoration (8 AM), Mass (9 AM), SE
Jan 27, Adoration (8 AM), Mass (9 AM), SE

SE CCW: All women of St Edward parish are invited to attend the next CCW meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30 PM in the Hall .

Parish Support

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)	Dec. Budget	Dec. Actual
SE Sunday Tithes	\$ 29,419	\$ 26,398
SE Plate	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,692
Christmas	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,033

St. Edward Ministry Schedule							
Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/ *Bell Ringers
Sunday January 11	Sydney Sorensen	Lindsay Thelen Carol Waigand Monica Zorn	Tim & Rachel Warnke Family	Blaine Pettit Quinn Pettit	Shayla Findley	Randy Wuebker & Volunteer	Monty & Diane Ide
Sunday January 18	Jack Summers	Stephanie Summers Ellie Fry Kathy Simmerman	Dan & Carol Waigand Family	Manny Lara	Tim Warnke Rachel Warnke	Randy Wuebker & Volunteer	Monty & Diane Ide

Priest: Father Patrick Amedeka : 641-458-4784

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Leah Rogers, 515-421-8978, SaltandLightYouth513@gmail.com

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

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office.

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

Bulletin information is due on Mondays.