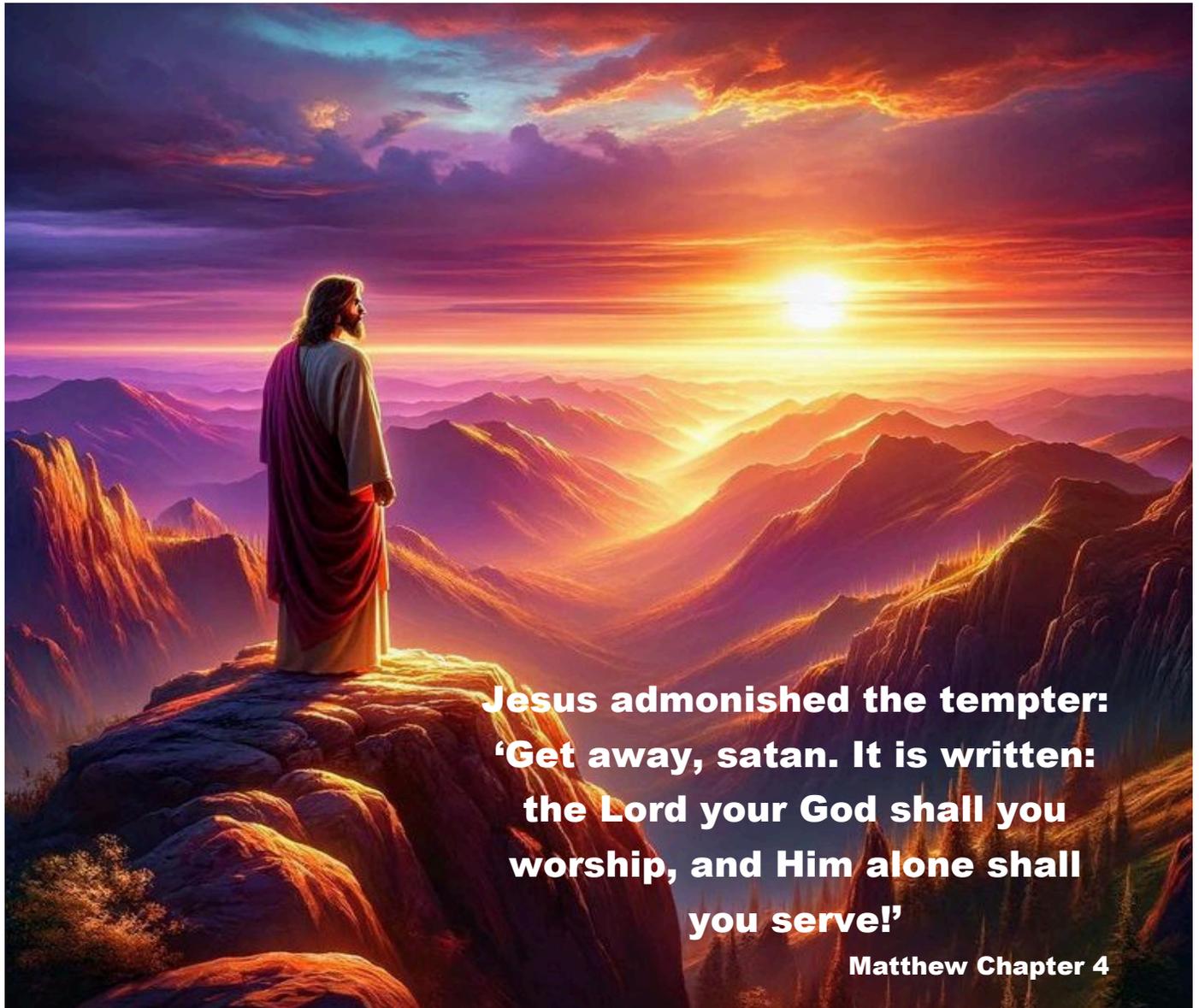


OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026



**Jesus admonished the tempter:
'Get away, satan. It is written:
the Lord your God shall you
worship, and Him alone shall
you serve!'**

Matthew Chapter 4



Immaculate Conception Church

410 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK

Sunday Mass – 9 a.m. English, 11 a.m. Spanish

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

Or by Appointment

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

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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

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Sunday Mass – 1 p.m.

