



“BE OPENED!” - MK 7:34

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY SPIRIT/ ST. EDWARD

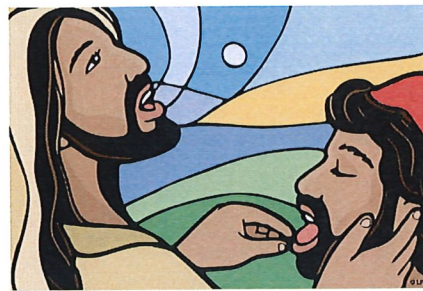
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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday September 5	9:00 a.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Jessica Moeller
	10:45 a.m., Mass, St. Edward Helen Bryson
Monday September 6	5:00 p.m., Adoration, Holy Spirit 6:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Gene Dunphy
Tuesday September 7	8:00 a.m., Adoration, St. Edward 9:00 a.m., Mass, St. Edward Deceased members of Henry and Alzada Brown Family
Wednesday September 8	9:15 a.m., Mass, St. Malachy School Steve McCann
Thursday September 9	No Mass
Friday September 10	9:00 a.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Bill Hayes
Saturday September 11	Confessions 4:15 p.m., Holy Spirit 5:00 p.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Recording Mass Mass Intention: For the people
Sunday September 12	7:00 a.m. YouTube Premiere Confessions 8:15 a.m., Holy Spirit 9:00 a.m., Mass, Holy Spirit Dorothy & Edmund Baker 10:45 a.m., Mass, St. Edward Charlie Taylor



Meditation on the Gospel: How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never

turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

The Lord's touch awakens faith and brings healing
When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The transforming power of kindness and compassion
The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: *He has done all things well.* No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you." *The following reflection is from One Bread, One Body courtesy of Presentation Ministries © 2021.*

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ADDRESSES

Parish Office, 406 W. Clark Street, Creston
St. Edward Church, 104 W. Union Street, Afton
Holy Spirit Church, 107 W. Howard Street, Creston
St. Malachy School, 403 W. Clark Street, Creston

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the parish office.
Reconciliation: Before Mass Holy Spirit Church, 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:15 a.m. on Sundays
Marriage Preparation: Contact the priest at least six months before making marriage plans.
Newcomers: Call the parish office to register.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTORS	ROSARY	MONEY COUNTERS	MUSICIAN/CANTOR	EUCHARIST MINISTER
Saturday Sept 4 5:00 pm	Chris Mansour			Lynn Baker Danna Buls	1 Volunteer
Sunday Sept 5 9:00am	Mark O'Riley	Ted Willets	Todd Dunphy Tom Dunphy T.J. Dunphy Luke Baker	Lynn Baker Hannah Goodwin	1 Volunteer
Saturday Sept 11 5:00 pm	Alice Reed			Linda Taylor Dan Gibbons	Alice Reed
Sunday Sept 12 9:00am	Dottie Dunphy	Bob Jansen	Karin Freml Elaine Haines	Rachel Ramaeker Dan Gibbons	1 Volunteer

ST. EDWARD MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	MONEY COUNTERS	SACRISTAN(S)
Sunday, September 5	Alex Pettit	Sharon Findley	Parish Council Member & Eric Ripperger	Sheila Brown
Sunday, September 12	Randy Pettit	Ellie Fry	Parish Council Member & Eric Ripperger	Sheila Brown

Ministry Helpers: Please be at church 10 minutes before Mass begins. If you cannot be there, please find a substitute. The monthly ministry schedule was emailed out. If you didn't get an email please check your spam or contact Michelle to update your email address!

Do you want to help? It is time to start scheduling Eucharist ministers at both Holy Spirit and St. Edward. We will be only scheduling 1 Eucharist minister on Saturday and 1 Eucharist minister on Sunday. Please contact Michelle at the Parish Office if you would like to serve in this ministry at Holy Spirit and contact Sheila Brown at St. Edward.

HOLY SPIRIT - GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 7,580
Aug. 29th Tithes Received	
Envelope	\$ 5,750
Online	\$ 245
Tithes Needed YTD	\$ 68,220
Tithes Received YTD	\$ 68,848

ST. EDWARD - GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly tithes needed	\$ 890
Aug. 29th Tithes Received	
Envelope	\$ 775
Online	\$ 85
Tithes Needed YTD	\$ 8,010
Tithes Received YTD	\$ 7,636

ReRun Store Hours

Tuesday: Noon-5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: Closed for Labor Day Weekend

Phone: 641-202-4488
Mondays are Donation Days
(8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.)

308 W. Union St., Creston, IA
Phone: 641-202-4488

**Rerun will be closed on
Saturday, Sept. 4**

Accepting Donations on
Monday, Sept. 6

"You can pray while you work. Work doesn't stop prayer and prayer doesn't stop work. It requires only that small raising of the mind to Him: I love you God, I trust you, I believe in you, I need you now. Small things like that. These are wonderful ways to pray and wonderful prayers." Do Something Beautiful for God by Mother Teresa, pg 90

Thank you to all who purchased religious items last weekend from the Holy Land Olive Art. Don't forget you can find religious items at the Rerun!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Holy Spirit Religious Education Grade 1-8th classes start Sept 8 at 6:45 to 8:00 PM. Registration forms will be sent to your home or you may fill out the night of the first class. \$40.00 per student.
- First Reconciliation parent meeting will be Sunday Sept 12 after the 9:00 AM Mass. Information will be sent home soon.
- High School Freshman and Sophomore Confirmation classes will be on Sept 15.
- If anyone is interested in helping in anyway with building the faith of our parish young people please contact Barb Hudson 641-202-2064.

