



NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

November 23	Monday (Spencer Sacred Heart)	7:30 AM	Kay Filloon
November 24	Tuesday (Hartley St. Joseph)	8:00 AM	Rita McCarty
November 25	Wednesday (Spencer Sacred Heart)	7:30 AM	Pat Graff
November 26	Thursday (Hartley St. Joseph)	9:00 AM	Shirley Elser
November 27	Friday (Spencer Sacred Heart)	7:30 AM	Donna Hrubes
November 28	Saturday (Spencer Sacred Heart)	4:00 PM	Mark Bransgaard
	Saturday (Primghar St. Anthony)	6:00 PM	J. D. Hunt
November 29	Sunday (Hartley St. Joseph)	9:00 AM	All Parish Members
	Sunday (Spencer Sacred Heart)	10:30 AM	Helen Huber

FROM THE PASTOR

This Thanksgiving will not be the celebration many of us are used to because all of the Covid concerns. However we all still have much to be thankful for. The Lord has blessed us with material and spiritual bounty. I am thankful for the people God has put into my life. Please take some time to thank God in prayer for his generosity.

Next weekend is the beginning of Advent. We will have Advent candles and colors in our churches.

The Pastoral Council meeting scheduled in Sanborn for St. Joseph O’Brien County will not take place due to Covid restrictions. Council members will receive an email with pertinent information.

May God bless you all with a healthy Thanksgiving.
Fr. Tim

CHURCH SUPPORT AND TOGETHER AS ONE

CHURCH SUPPORT: Sacred Heart \$4,892.52 Special Collections \$15 St. Joseph \$2,189

SACRED HEART TAO PAYMENTS/PLEDGES TO DATE: \$18,657; goal \$32,204

ST. JOSEPH O’BRIEN COUNTY TAO PAYMENTS/PLEDGES TO DATE: \$10,134; goal \$13,541

SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our fall gala auction a success! Although things looked a bit different this year with the live auction instead of our usual in person event, it was still a great time. A special thank you to the gala committee, the sponsors and donors, the large raffle tickets sellers/buyers, and to all of the volunteers and staff that help make this event such a great success!

MONSIGNOR LAFFERTY TUITION FOUNDATION: We are in the final few months of MLTF and we need your help! MLTF is extremely important because it helps our Catholic school families afford tuition. There is no other charitable organization that offers a 65% State of Iowa tax credit. Cash, grain and stock are all great MLTF gifts. The deadline is December 31, 2020. Please go to <https://scdiocese.org/monsignor-lafferty-tuition-foundation> to give online or to download a form.

NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of this week. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Benson David Peterson who was baptized last weekend at Spencer Sacred Heart. His parents are Adam and Ashley Peterson.

GALA \$100 RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS: Ruth Fox, Chris Rierson, Jack & Louise Clark, Charlie Crouch, Jill Kramer, Chris Baker, Maureen Oechlin, Sue Rabel, Brad & Tanya Carlson, Mike Kaschmitter, Ira’s Barber Shop, Rick & Gayle Johnson, Lisa Nielsen, Dean Koppen, John & Emily Gross, Seth Harrer.

MANY THANKS: A huge thank you to everyone who sent financial donations supporting the St. Joseph O’Brien County Thanksgiving Box fundraiser! Your generous contributions have allowed our parish to prepare Thanksgiving Day meals for many local families in need. Your support is incredibly appreciated!

FAITH FORMATION-ST. JOSEPH O’BRIEN COUNTY PARISH: All Faith Formation lessons will be completed remotely during December. Parents, please watch your Parish emails for complete lesson plans. Thank you for your patience and understanding! We pray to gather in person again soon!

MESSIAH MEMORIES ON “FROM THE VAULT” on SMU Channel 3: The Spencer Messiah Board working with SMU will be presenting some ‘classic’ Messiah Memories this holiday season. You can find them on SMU Channel 3’s “From the Vault” program. Dates and times are: The Messiah from 2009: Thursday, Dec 17 @ 3pm, Saturday, Dec 19 @ 11:30pm, Sunday, Dec 20 @ 3pm and Monday, Dec 21 @ 10:30am. Festival of Lessons and Carols from 2016: Thursday, Dec 24 @ 3pm, Friday, Dec 25 @ 7pm, Saturday, Dec 26 @ 11:30pm, Sunday, Dec 27 @ 3pm and Monday, Dec 28 @ 10:30am. We hope to see everyone at next year’s “Festival of Lessons and Carols” on Dec. 5, 2021. For additional information visit “Spencer Messiah” on Facebook.

TOGETHER AS ONE: “To whom much is given, much is expected” (Luke 12, v. 48). Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the truths of our Catholic Faith. We are truly blessed, and we know it. Together As One is a practical way to demonstrate stewardship, and the unity of purpose for which we stand. The goal for this year’s campaign is within reach. Let’s finish 2020 by exceeding our goal!

ST. JOSEPH O’BRIEN COUNTY ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Study the wondrous story of our Savior’s birth with an Advent Bible study. Contact Megan Wagner ASAP at 4unioncatholic@gmail.com to purchase your copy!

TASTEFULLY SIMPLE: Spencer Catholic Daughters are having an online and catalog fundraiser with Tastefully Simple during November. For more information go to www.spencersacredheart.com/cda-news-events.

ITEMS NEEDED BY LOCAL FAMILIES: Love INC. has reached out to the St. Joseph O’Brien County Parish requesting our help. The following items are needed by struggling families within our community: canned pears, Hamburger Helper, toilet paper (6 or 12 roll packages), and feminine hygiene products. Please contact Megan Wagner at 507-475-1492 or 4unioncatholic@gmail.com to coordinate a time to drop off your donated items. Every little bit helps!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE: Please remember in your prayers Ray Cauthron, brother of Randy Cauthron; Jim Harpenau, brother-in-law of Liz Pick. May they feast at the heavenly banquet.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36@LPi