

**Sacred Heart Parish
Oelwein, Iowa
July 12, 2026**

"But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

What kind of
Soil
are you?



**Join us for
Breakfast
Sunday July 19
After 8am Mass**



Everyone attending 8am Mass is welcome to join us in the social hall after Mass for breakfast. Catch up with friends you haven't seen for a while. Get to know new friends that you have not met.



Join us at 4:30 Mass this weekend as Father Atwood celebrates his final Mass here at Sacred Heart.

After Mass please come to the social hall as we say Thank You and Good Bye to Father Atwood.

**On Tuesday morning Father Atwood will be traveling to his new home in Charles City. His address in Charles City is:
106 Chapel Lane - Charles City, IA 50616**

Father Ray Atwood, Pastor

Parish Center (Mail): 600 1st Avenue SW Oelwein IA 50662

Parish Offices: 319-283-3743 **Parish Email:** parish@sacredheartoelwein.com

Parish Website: www.sacredheartoelwein.com

Parish Facebook: "Sacred Heart Parish of Oelwein"

**Parish Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12 noon.
Closed on Friday's. Use locked drop box after hours.**

**To receive the bulletin by email weekly, send your email address to:
parish@sacredheartoelwein.com**

Articles for the bulletin are due to the Parish Office on Tuesday morning by noon.

Confessions Sunday morning at 7:15am

**Rachelle Troupe, Parish Secretary Hours: Mon. through Thurs. 9am-12noon
Email: dbq151sec@dbqarch.org**

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat. Jul. 11 4:30pm SH Ron Michels
Sun. Jul. 12 8:30am IC For the People
No 10:30 Mass on July 12
Mon. Jul. 13 8:30am SH Louis & Virginia Pirillo

Wed. Jul 15 6:00pm in Edgewood
Father Huber is inviting everyone to attend Mass on
Wednesday evening at St. Mark's in Edgewood

Thu. Jul. 16 8:30am Fayette, Guttenberg, or Volga
Fri. Jul. 17 12 noon SH Robert, Phillip & Randy Rubner
Sat. Jul. 18 4pm Edgewood or Elkader
Sun. Jul. 19 8am SH Deceased members of
Gehrke & Kauten families
10am West Union or Guttenberg
Mon. Jul. 20 8:30am Guttenberg or Clermont
11:15am Elkader



If you are new to our parish or just visiting - WELCOME!

If you would like to officially claim Sacred Heart as your Parish Home - we would love to have you! Contact the Parish Office (319-283-3743) for information and a registration form. You can also go to the website to register(www.sacredheartoelwein.com). Look under the Home tab for the registration form.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Rosary Schedule - July

11 - Novella Wilson
19 - D. Stejskal 26 - B. Rundle
August

2 - R. Thole 9 - S. Bradley
16 - D. Stejskal 23 - N. Wilson

Lectors - July 8am

19 - Kurt Wood 26 - Chad Ingels
August 8am
Gary Rubner

**Ministers of Hospitality - July
& Mass Attendance Counters**

11 - 4:30pm C & B Geilenfeld
R & K Lenth
19 & 26 - 8am B. Hamilton & C. Roth
N. Kastli & C. Patera

**August - C. Michels, M. Vogel,
C & B Geilenfeld**

**Ex. Ministers of Holy Communion-
July 19 & 26 - 8am Donna Allen**

August - Teresa Petsche

RaiseRight Sellers - July

From Archbishop Zinkula: *Journey in Faith* is ultimately about much more than schedules, structures, or parish boundaries. It is about strengthening our ability to proclaim the Gospel, accompanying one another in faith, and leading more people into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. In every age, God has guided His people forward, inviting them to trust in His providence and embrace new opportunities for mission.. I believe He is doing the same among us today. Together, we have an opportunity to build vibrant Catholic communities that honor our rich heritage while embracing the future to which God is calling us. As we begin this new chapter, I invite you to approach it with open hearts. Introduce yourself to someone new. Attend a pastorate event. Offer a smile and a warm greeting to someone from another community. These simple acts of kindness and hospitality can help foster the relationships that strengthen our pastorates and support our shared mission for years to come.



