

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. Dec. 21 **Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**
5 PM Mass, Holy Spirit
For the People

Sun. Dec. 22 **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**
9 AM Mass, Holy Spirit
Lanny and Lois Benoit

10:45 AM Mass, St. Edward
Helen Bryson

Mon. Dec. 23 **Adoration (5 PM)**
6 PM Mass, Holy Spirit
Edmund Baker

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tues. Dec. 24 **4:30 PM, Christmas Eve Mass/Youth Choir, Christmas Pageant, Holy Spirit**
Hub Bradley, Jr.

7 PM Christmas Eve Mass, St. Edward
For the People

Wed. Dec. 25 **9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass, Holy Spirit**
Carol Moberg

Thur./Fri. Dec. 26/27 **No Masses**

Sat. Dec. 28 **Rosary & Confessions (4:15-4:45 PM)**
5 PM Mass, Holy Spirit
For the People

Sun. Dec. 29 **Rosary & Confessions (8:15-8:45 AM)**
9 AM Mass, Holy Spirit
Harry Schlapia

10:45 AM Mass, St. Edward
Jim Baker

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holy Day Masses

December 31 ... 6:00 p.m. St. Edward, Afton
January 1 9:00 a.m. Holy Spirit, Creston

Are you new to the area or new to our parish? Please make sure to register at our churches by filling out Registration Form at the back of the church and place it the plate collection OR use the QR code or contact the Parish Office (641-782-5278). You are welcome here!



Can you help decorate our churches - Holy Spirit and St. Edward for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 22nd after Mass? We need strong folks to help set up the Christmas trees and soft hands to help with nativity set. Many hands make light work.

Calendar Key: Holy Spirit (HS), St. Edward (SE), Youth Group (YG), 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),

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 22, Nativity Practice and Decorating HS Church after Mass
- Dec. 22, 87th Annual Vesper Candle Lighting Service, 5 PM, SE
- Dec. 23 & 24, Rerun closed (NO donations)
- Dec. 24, 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass w/Youth Choir, Christmas Pageant, HS
- 7 PM Christmas Eve Mass, SE
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass, 9 AM, HS
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day Dinner, 1-2:30 PM, STM
- Dec. 26/27, No Mass
- Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation
- 6 PM, Dec. 31, SE
- 9 AM, Jan. 1, HS
- Dec. 30, Rerun will be accepting donations, 8 AM-4:30 PM
- Jan. 14, CDA Mass & Meeting, 6 PM, HS
- Jan. 18/19, Blest Art visiting and selling Holy Land art workat both parishes
- Jan. 20, HS FC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
- Jan. 21, HS PC meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Hall
- Jan. 28, KC and HS volunteers, hosting Open Table, 6 PM



Due to the holidays, we will issue a 2 week bulletin for Dec. 28/29th and Jan. 4/5th, all information for the 2-week bulletin is Due Mon., Dec. 23rd. Thank you for your assistance.

LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.

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Website: www.holyspiritcreston.com

Baby Jesus' Wish List Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas? If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts. But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy." Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



In honor of:

The Studer Family
Connie Habben
Dennis Dornbier
Hartsock and Strauss Families
Mary Sid McDonald
Carol Engelbach

In memory of:

Merle and Ilah Schaefer
Dayle Kathryn Turk
J. G. Hawks
Howard W. Reece
Hub Bradley, Jr.
Bob and Jan Mostek
Eldon Gammell
Bob Hudek
Dick Fries
Aaron Mansour
Ed and Marie Baczewski
Sherrill Giza
Paul Baker
Leo and Donna Baker
Steve Luther
Edward and Sadie Harvey
G & N Dunphy
C & J Clear
Earl W. & Barb Brown
Carol Moberg



