

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

Stairway to ... Fellowship

The new outdoor staircase at Immaculate Conception gives easy access to our parish Park & Pavilion. It got a first work-out on August 7 with the Ice Cream Social when over 60 youths and parents tested its 33 steps and gave it positive reviews!



Immaculate Conception Church

502 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK

Mass Times

Sunday, 9 a.m. English

Sunday, 11 a.m. Spanish

Daily Mass: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

16526 US Hwy 271 (East of Spiro)

Sunday Mass: 1 p.m.

Saint Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St., Stigler, OK

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.



At **All Parishes:** Confessions Heard 30 Minutes Before Sunday Masses (Or by Appointment)

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Gifts for God

August 10, 2025

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 7,040.75
Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 1,756.00
Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection 8/3 \$ 546.00
General Collection 8/10 \$ 773.00
Weekly Budget Need 607.00
Building Fund - 30.00



Stewardship

Reflections

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.



Mass Intentions: IC

August 24

9 a.m. – + *For the repose of the soul of Aristeo Botello; by Pilar Botello.*

11 a.m. – + *For the repose of the soul of Benjamin Santana; by Leticia Gutierrez..*

Charities Food Pantry here Saturday

The monthly Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry comes early – this Saturday, Aug. 23 – in order to have an available truck driver. It also avoids the crunch of Labor Day weekend. The location is the Poteau PARC (ballfields) south of town on US 271. Volunteers should arrive by 9 a.m. and food distribution will begin when all is ready. Volunteers are always welcome – and needed.

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New season of evangelization (OCIA)

Evangelization is the heart of the Christian mission. Our new season of teaching, witness and guiding begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday with the English OCIA at Immaculate Conception. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is encouraged to attend. If you know someone who would benefit or if you have questions, call or text Dave Jones at 918-576-9314.

The Spanish OCIA kicks off on Monday, Aug. 25, also in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. Contact Tomas Delgadillo.

The OCIA at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton begins on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 11:30 a.m.

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Father eager to display new Rectory

He's mostly moved in, lots of little improvements are underway, but Father Sean invites you to come visit at three "Open House" sessions beginning next Sunday (Aug. 24) from 4 to 7 p.m. This one is for the parish members of IC and will include a "house blessing" at 5 p.m.

The second Open House will be Friday, Sept. 5., from 5 to 7 p.m. for parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. The third Open House is set for late afternoon on Sunday, Sept. 7 for Saint Joseph parishioners.

The new rectory is located at 510 North Bagwell, right next door to the Parish Hall.

In a related matter, our previous rectory at 2508 Witteville is listed for sale. It's a great house should you know someone looking!

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Faith Formation has great first week

Over sixty students – and their parents – showed up for the first night of Family Faith Formation last week. "It went better than we had hoped," said Katie Burwell, coordinator. "We anticipate a few more will come."

There are classes for every age group. There are classes for those who have not had their sacraments, and Confirmation classes for those yet to be confirmed. There are also middle- and high school youth groups that meet. Call Katie for more information at 918-413-5507.

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Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

Juan Narvaez, Frances Liddy, Jim Norwood, Sandra Mejia, Yuliana Casildo, Liz Sosa, Anthony Guerrero, Nicholas Farias, Javier Diaz, Kathleen Linville, Colten Benson, Theresa Grafton, Nicolosa Solis, Artis Jackson, Clarence Nobles, Emily Query, Savannah Anderson, Janita Hendricks, Donald Hargrove, Marge Frizzell, Jack Harrison, Donald Brooks, Vera Trout, Ruel Salada, Pilar Botello, Josh Noel, Genia Harber, Oscar San Juan, Dianna Garcia, Brandon Torres, Bobby Jackson, Robin Jackson, Barbara Legrif, Collin Urizar, Juan Diego, Alec Brenman, Felicitas Garcia, Onor Roop, Doris Krause, Patsy Slagle, Charles Lohmann, Jill Figari, Macrina Lara, Barbara Rogers, Susan Heavener, Kyle Harmon, Rogelio Rivera, Jose Martinez, Mayra Gavina, Christine Mainard, Elda Lauryn, Colton Simpson, Shelby Burgos, Itzel Gomez, Patty Karpika, Agustina Ruiz, Sandra Mejia, Anastacio Solis, Edith & Lazarus Girton, George Mansour, Josefina Estrada, Katie Malone, John Harris, Lizz Lopez, Roger O'Hara, Cassie Casildo, John Worton, Johnny & Barbara Morris, Nanette Johnson, Russell Tenison & Violet Ray.

Daily Mass Readings

18 Monday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Judges 2: 11-19 / Psalm 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44 / Matthew 19: 16-22

19 Tuesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Judges 6: 11-24a / Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 / Matthew 19:23-30

20 Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor (W) / Judges 9: 6-15 / Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Matthew 20:1-16

21 Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope (W) / Judges 11:29-39a / Psalm 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 / Matthew 22:1-14

22 Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (W) / Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

23 Saturday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / Matthew 23:1-12

24 The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Isaiah 66:18-21 / Psalm 117:1, 2 / Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 / Luke 13:22-30

Looking Ahead: Important Events

- ENGLISH OCIA on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at IC Parish Hall.
- MOBILE FOOD PANTRY 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the PARC ballfields (fairgrounds) south of Poteau on US 271.
- RECTORY OPEN HOUSE for IC, 4-7 Sunday, Aug. 24.
- SPANISH OCIA on Monday, Aug. 25, IC Parish Hall.
- YOUNG ADULT RETREAT, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7. At IC.
- SPIRO OCIA starts Sunday, Sept. 7, at 11:30, St. Elizabeth.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 18

- No events scheduled for today

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20

- 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. BRIDGE (Jones), Confirmation (Tuthill) classes meet in the IC Religious Education building.

Thursday, August 21

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

Friday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 24 – The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. OCIA for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.
- 1 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro
- Rectory Open House for IC parishioners, 4 to 7 p.m.

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