**Journey
in Faith**

There are forms on the entrance tables that you can use to request Masses. Please fill out the form completely and make a check out to: Oelwein Pastorate Mass Stipends. These Masses will not be scheduled locally but by Dani Becwar, Oelwein Pastorate Mass Scheduler.



Why the change: There are three priests and 12 parishes in our pastorate which makes it necessary for one person to have the master calendar of Masses. Forms can be left at the parish office and will be forwarded to Elkader. Please make checks to: Oelwein Pastorate Mass Stipends, not to Sacred Heart. Thank You.

There are still openings for Masses at Sacred Heart. Please fill out your forms and bring them to the parish office or mail them to Elkader.

LIVE

STREAMING

WANTED

Looking for volunteers to help with Streaming the Sunday Mass. All you need is minimum computer skills. Looking at the commitment to be no more than once a month. Ages from Middle school to retired adults are welcome to volunteer. If interested, please contact Charlie Rochford by text (319-238-9411) or email (cwrochford@gmail.com). Thank you, and waiting to hear from you.

Donations to Your Parish

When pastorates begin on July 15, it is important to remember each parish will continue to exist. Therefore, your parish will still need to be sustained financially by parishioners.

We would like to encourage you to consider electronic giving. It involves filling out a form and a voided check. Stop at the parish office if you are interested.

We want to encourage you that any money you place in the collection basket after July 15 be in your regular church envelope (which you will continue to receive) or an envelope marked with the name of the church you want the donation to go to.

Any loose cash placed in the collection basket that is not in a marked envelope will eventually go towards the joint expenses of the pastorate.



Thank You

Our thanks to everyone who donated to our Chicken Noodle Soup Weekend. We collected



138 items, monetary donations and plastic bags. Thank you for your continued support of our monthly collection to help those who are struggling to put food on their tables



Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest.

Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st.

For questions call 641-753-6953.

Thank You!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated in the Patriotic Rosary which was recited on July 4th! Thank you to the CDA members who led us in prayer - Cindy Olson, Rita Thole, Barb Rundle, Novella Wilson, Diane Stejskal, and Linda Ridihalgh. Thank you to those CDA members who joined in; thank you to those parishioners who also gathered in the name of the Lord. If you were not able to join us, I would encourage you to please pray the rosary for our country at home. Put our country's leaders and its people in His Hands.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Oelwein, Iowa
1876-2026

Sacred Heart Church 1876-2026



A very limited amount of apparel (and not all sizes) is on hand. You may stop in the office or call to see what is available. There are a few hooded sweatshirts (red & black), and gray t-shirts with red printing. Please contact us if you are interested.

West Bend Bus Trip \$45/person

CAMP ALGONA POW MUSEUM

SHRINE OF THE GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

7:45 AM LOAD BUS AT SACRED HEART PARKING LOT
8:00 AM DEPART
10:30 AM CAMP ALGONA POW MUSEUM, ALGONA, IA
12:30 PM LUNCH AT PIZZA RANCH, ALGONA, IA
2:00 PM GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION, WEST BEND, IA
4:30 PM DEPART FOR OELWEIN
7:30 PM ARRIVE IN OELWEIN

This trip is sponsored in part by
the Oelwein Catholic Daughters
Court St. Rita #321.



Tickets for the bus trip will be sold starting the end of July. Watch the bulletin for more information



Back to School Project

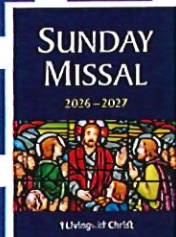
We are still waiting to hear back from the school with student numbers and supply lists for each grade level. Hopefully we will have this information soon and can order backpacks and start purchasing the supplies we need.

In the meantime, we need to be patient and continue raising funds so we are prepared to work with the other churches to help meet this important need for families who are struggling to provide these items for their children, while also taking

care of the immediate needs of their family.

Thank you for whatever you are able to offer to help with this project. Monetary donations may be mailed to the parish center, placed in the black mailbox near the front door entrance to the parish center, or placed in the weekend collection basket by **Sunday, July 26.**

Remember to mark the envelope on the outside that it is for the Back Pack project. In advance, thank you for whatever help you can offer for this project to be successful.



