OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien Solemnity: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2025



Christ is the King!

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church.

Immaculate Conception

410 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK
Mailing Address: PO Box 237
Sunday Mass – 9 a.m. English
11 a.m. Spanish
Daily Mass: Tu-Fri 8:30 a.m. Chapel
Confessions 30 min. before Mass
or by Appointment

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

16526 US 271 (East of Spiro) Sunday Mass – 1 p.m. English Confessions by appointment

St. Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St., Stigler, OK Saturday Vigil Mass – 5 p.m. Confessions 30 min. before Mass or by Appointment

Office Phone 918-647-3475 Emergency: 918-237-5537

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Gifts for God November 16, 2025

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,401.38 Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 1,068.12 Weekly Budget Need 950.00 Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 576.25 Weekly Budget Need 607.00

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Stewardship Reflections

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."

COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

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Mass Intentions: IC

November 30, 2025

9 a.m. – + For the repose of the souls of Julian Wemmerus & Louise Wemmerus; by Ed Wemmerus.

11 a.m. – + Repose of the soul of Martin Guizar, on the anniversary of his death; by Guadalupe Guizar.

Thanksgiving Mass is Thursday

There will be Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday at Immaculate Conception at 9 a.m.

Take a morning break from holiday hubbub to give thanks to the one who feeds us with the Bread of Heaven.

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Have you taken the DMI survey yet?

Immaculate Conception parishioners: you are off to a great start in taking the follow-up Disciple Maker Index survey. As of Friday, we were at 50 surveys completed, about half online and half on paper.

But we won't be satisfied until we have <u>everyone!</u> If you need a paper survey, come by the Parish Office. Otherwise, go to this web address:

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/c5579c

It takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. You will be asked to give your views/opinions on the state of your parish, and it's completely anonymous so you can be totally honest.

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Christmas flower donations sought

Advent begins in exactly one week, and Christmas will be upon us quickly. We are already making preparations which include ordering our Christmas season poinsettias. As usual, if you could help defray the cost, there are envelopes at the entrance of each church for your use. Suggested donation is \$20, but give what you can.

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Advent Night of Scripture & Song

What is Advent?

It's not just the four weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas Day devoted to buying gifts, hanging holiday decorations, attending parties, and getting frazzled nerves because "there's so much to do!"

Advent is <u>not</u> this. Rather, our Catholic faith informs us that it is a time of reflection, of additional prayer. A time to contemplate the great gift of God's Son, sent to enter time and space as a human. To be "God with us." To observe Advent properly, we need to tone down the distractions, the intrusions of worldliness, and savor the expectation of increased peace, joy, love and hope.

In our culture, this is not easy. So to help, we are presenting an "Advent Night of Scripture & Song" on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Dec. 6</u>, (the Feast of Saint Nicolaus) at 6 p.m. A joint offering of our music department and English OCIA, it will last about an hour, followed by hot chocolate and cookies in the Youth Center. It's a family-friendly event for young and old, meant as an Advent blessing. Please plan to attend!

Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well." (James 5:15)

Carmen Vasquez, Ana Narvaez, Juan Narvaez, Frances Liddy, Jim Norwood, Yuliana Casildo, Anthony Guerrero, Javier Diaz, Theresa Grafton, Donald Hargrove, Marge Frizzell, Donald Brooks, Vera Trout, Pilar Botello, Genia Harber, Oscar San Juan, Brandon Torres, Bobby Jackson, Robin Jackson, Jill Figari, Barbara Rogers, Susan Heavener, Mayra Gavina, Christine Mainard, Anastacio Solis, Katie Malone, John Harris, Lizz Lopez, Roger O'Hara, Cassie Casildo, John Worton, Johnny & Barbara Morris, Nanette Johnson, & Russell Tenison.

Daily Mass Readings

- 24 Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Companions, Martyrs (R) / Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 / (Psalm) Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 / Luke 21:1-4
- 25 Tuesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Daniel 2:31 -45 / (Psalm) Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 / Luke 21:5-11
- **26** Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / (Psalm) Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 / Luke 21:12-19
- **27 Thanksgiving Day (W)** / Sirach 50:22-24 / Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 / 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 / Luke 17:11-19
- 28 Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Daniel 7:2-14 / (Psalm) Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 / Luke 21:29-33
- **29** Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Daniel 7: 15-27 / (Psalm) Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 / Luke 21:34-36
- **30 The First Sunday of Advent (P)** / Isaiah 2:1-5 / Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:37-44

Looking Ahead: Important Events

- **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**, 9 a.m. at Immaculate Conception.
- ADVENT: SCRIPTURE & SONG, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, IC.
- **MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**: Monday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. Bilingual. Pot-luck feast after in Parish Hall.
- **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** celebration: Thursday, Dec. 12, at IC. Mass at 6 p.m.
- **NIGHT OF MERCY**, Penance Service at IC, Dec. 17, from 6:15 to 8:15.
- **NIGHT OF MERCY**: Penance Service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Friday, Dec. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD TRUCK, Sat., Dec. 20, PARC.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 24

- 6:30 p.m. Spanish OCIA at IC.

Tuesday, November 25

-8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.

Wednesday, November 26

- -8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 5 to 9 p.m. Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel.
- 6:30 p.m. No Family Faith Formation classes tonight.

Thursday, November 27

– 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass at Immaculate Conception, in the church

Friday, November 28

-8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.

Saturday, November 29

– 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Stigler.

Sunday, Nov. 30 - The First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 9 a.m. English Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau
- 11 a.m. Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau
- 1 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

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