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Holy Spirit Ministry Schedule									
Date	Lector	Rosary	Money Counter	Musician/ Cantor	EMHC	Altar Servers	Greeters	Ushers	Sacristan
Saturday December 21 5 PM	J Gibson	Marsha Mohr		J Schulte D Gibbons	M Mohr B Hudson T Young	B Evans K Kruse	M Gammell Sue O'Brien	T-K Freml T-C Sevier P Johnson	S Heffern
Sunday December 22 9 AM	D Hanson	Luke Burch	S Hudek B McKee	R Ramaeker A Evans	A Wethor K Anderson K Struble	J Pokorny T Pokorny R Kinsella N Wagner	E & K Anderson Family	S & L Rogers Family	A Baker
Tuesday Christmas Eve December 24 4:30 PM	Phyllis Allen	Volunteer		L Taylor Youth Choir	Phyllis Allen Kelsey Bailey Tony Young	K Knutstrom R Baird J Anderson G Wethor C Klejch C Tallmon?	Don & Meredith Wulf Family	Youth Ministry Volunteers	A Baker
Wednesday December 25 Christmas Day 9 AM	D Rosener	Volunteer		L Baker D Gibbons	B Miller F Doyle Volunteer	T Pokorny J Pokorny	Volunteers	Pokorny Family	Al Pokorny

2015



2015: Francis

With the Bull *Misericordiae Vultus* of 11 April 2015, Pope **Francis** declared a Jubilee for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council. The Jubilee was dedicated to mercy. Before the official opening, as a sign of the Church's closeness to the civil war-stricken Central African Republic, Pope Francis opened the holy door of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Bangui on 29 November, during his apostolic trip to Africa, anticipating the start of the Extraordinary Jubilee. The holy door of St Peter's Basilica was opened on 8 December 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. For the first time a 'door of mercy' was opened in the world's cathedrals, sanctuaries, hospitals and prisons. For the occasion, the Pope established a group of priests known as Missionaries of Mercy to whom he entrusted the power to forgive sins usually reserved to the Holy Father.

2000

1883

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1350

1300



2000: John Paul II

The same Pope, on 29 November 1998, with the Bull *Incarnationis Mysterium*, proclaimed the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. In the course of the year, St John Paul II made several pilgrimages and symbolic gestures not included in the usual celebratory practices. These included a public request for forgiveness for sins committed in history, and the publication of a Martyrology of Christians killed in the 20th century. One of the main events of the Jubilee was the holding of World Youth Day in Rome: more than two million young people participated. The Pope also made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, encouraging dialogue between the Catholic Church, Islam and Judaism.



1983: John Paul II

With the Bull *Aperite Portas Redemptori*, dated 6 January 1983, **John Paul II** proclaimed a Jubilee to celebrate the 1950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus



1975: Paul VI

Pope **Paul VI** decided that this Holy Year should be dedicated to reconciliation. He called it with the Bull *Apostolorum Limina* of 23 May 1974. At the opening of the Holy Door on Christmas night 1974, Buddhist monks were also present. It was the first Jubilee to be broadcast worldwide and saw the lifting of historic excommunications with the Church of Byzantium and the participation of the Patriarch of Alexandria Melitane. During the Holy Year Rome was threatened by drought, and in view of the large influx of pilgrims to the city, water rationing was imposed.



This is your year to be part of a Jubilee Year... like your forefathers.



We encourage you to check out other resources on the Diocese of Des Moines website (<https://www.dmdiocese.org>) and <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>. You might not be able to pilgrim to the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, but where could you go? Take your family or get a group of friends together and pilgrimage to a holy place in the United States or in Union County?



1600: Clement VIII

The Holy Year was proclaimed by the Bull of 19 May 1599, *Annus Domini Placabilis*. During this Jubilee **Clement VIII** offered good example by hearing confessions during Holy Week, climbing the Scala Sancta on his knees, serving meals to pilgrims who had come to Rome, and eating with 12 of the city's poor each day. Likewise the cardinals renounced wearing their traditional red regalia as a sign of penitence. Many flocked to help the Pope's jubilee efforts. The Jewish community in Rome, for example, provided him with 500 bed blankets for pilgrims. On 31 December 1600 more than 80,000 people attended the opening of the Holy Door and millions of pilgrims came to Rome for the Jubilee year.



1450: Nicholas V

Nicholas V proclaimed the next Holy Year in 1450 with the Bull *Immensa et Innumerabilia*, dated 19 January 1449. This brought the jubilee tradition back to celebrations every 50 years. Thanks also to the Pope's canonisation of the great Franciscan preacher, St Bernardine of Siena, the number of pilgrims to Rome increased dramatically.



