



July 19, 2020

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

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

July 25	Saturday (Spencer Sacred Heart)	4:00 PM	James Ruden
	Saturday (Primghar St. Anthony)	6:00 PM	Berdella Schueller
July 26	Sunday (Hartley St. Joseph)	9:00 AM	All Parish Members
	Sunday (Spencer Sacred Heart)	10:30 AM	Herb Eilers

FROM THE PASTOR

Please note that there are no weekday Masses this coming week while I am on my annual “Captain Walleye” trip to Wisconsin. Thank you for helping Fr. Cosgrove and Msgr. Seifried as they take my place for Masses this weekend.

We are planning to move ahead with those waiting for First Communion & Confirmation. Because of our limited seating in churches, these will take place on multiple Wednesday evenings to try and accommodate everyone.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed financially these past few months even when we could not have people at Mass. Spencer Sacred Heart will need to have more people give in the next two months to offset a large gap in money we usually get from our fundraisers. Because the Clay County Fair is canceled, we will miss out on about \$20,000 we usually take in for car parking. Also, the November Gala will not include the formal meal and dance, so there is a good chance that will not raise the amount of money we have gained in past years. We count on these events to fund our operations. Hopefully if you find yourself with more money now because spending opportunities are more limited, you can make an extra contribution to the parish. Thank you.

Our diocese is preparing for the “Together As One” campaign this Fall. They would like us to have parish teams to work with the campaign. There will be ZOOM calls you can join if interested on August 6, 13, 18, 27. Contact me and I will give you the links. Last year Spencer Sacred Heart was over \$14,000 and St. Joseph O’Brien County over \$2,000 short of the goal, which has to be paid out of parish funds.

God Bless You,
Fr. Tim

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/>

CHURCH SUPPORT: Sacred Heart \$12,172, Special Collections \$30, St. Joseph \$1,504. Special Collections \$30

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

St. Joseph O'Brien County Parish-Rescheduled First Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation Masses:

Confirmation Mass: October 7th, 6:30 PM, at St. Joseph Church

First Communion Mass: October 14th, 6:30 PM, at St. Anthony Church

*Due to limited seating, we ask that only immediate family (& confirmation sponsors) accompany candidates to Mass.

As for First Reconciliation, each family will be responsible for scheduling individual sessions with Father Tim Hogan. To do so, please contact Father Hogan at 712-261-0395 or qtjhz@aim.com.

Additionally, resources to prepare your child for their big day will be available over the next few months. However, if you have any questions, please contact Megan Wagner at 507-475-1492. Your patience is sincerely appreciated!

Spencer Sacred Heart—Rescheduled Confirmation and First Communion Dates:

Confirmation: August 19, August 26, September 2 at 7 PM

First Communion: September 30, October 21, October 28 at 7 PM

A link to sign up was emailed to each family. We ask that only the student, sponsor (for Confirmation) and immediate family (parents and siblings) attend. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at mmaurer@spencersacredheart.com.

AT-HOME VBS REGISTRATION: Allow your children to enjoy five days of fun, faith-building activities right from home! Register them today for our free at-home VBS, beginning on **Monday, July 27th, 2020.**

Contact Megan Wagner at 4unioncatholic@gmail.com or Sacred Heart Faith Formation at mmaurer@spencersacredheart.com to register your family today!

WELCOME WEEKEND EXPERIENCE: Last February, prior to the pandemic, the Welcome Weekend Experience took place at St. Joseph’s, in Milford. Men from Sacred Heart and St. Joseph’s attended this inspiring weekend and have since been in prayerful formation to offer it again. January 16 and 17, 2021 are the dates we have in mind, Watch the bulletin for further details as we get closer to the end of the year. For questions or more details, call 712) 363-1613.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

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