

# OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026



## Immaculate Conception

410 N. Bagwell  
Poteau, Okla.

Sunday Masses:  
9 a.m. – English  
11 a.m. – Spanish  
Confessions:

30 minutes before Mass  
Or by Appointment  
Daily Masses:

Tuesday through Friday  
8:30 a.m. in the Chapel  
[poteaucatholic.com](http://poteaucatholic.com)

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

16526 US Hwy 271  
Spiro, Oklahoma

Sunday Mass – 1 p.m.  
Confessions by Appoint.

## Saint Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St.  
Stigler, Oklahoma  
Saturday Vigil Mass

5 p.m.  
Confessions:  
30 minutes before Mass  
Or by Appointment

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# The Baptism of the Lord

## Gifts for God

January 4, 2026

### Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$	1,914.45
Weekly Budget Need -	2,075.00
New Year's Day -	450.00

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$	905.00
Weekly Budget Need	950.00
New Year's Day -	92.00

### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$	407.00
Weekly Budget Need	607.00
New Year's Day -	379.00



## Stewardship Reflections

*"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?'" MATTHEW 3:14*

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



## Mass Intentions: IC

January 18, 2026

**9 a.m.** – For the spiritual benefit of Daniel Hamilton; by David & Kim Jones.

**11 a.m.** – For the repose of the soul of Kay Beat; by Melva Cummings.

## Fellowship of the Faithful follow IC Mass on January 24

The final vestiges of the curse of Covid will end on Sunday, Jan. 24, as the IC Parish Hall opens its doors after the 9 a.m. Mass for "Fellowship of the Faithful." There will be refreshments, including coffee and donuts, and a chance to make (or renew) friendships that too often were put on hold. It will be held on the last Sunday of each month.

This revival of what was once called "hospitality" is in response to many parish members who have missed after-Mass get-togethers. "Getting a donut and coffee, that's hospitality," one church-goer said. "But what I really want is fellowship. I want to meet all these people I don't recognize."

A dedicated team of volunteers is at the ready. There is no charge – but you must bring a smile!

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## Retired Priest collection report

Our special collection for our diocesan Retired Priests was held at all Christmas Masses. Thanks to all who gave.

Immaculate Conception - \$1,146.

Saint Joseph - \$342.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - \$90.

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## Dr. Karlo to examine 'The Rapture'

Dr. Karlo Broussard, the resident Catholic Answers apologist for the Diocese of Tulsa-Eastern Oklahoma, will be coming back to Poteau on **Tuesday, February 3**. His topic will be "Will I be Left Behind" and will give you the official Catholic teaching on the Rapture (and how to explain it to protestant family and friends). You will not want to miss this. It begins at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

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## End-of-2025 Contribution Reports

The office will prepare Contribution Reports for 2025 for all who request them (to qualify you must use offertory envelopes, or checks, or do direct deposits). Please let David Jones know if you need a report for tax purposes. These will be made available on January 24.

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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)*

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, 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

**12 Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time (G)** / 1 Samuel 1:1-8 / Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 / Mark 1:14-20

**13 Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time (G)** / 1 Samuel 1:9-20 / (Psalm) Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd / Mark 1:21-28

**14 Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time (G)** / 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Psalm 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 / Mark 1:29-39

**15 Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time (G)** / 1 Samuel 4:1-11 / Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 / Mark 1:40-45

**16 Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time (G)** / 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a / Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19 / Mark 2:1-12

**17 Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot (W)** / 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Mark 2:13-17

**18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)** / Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

## **Pope Leo's Intentions for January**

### **For Prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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## Upcoming Important Events

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY** – Saturday, Jan. 31, at the PARC (ballfields) in Poteau. Volunteers needed by 9 a.m.

**DR. KARLO BROUSSARD** – Tuesday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the IC Parish Hall, will speak on "Will I Be Left Behind," a look at the Catholic view of Rapture theology. All are invited, including the OCIA.

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, January 12

– No Daily Mass today.

### Tuesday, January 13

– 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.  
– 6:30 p.m. OCIA (English) at Immaculate Conception

### Wednesday, January 14

– 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 Faith Formation Classes resume at IC

### Thursday, January 15

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

### Friday, January 16

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

### Saturday, January 17

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

### Sunday, January 18 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 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