Confessions by Appointment

Saint Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St., Stigler, OK

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5 p.m.

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

Or by Appointment

First Sunday in Lent

Gifts for God

February 15, 2026

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,068.00

Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 635.00

Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 447.00

Weekly Budget Need 607.00



Stewardship

Reflections

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.



Mass Intentions: IC

Sunday, March 1, 2026

9 a.m. – For the spiritual benefit of Theresa Witcher, birthday; by Dan & Julianne O' Brien.

11 a.m. – For the spiritual benefit of the People of God.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5 PM – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

6:30 PM – IC (Bilingual). Meal provided by Fiat 90 group.

7 PM – Saint Joseph (Spanish)

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Faith & Works Update

It's too early for reports from the Diocese on our pledges and donations to the Faith & Works campaign. However, if you have not yet contributed and wish to do so, envelopes are still available.

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Charities Food Truck this Saturday

The monthly visit of the Catholic Charities Food Pantry will be Saturday, at the Poteau PARC. Volunteers need to show by 9 a.m.

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Saint Joseph Potluck on March 7

Saint Joseph parish will celebrate a potluck dinner on Saturday, March 7, immediately after the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass.

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Lector change for IC English Mass

In this bulletin is the monthly Lay Ministry Schedule for March. There is a change for the 9 a.m. Mass. We will now use two Lectors for the readings instead of one (the Spanish Mass already does this). Instructions to each lector will be communicated privately.

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Karlo Broussard visit to Spiro parish set

Dr. Karlo Broussard will discuss "A Bible Blueprint for the Sacrament of Reconciliation" at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Saturday, March 28, starting at 6 p.m.. Dr. Karlo is an author, a podcaster, staff member for *Catholic Answers* and the official apologist for the Diocese of Tulsa.

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St. Elizabeth May 9 retreat

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will host a Day of Reflection on May 9. Retreat director will be Fr. Joe of Saint Patrick's Church in Oklahoma City. Dcn. John Burns invites area Catholics to attend the 9 to 3 event which includes lunch. If interested, please call 479-420-6900.

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This week: two Spanish events at IC

Two events coming up for the Spanish-speaking community: There will be a Spanish Holy Hour at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, at Immaculate Conception. The following evening, Feb. 27, also at 7 p.m., will be a retreat for those involved in various parish ministries.

Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

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, Pilar Botello, 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, Nanette Johnson & Russell Tenison.

Daily Mass Readings

23 Monday of the First Week of Lent (P) / Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 / Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / Matthew 25:31-46

24 Tuesday of the First Week of Lent (P) / Isaiah 55:10-11 / Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 / Matthew 6:7-15

25 Wednesday of the First Week of Lent (P) / Jonah 3:1-10 / Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Luke 11:29-32

26 Thursday of the First Week of Lent (P) / Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 / Matthew 7:7-12

27 Friday of the First Week of Lent (P) / Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 / Matthew 5:20-26

28 Saturday of the First Week of Lent (P) / Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Matthew 5:43-48

1 Second Sunday of Lent (P) / Genesis 12:1-4a / Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9

Upcoming Important Events

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY – Saturday, Feb. 28, at the PARC (ballfields) in Poteau. Volunteers by 9 a.m.

CHARISM WORKSHOP – Saturday, March 14.

NIGHT OF MERCY – Thursday, March 26 at Immaculate Conception. Confessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Multiple priests.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 23

– No Daily Mass today.

Tuesday, February 24

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

– 6:30 p.m. OCIA at IC – Youth Center

Wednesday, February 25

– 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. Spanish Family Formation / EDGE / BRIDGE & Confirmation classes.

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

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

– 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

– 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Immaculate Conception

– 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish), Saint Joseph, Stigler.

Saturday, February 28

– 9 a.m. Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry, Poteau PARC

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

Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent

– 7:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study, IC

– 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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