1300: Boniface VIII

With the Bull *Antiquorum habet*, of 22 February 1300, **Boniface VIII** proclaimed 1300 as a Jubilee year, decreeing that Romans who visit the basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul 30 times within the year would be granted a plenary indulgence, while pilgrims arriving from outside Rome would only need 15 visits.

At least two million faithful arrived in Rome that year. Giotto, who at that time was commissioned to paint the frescoes in the *Loggia delle Benedizioni*—or balcony of the blessings—in the Vatican, was one of the prominent figures who took part in the Jubilee with the celebrated artist Cimabue. Giotto's ancient fresco commemorating this event is preserved in the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

Finally, among other significant figures who came to Rome that year was almost certainly the great poet Dante Alighieri, who in some passages of the *Divine Comedy* makes reference to the Jubilee.



SALT+LIGHT

YOUTH
MINISTRY

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

JANUARY 8TH

5:30-7:30 PM

AT ST. MALACHY SCHOOL

THEME: THE EUCHARIST

HOOP SHOOT, 9 SQUARE, CRAFTS,
DINNER, GAMES, PRAYER



WEDNESDAYS
RE AND
YOUTH
GROUPS

- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:00 RE classes
- 6:00 Highschool YG
- 6:45 Conf. Classes
- 7:00 Middles YG

ALL ARE
WELCOME AT
YOUTH GROUPS

JANUARY
DATES
15TH
22ND
29TH

HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR AND NATIVITY

All youth welcome to join!
Dec 24th, 4:30 PM Mass
Nativity Practice Dec 22, 10 AM

Contact: Leah Rogers 515.421.8978 saltandlightyouth513@gmail.com

ST. EDWARD UPDATES



Christmas Dinner

Drive-up & Dine-In

For Drive-Up, please use the East Alley by the gym.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2024
1 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
403 W CLARK ST, CRESTON, IA



Open to Everyone
 Free of Charge

Day of Dinner Shut-In Meals:
 > Please call (641-202-2064) by Noon on Dec. 23rd to order shut-in meals
 > Delivery of meals between 12:30-1:30

Sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish and friends

Can you help with the Christmas Eve and Day Ministries? If you can, we need lots of help, please find a sign up sheet at the back of the church, or contact the Parish Office. Also make sure to welcome new people at church!



- ⇒ Dec. 22, Decorating SE church after Mass
- ⇒ Dec. 22, 87th Annual Vesper Candle Lighting Service, 5 PM, SE
- ⇒ Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Mass, 7 PM, SE
- ⇒ Dec. 31, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation, 6 PM Mass, SE
- ⇒ Jan. 5, Confessions after Mass
- ⇒ Jan. 8, SE CCW meeting, 6:30 PM, SE Hall
- ⇒ Jan. 19, Blest Art visiting and selling Holy Land art work, SE basement
- ⇒ Jan. 19, SE FC/PC meeting, 11:45 AM, SE Hall

Please check the calendar on page 1 for other important events/dates.

St Edward

No Religious Education Class

Dec 22 or 29

Merry Christmas

87th Annual Vesper Candle Lighting Service

When: Sunday, December 22nd at 5 PM

Where: St. Edward Catholic Church (104 W. Union St., Afton)

Invitees: All Community Members of Afton and surrounding towns, especially Congregation Members of Assembly of God Church, United Methodist Church, and St. Edward Catholic Church are invited.



Why: A beautiful evening to reflect on scripture and song to prepare our hearts to honor the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Fellowship and refreshments afterwards.

St. Edward Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMHC	Greeters/Ushers/Gifts	Servers	Cantor	Money Counter	Sacristan/Bell Ringers*
Sunday Dec. 22	Randy Pettit	Jim Findley Shayla Findley Kathy Simmerman	Alex & Taylor Pettit Family	J Findley or Volunteer	Shayla Findley	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Sheila Brown *Summers Family
Tuesday Dec. 24	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) 7 PM Mass at SE, Volunteers needed for all ministries						
Sunday Dec. 29	Jack Summers	Sydney Sorensen Stephanie Summers Lindsay Thelen	Austin & Sydney Sorensen Family	J Waigand or Volunteer	Emily Adair	Dan Waigand & Volunteer	Sheila Brown *Summers Family