

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

BIBLE MONEY LESSONS

Parable of the Foolish Rich Man

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

July 27, 2025

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 1,746.00

Weekly Budget Need - 2,025.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 704.00

Weekly Budget Need - 830.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 766.00

Weekly Budget Need - 550.00



Stewardship

Reflections

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."



Mass Intentions: IC

August 10

9 a.m. – *For the spiritual benefit of Jeremy Jones; by Kim & Dave Jones.*

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

Ice Cream Social is Thursday at IC

Father Sean's annual "Back to School Ice Cream Party" will be this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the IC Parish Hall. It's always a lot of fun. Also, registration for this year's parish Family Faith Formation program will be held after the 9 and 11 Sunday morning Masses. A lot of good information will be available so make plans to attend.

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Want to know what Catholics really believe?

Very soon we will begin inquiry sessions for those who want to know about the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know fits this description, you are invited to join us on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. There's no fee and your attendance involves no commitment on your part to become Catholic. We call the program OCIA. We only ask that you come with an open heart and with your curiosity and questions. It does not matter whether you are baptized already, or are coming from a non-church background.

You can call Dave Jones at 918-576-9314 for more information, or you can just show up.

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Faith Formation Conference deadline

Monday, August 11, is the final day to register for the Faith Formation Conference hosted by the Diocese of Tulsa. The conference will be August 22-23 at the Tulsa Renaissance Convention Center. Talks this year will focus on developing the sacramental life of the home, the "domestic church." If you have questions, ask Katie Burwell.

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Marriage Crusade coming back to Tulsa

Marriage Crusades: This Spanish-language ministry began in Guadalajara and has come to Tulsa twice, and this is the third time! It's August 16-17 in Tulsa. The cost is \$200. It helps couples who have suffered trauma from infidelity, drug or alcohol abuse, etc. Contact Father Sean for more information.

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Sacrament Certificates are ready

Did your son or daughter get confirmed in June? Did they receive First Communion?

If so, your official certificates are ready to pick up in the parish office. You can drop by any day between Tuesday and Friday, after 9 a.m. If you would rather we mail them to you, please send us at email at imcchurch03@yahoo.com or text Dave Jones at 918-576-9314.

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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, 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, 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

4 Memorial of Saint John Vianey, Priest (W) / Numbers 11: 4b-15 / Psalm 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 / Matthew 14:13-21

5 Tuesday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Numbers 12:1-13 / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 / Matthew 14:22-26

6 Feast of the Transfiguration (W) / Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 / 2 Peter 1: 16-19 / Luke 9:28b-36

7 Thursday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Numbers 20:1-13 / Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 16:13-23

8 Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest (W) / Deuteronomy 4:32-40 / Psalm 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21 / Matthew 16:24-28

9 Saturday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Deuteronomy 6:4-13 / Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51 / Matthew 17:14-20

10 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Wisdom 18: 6-9 / Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 / Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 / Luke 12: 32-48

Looking Ahead: Important Events

- **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:** After the Sunday Masses on August 10. Classes begin Wed., August 13.
- **OCIA BEGINS** on Tuesday, August 19 at IC Parish Hall.
- **THREE HEARTS PILGRIMAGE.** October 9-11 on a multi-day pilgrimage, a sacrificial walk of reparation defending the sanctity of life and the traditional family. It's a two-day, 35-mile walk ending with a pontifical High Mass at Clear Creek Abbey near Hulbert, Okla. Pilgrims camp overnight along the way. Shuttles will carry larger gear. Priests will have places to say daily Mass and will hear "field" confessions. Registration is required; tickets are limited. Go to: threeheartspilgrimage.org.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 4

- No events scheduled for today

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- **5 to 9 p.m. Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel.**

Thursday, August 7

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 7 p.m. Back-to-School Ice Cream Social with Fr. Sean, at IC

Friday, August 8

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

Saturday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 10 – Nineteenth 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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