



MAY 10, 2020

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

## FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers! May you be showered with the love and respect that you deserve. May God bless you for your model of his love to your family.

We do not yet know when we will be allowed to have public Masses. When that time comes there will be many restrictions in our diocese. You will still not be obligated to attend Mass in church and Masses online and by television will continue to be available.

If you have a health condition or a higher risk factor such as any type of breathing difficulty, you should not attend Mass in church. If you are over 60 years of age you are strongly discouraged from attending Mass in church.

Everyone attending Mass will be required to wear a mask, so plan to bring one with you. The only exceptions are the priest, lector, cantor, and children under two years of age.

Social distancing space of six feet will be the norm. You will not be able to sit where you want. Ushers will guide you to marked spots in pews where you can sit. The capacity of Spencer Sacred Heart is 90, Hartley St. Joseph 30 and Primghar St. Anthony 45. When we reach capacity, people will be turned away.

The church will be open one hour before the start of Mass. Hand sanitizer will be available at entrances. There will be no paper bulletins, worship aids, or missalettes. We will not have Mass servers. There will be no sign of peace or Communion from the cup. Communion should be taken in the hand. Because I am over 60, I will not be allowed to distribute Communion.

Other receptions, meetings, or gatherings are not to take place on church property. Confessions are by appointment only. I can visit someone only if they are in danger of death. If I would get sick, Masses would be canceled; I am not allowed to bring in a substitute priest.

When the time comes, we will give you all of the rules and restrictions. This is a difficult situation and hopefully we can get back to more normal worship soon. I appreciate the patience and help of everyone so far, especially the financial donations to keep us going. If you want to talk or vent, feel free to call me.

The one good thing that happened for me was that I had the time to fill both of my turkey tags. God is good!

Blessings,  
Fr. Tim

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ONLINE MASSES:** <https://www.spencersacredheart.com/onlinemass>

**RESOURCES:** For Parish and Diocesan updates, announcements, school news and faith support resources go to: <http://www.spencersacredheart.com/resources>

**SACRED HEART FACEBOOK PAGE:** <https://www.facebook.com/SpencerSacredHeart/>

**ST. JOSEPH FACEBOOK PAGE:** <https://www.facebook.com/ObrienCoFaithFormation/>

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK** are as follows: All Parish Members, Greg Munday, Pamela Beams, Helene Wegner, Joan Schumann, James Ruden.

**CHURCH SUPPORT:** Sacred Heart \$23,787.50, Special collections \$50, St. Joseph \$2,470.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kally Fahnlander & Jenna Morey who are this year's recipients of the St. Louis Royal Scholarships.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:** Please remember in your prayers Loretta Sweet, Richard Hallett Sr., Dan Merten and Mike Hynes of our Sacred Heart Parish family; Jim Reis, father of Brad Reis; Paula Wilson, mother of Brian Wilson; Mary Jane Gray, formerly from Primghar St. Anthony. May they feast at the heavenly banquet.

**JOB OPENING:** Spencer Sacred Heart has an opening for a Director of Stewardship & Development. The main duty of this position is fundraising. If interested, please contact Fr. Tim at qtjhz@aol.com.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21

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