



March 29, 2020

## Sacred Heart Parish—Clay County & St. Joseph Parish—O'Brien County

### FROM THE PASTOR

As we continue living with the Virus Crisis, know that my prayers are with you. The impact may be far reaching and long lasting. Individual and family life has been disrupted. Many are concerned about their jobs and income. Worries about health are everywhere.

Being people of Faith, we know that we can trust in the Lord. The current situation can actually be a test of Faith for all of us. It is always difficult to follow God's will instead of our own wants and desires. May we continue to support one another in prayer and faith.

The financial concerns exist for our parishes also. Please remember that your financial support is still needed. We have salaries and bills to pay as well as property to maintain. You can mail donations to Sacred Heart, PO Box 817, Spencer, IA 51301-0817 or St. Joseph, PO Box 555, Sanborn, IA 51248. On the Spencer Sacred Heart website you can find ways to donate using PayPal, a diocesan link, or by setting up automatic withdrawal through your bank.

We will continue to provide Masses online and on local cable television channels. There have been several positive comments on the Mass from last weekend. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this available.

We are dealing with an ever changing situation. We will do what we can to keep you informed and updated. Thank you for your patience and prayer through this trial.

God Bless Us All!

Fr. Tim Hogan

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RESOURCES WEB PAGE:** <https://spencersacredheart.com/resources>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK** will be for Jerry & Berdella Schueller, Daniel L. Jay Bonham, Molly & Bing McDonald, Paul Lenz, Helene Wegner, Leon & Edna Einck, and Special Intention.

**PAUL MATHERN** burial in Sutherland Calvary Cemetery on March 28.

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE:** Please remember in your prayers Ruth Russell of our Sacred Heart Parish family. May she feast at the heavenly banquet. Burial in Riverside Cemetery on March 31.

**CHURCHES** in different communities in Clay and O'Brien counties are setting up prayer times and fasting concerning the Coronavirus. You may also pray in your own way or use the various resources we have on Facebook or the Spencer Sacred Heart website.

**CHURCH SUPPORT:** Sacred Heart \$6,179.50, St. Joseph \$600.00.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** thanks our parishes for the \$5,771.88 given in the Christmas collection last year.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45

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