

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026



The Ascension

“... as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.

They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

*First Chapter
of Acts*



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

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Weekly Tithes

May 10, 2026

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$	2,151.00
Weekly Budget Need -	2,075.00
Pro-Life Collection	722.00
Building Fund -	392.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$	1,576.00
Weekly Budget Need	950.00
Pro-Life Collection	277.97

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$	674.00
Weekly Budget Need	607.00
Pro-Life Collection	147.00



Sunday Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 24

9 AM – For the spiritual benefit of Bryan Jones; by Kim & David Jones.

11 AM – Repose of the soul of Arlis Bruesch; by Susan Heavener.



Daily Mass Intentions

Immaculate Conception Chapel

8:30 AM

Tuesday, May 19

Repose of the soul of Clifford "Jack" Jones + ; by David Jones.

Wednesday, May 20

For the People of God

Thursday, May 21

Repose of the soul of Gwendolyn Jones +; by David Jones.

Friday, May 22

For the people of God.



A Novena for Parish Youth set for IC

Immaculate Conception parish will pray a 9-Day set of prayers (a Novena) for its young people. You are encouraged to participate, and next week's bulletin will include the specific Prayer Intentions for each day. Our young people are our future, and they need our prayers.

It starts Monday (Memorial Day), May 25, and continues through Tuesday, June 2. Each scheduled Mass during this time will be offered for the intentions of our youth. Please attend Mass if you can. If not, set aside a special moment where you can pray the Novena, particularly if you can pray it with family.

(Note: there will be no Daily Mass on Monday, Memorial Day, but Father Sean will include the Novena prayers in the Mass he will offer on the road.)

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A Quick Primer on Online Giving

Several of you have phoned us, asking how to put your monthly Building Fund gift on automatic pilot. It's easy. Simply log in to our poteaucatholic.com website and scroll down to the box that says: "Giving Online." Clicking on it takes you to the interface with WeShare, our trusted online giving partner.

You will see several choices. The first option is for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you click the arrow button, other options appear: Saint Joseph, Stigler; the IC Building Fund and, last in line, the IC Offertory. Make your choice of recurring or one-time donations and be ready to input your card or bank information.

That's all it takes. Of course, you can always use the envelopes in your offertory box during the regular collection. Father Sean has now designated the second Sunday of each month for the Building Fund collection.

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Pre-Register for the Rosary Congress

Have you signed up yet? Saturday, June 13, the faithful of the southern Vicariate of the Diocese will gather at Saint John Church in McAlester for the 2026 Rosary Congress. A bilingual Mass kicks things off at 8:30 AM, to be followed by talks in English and Spanish, and a lunch will be provided. The event ends at 1:30 PM.

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Stroke Scan returning to IC

Stroke Scan, a company that offers health screening for individuals, will return to Immaculate Conception for a Vascular Screening event set for June 17. A representative, Marie Prats Harvey, will be at all Masses on May 23-24.

Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

Yacqueline Lira, Itzayana Trejo, 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

18 Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter (W) / Acts 19: 1-8 / Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab / John 16:29-33

19 Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 20:17-27 / Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21 / John 17:1-11a

20 Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 20: 28-38 / Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab / John 5:11b-19

21 Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter (W) / Acts 22: 30; 23:6-11 / Psalm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 / John 17:20-26

22 Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter (W) / Acts 25: 13b-21 / Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab / John 21:15-19

23 Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 / Psalm 11:4, 5 & 7 / John 21:20-25

24 Pentecost Sunday (R) / Acts 2:1-11 / Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23

Notable Upcoming Events

GRAND TACO SALE! – Sunday, May 24, at 10 a.m. in the IC Parish Hall. Fundraiser for Our Lady of Guadalupe event in Dec.

SPANISH MARRIAGE RETREAT – Saturday, May 30, at IC.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY – Saturday, May 30. Poteau PARC. Volunteers should arrive by 9 a.m.

SACRED HEART NOVENA – Starts June 3 for U.S. faithful.

IC ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, June 14, at the IC Pavilion. More details coming.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION at IC on Sunday, June 28, both 9 & 11 AM Masses. With Bishop David Konderla.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION of Matthew McClain, Friday, June 26, at Holy Family Cathedral, Tulsa.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 18

– No Daily Mass today.

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

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

– 5 to 9 PM Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel

– **Faith Formation End-of-Year Party at IC**

Thursday, May 21

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

Friday, May 22

– 8:30 AM. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

Saturday, May 23

– 5 PM Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

– 7:30 AM - Early Bird Bible Study with Zac Patty. IC.

– 9 AM. English Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

– 11 AM Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

– 1 PM English Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro.