

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien & Father Matthew McClain

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



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 16, 2026

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,908.00

Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Building Fund - 270.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 872.75

Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 799.00

Weekly Budget Need 607.00



Sunday Mass

Intentions

Sunday, August 30 at IC

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

11 AM – + *Repose of the soul of José Juan Delgado Vasquez; by Pati Delgado Vasquez.*



Daily Mass Intentions

At the 8:30 AM Daily Mass at IC

Tuesday, August 25

+ *Repose of soul of Mae F. Lassley;*

By the Lassley family.

Wednesday, August 26

+ *Repose of soul of Mae F. Lassley;*

Thursday, August 27

+ *Repose of soul of Mae F. Lassley;*

By the Lassley family.

Friday, August 28

+ *For the Spiritual Benefit of Bonnie*

Jones; by Kim & Dave Jones.



Mobile Food Pantry August 29

The next visit of the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry is this coming Saturday morning, August 29. Volunteers should be there by 9 a.m. to help unload the truck, set up tables and arrange the food.

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Bl. Stanley Rother movie this week

“American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story” will debut this week at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday (English) and Thursday (Spanish) at the Malco Theatre in Fort Smith. Blessed Stanley was an Oklahoma priest sent as a missionary to Guatemala. He was murdered in his rectory in July 28, 1981. This feature-length documentary tells the amazing story of the first native-born American martyr.

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Late Registration for classes

Classes for IC’s Family Faith Formation are underway, and it’s not too late to join up with your family. But there’s a hard deadline of Sept. 2 so act quickly.

Our “Becoming Catholic” (OCIA) sessions are underway on Tuesdays at 6:30 (English) and Sunday at 9 a.m. (Spanish) Contact Dave Jones (918) 576-9314 or see Father Sean if interested.

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Gift Shop bargains available

The Gift Shop in the Parish Hall will close soon as parish hall expansion renovations begin. There are dozens of items that need a new home – perhaps your home – and are priced to sell. The Gift Shop will be open after Sunday Masses and weeknight events such as OCIA, as well as during regular office hours. Birthdays are always happening and its never too soon to plan for Christmas and Easter.

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‘Beads of Peace’ nationwide drive

Do you have a Rosary to spare? Josephine and Harry Meekins of St. Margaret Catholic Church in Riverton, WY, are conducting a nationwide hunt for more beads to give away (free) to people who need them to pray. Since 1998 they’ve given over a half-million Rosaries to groups and individuals around the world, including Pro-Life sidewalk counselors and young children.

The rosaries can be new, used or old as long as they aren’t broken. If you can help, bring your rosaries by the IC Parish Office and we’ll see that they get to Wyoming. If you wish to send them yourself, contact them at rosary@beadsofpeace.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, 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

24 Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (R) / Revelation 21:9b-14 / PLsalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 / John 1:45-51

25 Tuesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13 / Matthew 23:23-26

26 Wednesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 / Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5 / Matthew 23:27-32

27 Memorial of Saint Monica (W) / 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 / Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Matthew 24:42-51

28 Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (W) / 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 / Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 / Matthew 25:1-13

29 Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist (R) / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 / Mark 6:17-29

30 The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / Romans 12:1-2 / Matthew 16:21-27

Notable Upcoming Events

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!

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING – A Saturday series at Immaculate Conception on October 17, 31 and Nov. 7. To be led by a team from the Diocese of Tulsa.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 24

– No events scheduled today

Tuesday, August 25

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

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

Wednesday, August 26

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

– 5 to 9 PM Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel

– 6:30 PM "The Way" IC High School Youth.

Thursday, August 27

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

Friday, August 28

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

Saturday, August 29

– 5 PM Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

Sunday, August 30 – The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 9 AM. Spanish "Becoming Catholic" session for IC (location pending)

– 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.