- St. Edward Religious Education classes start on Sept 22 from 6:15 to 7:30 PM. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes will be offered for students 3 -12 yrs. olds and Traditional classes for 7th/8th Grade.
- We are in need of volunteers/ parents to monitor kids before & after classes, make materials, and possibly help out as an assistant in classes. Can you help 1 Wednesday a month? Please contact Ellie Fry at 641-202-6657.
- Do you need service hours for high school and/or confirmation? Come to the Rectory at 6:15 - 7:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept 8 and Sept 15 to help clean the rectory. We will be vacuuming, dusting, and organizing.

-FAMILY TIME- LABOR DAY WEEKEND



AROUND OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

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The Creston Area Food Pantry feeds 100-120 people every week. Can you help on Sunday, **Sept. 5** from Noon to 2 pm? We are looking for 7-8 volunteers. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please send monetary donations to Creston Area Food Pantry, PO Box 669, Creston, IA 50801.



Knights of Columbus (KofC): Thank you to all the gentlemen that attended the KofC Fall Stag! The regular KofC meeting is Sept. 6, 7 pm, at Holy Spirit Hall.

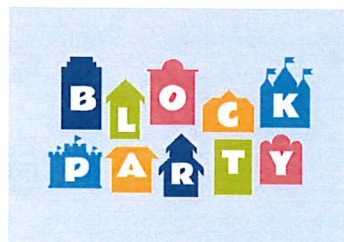
40 hrs. of Adoration Sept 12-14: The 1st 40 hr Adoration will be held at St. Edward on Sunday, Sept. 12 starting at noon and going to 9 a.m. on Tuesday Sept. 14. It is now time to sign up for a specific time, please sign up at the back of the church. There are still time slots during the day and evening hours. Bring a friend!



Come learn more about CD of A: Meetings are held 2nd Tuesdays of the month. The 1st meeting will be on Sept. 14. Mass will be at 6 p.m. at Holy Spirit, followed by a meal at 6:30 p.m. in the basement. After the meal, there will be a program and a short meeting. Also over the next 2 weeks, CD of A will be selling 40 mums for \$20 each. Please contact Anita Studer (641-344-1435) or Teresa Weis (641-344-1064) if you would like one.

September Updates/Meetings!

- ⇒ Sept 3 & 6, Parish Office closed
- ⇒ Sept. 4, Rerun Store Closed
- ⇒ Sept. 5, Creston Area Food Pantry volunteers, Noon– 2 PM
- ⇒ Sept. 6, KofC meeting, 7 pm, Holy Spirit Hall
- ⇒ Sept. 8, RE Grade 1-8 start, St. Malachy School
- ⇒ Sept. 10-12, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Level 1, St. Edward
- ⇒ Sept. 12, Holy Spirit First Reconciliation Parent meeting, after 9AM Mass
- ⇒ Sept. 12-14, 40 hrs. of Adoration, St. Edward
- ⇒ Sept. 14, CD of A meeting, 6:30 PM, Holy Spirit Hall
- ⇒ Sept. 15, Freshman & Sophomore Confirmation classes start
- ⇒ Sept 18, Block Party, 3PM–8PM, St. Malachy school court yard and street.
- ⇒ Sept. 19, Donut Sunday & Catechist Sunday, Holy Spirit Church
- ⇒ Sept. 19, St. Edward Parish Council meeting, after Mass
- ⇒ Sept. 20, Holy Spirit Finance meeting, 6:30 PM, Holy Spirit Hall
- ⇒ Sept. 21, Holy Spirit Parish Council meeting, 6:30 PM, Holy Spirit Hall
- ⇒ Sept. 27, Knights Officer Meeting, 7PM, Holy Spirit Hall
- ⇒ Sept. 28, School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, School
- ⇒ Sept. 28, Crest Area for LIFE meeting, 7 PM, Holy Spirit Hall



Event: Holy Spirit Food Fair
Date and Time: Saturday, September 18, 2021 3:00-5:00 p.m. family games; 5:00-7:00 p.m. meal served; 6:30-8:00 p.m. live music
Location: St. Malachy School 403 W. Clark St. Creston, Iowa 50801
Contact: Kelsey Bailey 515-460-0496



Ticket Purchases -

A letter will be mailed out to you, if you don't get one there will be extras at the back of the church. To prepay your tickets (\$10/ticket) (children 4 and under free) or to make a donation please cut the bottom portion of the

letter with your payment and return to the parish office or place in the collection plate at Mass. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. Online registration is available at www.uccat.org. If you have questions regarding the Holy Spirit Block Party, please contact Kelsey Bailey, 515-460-0496. We look forward to a fun-filled event! Blessings, Holy Spirit Food Fair Committee



Volunteer Highlight:

Thank you to Benita Bright well for helping to sew baptismal bibs.

Also thank you to Janice

Raemaker, Cheri Finken, Betty Bradly, Janet Hayes, Syd Hudek and all the others for keeping the Holy Spirit Church, parish office and rectory flowers so beautiful.

The diocesan-wide Special Collection for Seminarians will be conducted next weekend, September 11th and 12th. This year we recognize that our Priests are called by God to be Men of Communion. As men of communion, Christ is the sustaining force for these men along with the people to whom they minister. Registered households will be receiving a brochure and return envelope in the mail from Bishop Joensen. Gifts to this collection are used to cover tuition, room and board, and provide a small monthly stipend for pre-theologians and theologians. This year, more than \$200,000 is needed to enable the academic formation of our fifteen seminarians. Heartfelt thanks for your prayers and charitable donation to support the seminarians.