

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien & Father Matthew McClain

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026



The Persistence Of a Prayerful Woman

"Have pity on me, Lord,
Son of David. My daughter
is tormented by a demon."

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Then Jesus said to her in
reply, "O woman, great is
your faith! Let it be done
for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter
was healed from that hour.

*Today's Gospel
from St. Matthew*



Immaculate Conception Church

410 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK

Sunday Mass Times: 9 AM English 11 AM Spanish

Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass

Or by Appointment.

Daily Mass Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM

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Combined Central Offices

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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

16526 US Hwy 271 (East of Spiro)

Sunday Mass: 1 PM

Confessions by Appointment

Saint Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St., Stigler, OK

Vigil Mass on Saturday, 5 PM

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

Or by Appointment

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Weekly Tithes

August 9, 2026

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$	2,381.00
Weekly Budget Need -	2,075.00
Building Fund -	1,029.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$	680.00
Weekly Budget Need	950.00
Building Fund -	0.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$	683.00
Weekly Budget Need	607.00
Building Fund -	230.00



Sunday Mass

Intentions

Sunday, August 23 at IC

9 AM – + *Repose of the soul of
Aristeo Botello; by Pilar Botello*

11 AM – + *Repose of the soul of
John Figari; by the Figari family.*



Daily Mass Intentions

At the 8:30 AM Daily Mass at IC

Tuesday, August 18

+ *Repose of soul of Mae F. Lassley;
By the Lassley family.*

Wednesday, August 19

+ *Repose of soul of Mae F. Lassley;
Thursday, August 20*

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Friday, August 21

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Family Faith Formation

Starts Wednesday – Are you registered?

Classes for students AND parents begin this Wednesday, Aug. 18 at Immaculate Conception. Our registration night was, to put it politely, underwhelming. You can register today after each Mass or you can register on Wednesday night, but please arrive early. Classes are to start at 6:30 p.m.

Katie and Deyra need to finalize registration by the end of the month. Please help them by registering now.

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Good start for OCIA (and room for more)

The first IC OCIA session drew 16 adults with at least 4 more on the way. As a result, the sessions have moved into the Parish Hall, but that means we can accommodate more inquirers. If you know someone who is looking into the Catholic faith, or who may want to rekindle the faith of their youth, tell them to come on Tuesday evening at 6:30.

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Fellowship Sunday today

Following the 9 a.m. Mass, there will be coffee, juice and donuts in the Parish Hall – and all are welcome. Get to know your parish members by name, not just by sight. Fellowship Sunday is held each third Sunday of the month at Immaculate Conception.

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Mobile Food Pantry August 29

The next visit of the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry to Poteau will be Saturday morning, August 29. Volunteers should be there by 9 a.m. to help unload the truck, set up tables and apportion the food. The weather likely will be hot, so dress accordingly and hydrate.

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First Notice – Three Hearts Pilgrimage

You can register now for the annual “Three Hearts Pilgrimage,” a 2-day, 35-mile hike from Tahlequah to Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey on Oct. 15-17. The pilgrimage, initially begun by young men in the John Bosco Institute, is in reparation for the sins against Holy Mother Church. If you need more details, send your inquiries to info@threeheartspilgrimage.org.

Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

Omar Tejada, Dcn. Larry Hatch, David Cloud, Lisa Clark, Yacqueline Lira, Itzayana Trejo, Emily Weller, Nicolosa Solis, John Paul, Billy Wood, Rufina Estabillo, 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, Genia Harber, Oscar San Juan, Brandon Torres, Bobby Jackson, Robin Jackson, Jill Figari, Brenda Lizzet Cabral, Susan Heavener, Mayra Gavina, Christine Mainard, Anastacio Solis, Katie Malone, John Harris, Lizz Lopez, Roger O'Hara, Cassie Casildo, John Worton, Johnny & Barbara Morris, and Nanette Johnson.

Daily Mass Readings

17 Monday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ezekiel 24: 15-23 / (Psalm) Deuteronomy 32: 18-19, 20, 21 / Matthew 19:16-22

18 Tuesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ezekiel 28: 1-10 / (Psalm) Deuteronomy 32: 26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd- 36ab / Matthew 19:23-30

19 Wednesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ezekiel 34:1-11 / Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Matthew 20:1-16

20 Memorial of Saint Bernard Abbot & Doctor (W) / Ezekiel 36:23-28 / Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 / Matthew 22:1-14

21 Memorial of Saint Pius, Pope (W) / Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 22:34-40

22 Memorial of the Queenship of Mary (W) / Ezekiel 43:1-7ab / Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14 / Matthew 23:1-12

23 The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Isaiah 22:19-23 / Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 / Romans 11:33-36 / Matthew 16:13-20

Notable Upcoming Events

EDGE NIGHT – For Middle School, Wed., Aug. 18, in the Youth Center.

THE WAY - For High School. Aug. 25, in the Youth Center.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOBILE FOOD PANTRY – Saturday August 29, at Poteau PARC or Fairgrounds. Volunteers by 9 a.m.

TULSA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – Sept. 19-20, Renaissance Convention Center.

JOHN PAUL II ANNUAL HIKE – Saturday, Oct. 24, with Father Sean at Cedar Lake!

DISCIPLE TRAINING – A 3-Saturday series at Immaculate Conception on October 17, 31 and Nov. 7.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 17

– No events scheduled today

Tuesday, August 18

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

– 6:30 PM OCIA (Catholicism 101), IC Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 19

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

– 5 to 9 PM Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel

– 6:30 PM Opening Night for Family Faith Formation / EDGE

Thursday, August 20

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

Friday, August 21

– 8:30 AM – Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

Saturday, August 22

– 5 PM Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

Sunday, August 23 – The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 9 AM. English Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

– 11 AM Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

– 12 Noon. Mass in Spanish at Sacred Heart, Heavener

– 1 PM English Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro.