

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026



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

16526 US Hwy 271 (East of Spiro)

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gifts for God

March 15, 2026

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,288.00

Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 438.00

Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 709.00

Weekly Budget Need 607.00



Stewardship

Reflections

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."



Mass Intentions: IC

Sunday, March 29

9 a.m. – *Spiritual benefit of Lydia Jones; by Kim and David Jones.*

11 a.m. – *For the People of God.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on MARCH 27

6 PM – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

6:30 PM – IC, Poteau (Bilingual). A meatless meal follows.

7 PM – Saint Joseph (Spanish)

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'Night of Mercy' Thursday at IC

Confessions will be heard by four priests this Thursday, the "Night of Mercy" at Immaculate Conception, from 6 to 8 p.m. English & Spanish.

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Charities Food Truck Saturday morning

The March visit of the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry is next Saturday at the Poteau PARC (ballfields). Volunteers should arrive by 9 a.m. Distribution begins at 10.

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Dr. Karlo's speaks at Spiro on Saturday

Where is confession in the Bible? The answer may surprise. Dr. Karlo Broussard will explain "A Bible Blueprint for the Sacrament of Reconciliation" at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, this coming Saturday, March 28, at 6 p.m.

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Parents: Steubenville registrations begin

If your child is in high school, consider sending them to the Steubenville Conference. This year's Lone Star event will be held June 19-21. Katie Burwell and Lorena Matias will reach out to parents soon, so expect a call or tap on the shoulder. Or you can contact Katie at 918-413-5507 or Lorena at 479-652-1732. It's a life-changing, fun and faith-filled event.

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An FYI on articles left behind

There is no official "lost and found" repository for Immaculate Conception Church because of a lack of space. Please remember to take home the items you bring to church or the parish hall if you wish to keep them. It also helps reduce clutter.

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'Faith & Works' results thus far

The results of the "Faith & Works" campaign, as of March 13, show that Immaculate Conception has pledged or donated \$4,494, or 46 percent of its goal. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton has given \$215, or 7.7% of goal. Saint Joseph has given \$470, 18.6% of goal. It is not too late to help Bishop Konderla. Visit: <https://dioceseoftulsa.org/annualappeal>

Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

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, 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 Fifth Week of Lent (P) / Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / John 8:1-11

24 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent (P) / Numbers 21:4-9 / Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 / John 8:21-30

25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (W) / Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38

26 Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent (P) / Genesis 17:3-9 / Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / John 8:51-59

27 Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent (P) / Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 / John 10:31-42

28 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent (P) / Ezekiel 37:21-28 / (Psalm) Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 / John 11:45-56

29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (R) / Matthew 21:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Notable Upcoming Events

60+ POTLUCK & ROSARY – Rectory, 5 p.m. Sunday, March 22.
NIGHT OF MERCY – Thursday, March 26 at Immaculate Conception. Confessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Multiple priests.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY – 9 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Poteau PARC (Ballfields)

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 23

– No Daily Mass today.

Tuesday, March 24

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

– 6:30 p.m. OCIA at IC

Wednesday, March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord

– 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. IC. All Faith Formation classes.

Thursday, March 26 –

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

– **6 to 8 p.m. Night of Mercy at Immaculate Conception**

Friday, March 27

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

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

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

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

Saturday, March 28

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

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

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

– 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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