

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



Jesus says:

“And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.

“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

(Luke 13:30)



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 17, 2025

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,508.00

Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 1,334.00

Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection \$ 415.00

Weekly Budget Need 607.00



Stewardship

Reflections

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

LUKE 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?



Mass Intentions: IC

August 31

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.



Rectory 'open house' today!

Immaculate Conception parishioners are invited to visit Father Sean's new rectory today between 4 and 7 p.m. There will be an official blessing at 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be on hand. Some tours will be given. Celebrate this magnificent addition to our church complex, located at 510 N. Bagwell, next door!

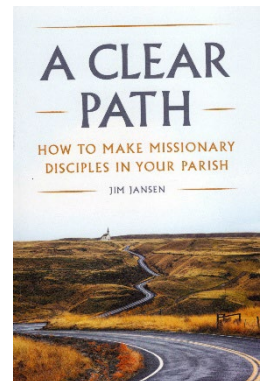
Two additional open house events are scheduled: For St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Friday, Sept. 5; for Saint Joseph parishioners, Sunday, Sept. 7. Both from 5 to 7.

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You're invited to read on Missionary Discipleship

The making of Missionary Disciples is at the forefront of our parish life in Poteau, Spiro and Stigler. The parish staff is now reading the book *A Clear Path* to take the next step in this process. If you would like to study with us, Father Sean has copies of the book in his office, available at \$20 per copy.

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Getting the words right – a work in progress

Please bear with the music ministry at Immaculate Conception as we navigate word changes in the new *We Pray in Song* hymnals. While most of the songs are the same as before, many lyric changes were made by the publisher. We have purchased new sheet music which will slowly (week-to-week) be put into use.

It is great to hear so many singing in the pews, enhancing our worship of God. As St. Augustine said, "He who sings prays twice!"

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Openings in OCIA classes

There was a good turnout for the first English OCIA class last Tuesday. There is still room for more inquirers into the Jesus-oriented Catholic faith. Sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the IC Parish Hall. Spanish-language OCIA begins Monday at 6:30, also in the Parish Hall, and will meet weekly.

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In Memorium: Pamela Koons, IC

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Aug. 29, at the Saint Francis Newman Center in Silver City, New Mexico, for Pamela D. Koons. Mrs. Koons, 78, passed away on July 26 at her home in Wister. She was a faithful member of Immaculate Conception parish in Poteau. Born in Boston, she lived many years in New Mexico.

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

25 Monday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Psalm 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b / Matthew 23:13-22

26 Tuesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6 / Matthew 23:23-26

27 Memorial of Saint Monica (W) / 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 / Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab / Matthew 23:27-32

28 Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (W) / 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 / Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17 / Matthew 24:42-51

29 Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist (R) / 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 / Psalm 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 / Matthew 6:17-29

23 Saturday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 / Psalm 98:1,7-8, 9 / Matthew 23:14-30

24 The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 / Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a / Luke 14:1, 7-14

Looking Ahead: Important Events

- 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 Ann Seton.
- MOBILE FOOD PANTRY, Sept. 27, Poteau PARC, 9 a.m.
- IC Parish Work Day – October 11, starting at 8 a.m.
- Three Hearts Pilgrimage – Oct. 9-11, 35-miles to Clear Creek Abbey, Hulbert. Registration: threeheartspilgrimage.org.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 25

- Spanish OCIA at IC – 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Tuesday, August 26

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 6:30 p.m. English OCIA at IC in Parish Hall.

Wednesday, August 27

- 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. All Family Faith Formation classes meet at IC.

Thursday, August 28

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

Friday, August 29

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

Saturday, August 30

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

Sunday, August 31 – The 22nd 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
- 1 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

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