



DECEMBER 6, 2020

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

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| December 7 | Monday (Spencer Sacred Heart) Monday (Primghar St. Anthony) | 7:30 AM Dick & Phyllis Schott 7:00 PM Jean Schueder |
| December 8 | Tuesday (Hartley St. Joseph) Tuesday (Spencer Sacred Heart) | 8:00 AM All Parish Members 7:00 PM Intentions of Delores Colling |
| December 9 | Wednesday (Spencer Sacred Heart) | 7:30 AM Mick O’Connor |
| December 10 | Thursday (Spencer Sacred Heart) | 7:30 AM Eilers Family |
| December 11 | Friday (Spencer Sacred Heart) Friday (Spencer Sacred Heart School only) | 7:30 AM Bill & Rosemary Beams 8:30 AM Marilyn Higgins |
| December 12 | Saturday (Spencer Sacred Heart) Saturday (Primghar St. Anthony) | 4:00 PM Father John Cain 6:00 PM Degnan Family |
| December 13 | Sunday (Hartley St. Joseph) Sunday (Spencer Sacred Heart) | 9:00 AM All Parish Members 10:30 AM Pat Loomis |

FROM THE PASTOR

Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is traditionally a holy day of obligation in the United States. However, this obligation does not hold in this time of Covid just like it does not hold for weekend Mass. If you wish to attend Mass for this feast, you can go to one of the Masses Monday evening, Tuesday morning, or Tuesday evening.

Last month two fundraisers had to be done in a different way. The St. Joseph O’Brien County Soup & Pie Supper was all drive through; they served over 400 people and made about \$2,500. Spencer Sacred Heart had to do a virtual Gala with people calling, texting, and emailing bids on auction items; they made about \$86,000. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated with great flexibility and cheer. Special thanks to those who organized these events.

Because of Covid restrictions, there will not be a Finance Committee meeting at Spencer Sacred Heart next Friday. There will be a conference call instead at 11:00 AM. There will be a 7:30 AM Mass that day for the general public.

May God bless you with an Advent season filled with hope and expectation.
Fr. Tim

CHURCH SUPPORT AND TOGETHER AS ONE

CHURCH SUPPORT: Sacred Heart \$21,717.50 Special Collections \$95 St. Joseph \$3,632, Special Collections \$76

SACRED HEART TAO PAYMENTS/PLEDGES TO DATE: \$19,117; goal \$32,204

ST. JOSEPH O’BRIEN COUNTY TAO PAYMENTS/PLEDGES TO DATE: \$10,184; goal \$13,541

SCHOOL NEWS

ONLINE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR started on Monday, November 30th and continues through Sunday, December 13th. Great Christmas gift items! Book orders of \$25 or more qualify for free shipping. If you order non-book items free shipping does not apply. Everything ships directly to you. Use this web address to begin shopping starting November 30th! <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sacredheartschool52>.

Thank you, Mrs. Klatt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1ST COMMUNION PREP-ST. JOSEPH PARISH: 2nd-grade students will gather as a small group on Monday, December 7th, from 5-6 PM, located at the Hartley Public Library. *Please bring program materials.

NO ADORATION: Adoration will not be held on Thursday, December 10th as the church will be used by Sacred Heart School that day.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH-CHRISTMAS MASS SIGN-UP: Due to COVID restrictions, all parishioners must sign up to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and Day. Guests may choose to attend Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:30 PM, at St. Joseph Church, or 7:00 PM at St. Anthony Church. Mass will also take place at 9:00 AM, at St. Joseph Church on Christmas Day. *Please make all reservations with Megan Wagner at 507-475-1492 or 4unioncatholic@gmail.com. When making a reservation, please include the following information: Name, number of guests, and which Mass you will be attending. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

SPENCER SACRED HEART TOGETHER AS ONE: Advent is a time for praying, discerning and decision making. We all receive an abundance of mailings and phone calls seeking money for worthy causes. Please consider making a donation to the diocesan annual appeal--Together As One. Our Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities offices, and the Office of Evangelization all benefit. Our parish is approaching 60% of our \$32,000 goal. We have "2020 vision", and can see the conclusion of the campaign yet this month!

SACRED HEART FOOD DRIVE FOR UPPER DES MOINES: As we are not able to host a Christmas Day Dinner this year due to COVID restrictions, we have set up a food drive to take place from December 5-13th. Boxes will be available in the Gathering Space. There will also be a box outside of the church that will be emptied every evening. UDMO is looking for non perishable items such as soup cans or packets, oatmeal, Macaroni & Cheese, tuna fish, dish soap, shampoo, toothpaste (adults and kids). Thank you for your generous support!

ITEMS NEEDED BY LOCAL FAMILIES: The following items are needed by struggling families within O'Brien County: 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!

SACRED HEART PARISH ADVENT CALENDAR: The staff at Sacred Heart have put together an Advent calendar! Please follow along at our website: spencersacredheart.com/advent. It runs through December 25.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE: Please remember in your prayers Ed Schierholz of our St. Joseph O’Brien County Parish family; Gary Norman, father of Tina Studer; Tanner Meysenburg, stepson of Bob Zenkovich; John Ney, father of Steve Ney. May they feast at the heavenly banquet.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
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