



June 28, 2020

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

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

July 4	Saturday (Sacred Heart)	4:00 PM	Tom O’Brien
	Saturday (Primghar St. Anthony)	6:00 PM	Degnan Family
July 5	Sunday (Hartley St. Joseph)	9:00 AM	All Parish Members
	Sunday (Sacred Heart)	10:30 AM	Peg Reit

Masses will also be offered for Bob White, Helene Wegner, Jim Bendlin, Greg Deman, Deceased Members of the Eilers Family

FROM THE PASTOR

This is the first weekend of Masses with people allowed to be present if they have no health concerns. We are fortunate that most people can continue to watch Mass on cable TV or online. It is not that many years ago that these options were not available. I hear from people who enjoy having Mass in a relaxed setting at home.

The week of July 6 we will be able to start with a limited number of weekday Masses. My plan at this time is to have a Mass on Tuesdays at Hartley St. Joseph and Wednesdays and Fridays at Sacred Heart. People will need to attend wearing a mask and sitting only in marked places in the pews to maintain social distancing.

The latest information I have from the diocese is that we will continue to follow these restrictions until there is a vaccine. May God bless us all with the strength and patience to deal with our current difficulties. Please be healthy and safe for the July 4th Holiday.

Blessings,
Fr. Tim

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE: Please remember in your prayers John Jansen, brother of Jim Jansen; Delores Niess, mother of Donna Israels; Herb Schueller of our St. Joseph O’Brien County Parish Family. May they feast at the heavenly banquet.

CHURCH SUPPORT: Sacred Heart \$6,067.50, Special Collections \$165, St. Joseph \$1,200.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17

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

CHURCH SUPPORT: <https://www.spencersacredheart.com/churchsupport>

RESOURCES: For Parish and Diocesan updates, announcements, school news & 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/>

RE-OPENING OF PUBLIC MASSES:

Sacred Heart will be reopening for public Mass starting the weekend of June 27 and June 28. As a reminder, there are important protocols in place from the Diocese that we must follow. If you are anxious about coming to church or not comfortable following the required guidelines, please consider watching the Mass from home. The dispensation from attending Mass has been extended by Bishop Nickless through the end of the year.

- The 4:00 PM and 10:30 AM Masses will be live streamed on our website and YouTube page.
- All parishioners over the age of two will be required to wear a facemask. Those who do not have a facemask will not be allowed into the church.
- The main door on the East Side of the church will be the only door to enter. Doors will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. You will check in with an usher who will ask for your family name and contact information. You will be seated by an usher, at a minimum of six feet apart which will require every third pew to be utilized.
- Communion will take place at the end of Mass. Ushers will guide you out of the pews and you are asked to leave the church after you receive Communion.
- We ask that you do not gather and socialize inside or outside, either before or after the celebration of Mass.

PRIVATE PRAYER: We are open for private prayer twice a week, allowing for parishioners of all ages to come in and pray privately. Restrictions have been implemented by the Sioux City Diocese to ensure the health and safety of our beloved Parishes. Please take a moment to thoroughly read each protocol prior to attending the Private Prayer Sessions. Also, understand that Father Tim will not be available during the Prayer Sessions. Please make sure you bring a facemask; you will not be allowed into the church without one. There can only be a maximum of ten people in the church at a time.

Schedule for Private Prayer Sessions:

- *Sacred Heart Church (Spencer): Available every Monday from Noon-1:00 PM
- *Sacred Heart Church (Spencer): Available every Wednesday from 8:00-9:00 AM
- *St. Anthony Church (Primghar): Available every Monday from Noon-1:00 PM
- *St. Joseph Church (Hartley): Available every Wednesday from 8:00-9:00 AM

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Megan Wagner at 4unioncatholic@gmail.com or Mollie Maurer at mmaurer@spencersacredheart.com. We look forward to seeing you soon!