SUNDAY MISSAL ~ LIVING WITH CHRIST 2026-2027

Are you looking for a spiritual companion that offers you all the Sunday and Holy Day readings, prayers, Order of Mass and a whole lot more. The Sunday Missal begins with the first Sunday of Advent, November 29.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS July 12, 2026

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

MISSAL QUANTITY _____ X \$6.00 each = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart. Orders must be returned in an envelope marked "Sunday Missal" in the collection basket, in the mail, or dropped off at the parish office (use black box by front door after hours) . **Amount due must be received with the order.** Sorry, orders without payment cannot be honored.

**Final Chance to Order Your Missals - Deadline Is Extended
to Tuesday July 14 by the end of the Day.**



Tuna Weekend

5 oz. cans in Water

August 1 & 2, 2026



All donations will be given to the
Oelwein Kitchen Cupboard

Your donations can also be brought to the Kitchen Cupboard on Tuesday from 9-12am or Friday from 1-4pm. You may also drop off plastic bags at the Parish Center during office hours. If you prefer to make a cash donation, you can drop your donation in the collection basket, or you can mail it to or drop it off at the Parish Center during the week.



Votive Lights

We currently have **Votive Lights** available. If you would like to remember a loved one/your loved ones in a special way, contact the Parish Office for information (319-283-3743).



Anointing- If you have a serious illness or are facing surgery and would like to be anointed, please call the Parish Office at 319-283-3743.

Baptisms - To have your child baptized in the Catholic Faith, or if you have questions about Baptism, call the Parish Office at 319-283-3743.



Communion to Parishioners - There is a variety of reasons why someone cannot attend Mass on a regular basis. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office, 319-283-3743.



Locked Drop Box

By the front door of the Parish Center is a locked Drop Box where you can safely leave items after office hours and when no one is there. Push the little door at the top and drop your items in.

Counting Mass Attendance in July



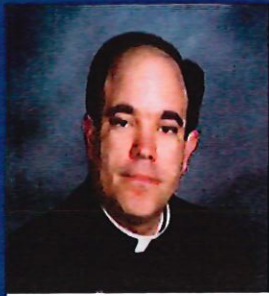
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Please let us know of anyone who is sick, seriously ill, or facing surgery and in need of prayers and spiritual support. We will be happy to reach out to them in their time of need. Call the Parish Office.



Pastor's Paragraphs
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026

It is hard to believe that our time together is almost concluded. Looking back to July 2017, when I came to Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Parishes, I am deeply gratified by the progress we have made. While much good was happening nine years ago, there was much more to do, and we have done it! A new prayer garden, renovated social hall, church building repairs, youth programs, Eucharistic adoration, devotional activities, adult study opportunities, beautiful Holy Week ceremonies, cookouts, and special celebrations have brought new life to our parish communities. While we have much to be proud of these past nine years, there is still more to do!

The Gospel account of the sower and the seed is a fitting conclusion for our time together. The sower, who is the Lord, scatters life-giving seed, which is the Word, across a vast area, including rocky soil, shallow soil, thorn-filled soil, and rich soil. Note that three out of the four kinds of soil mentioned do NOT bear fruit. Only one out of four brings fruit, but what fruit it produces, "a hundred, or sixty, or thirty- fold"! While we know that most seed will be lost, some does produce good fruit, which gives reason for hope.

Our ancestors in the mid-19th Century came to this area with faith and love, and scattered seeds of faith, love, justice, and goodness. Their work has borne fruit in our day. We are as strong as we are because of their work, and now it is our responsibility to continue the work of sowing the seed. It is up to us to sow seeds of faith, charity, justice, goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience, and other virtues in order to make the next generation of Catholics as strong, or stronger, than ours. How will we respond?

I am deeply grateful for your generosity, kindness, and patience these past years. My priesthood has grown tremendously through the successes and setbacks of our time together. I appreciate, in particular, all the gifts you have given me as we conclude our time together. The cards, gifts, and expressions of appreciation touch my heart, and will remain with me as I leave this area.

While I have done my best, I have not always been the kind of pastor you deserve, and so, in the words of the Act of Charity, "I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured." Thank you for persevering!

As I move on to Charles City Pastorate in a couple days, I am confident that your new pastor and parochial vicars will build on the good work we have done together. With God's grace, our future is bright. Thank you again for everything! Fr. Ray E. Atwood



Please remember this week to pray for:

All members of Sacred Heart Parish