

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

**IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE
ARE MANY MANSIONS:
IF IT WERE NOT SO,
I WOULD
HAVE
TOLD
YOU.**



**I GO TO PREPARE
A PLACE FOR YOU.**



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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Tithes

April 26, 2026

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 6,211.00

Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Building Fund - 600.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 411.00

Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Building Fund - 500.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 436.00

Weekly Budget Need 607.00

Building Fund - 160.00



Sunday Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 10

9 AM – *Rest of the soul of Thomas “Walker” Lemay.*

11 AM – *For the People of God.*

1 PM – *For the spiritual benefit of Maj. Mark Moore & the Marines of WestPac; by Dcn. John Burns.*



Daily Mass Intentions

Immaculate Conception Chapel

8:30 AM

Tuesday, May 5

No Mass today – Father is away.

Wednesday, May 6

No Mass today – Father is away.

Thursday, May 7

For the Spiritual benefit of Scott Spexarth; by Carolyn Spexarth.

Friday, May 8

For the Rest of the soul of Lloyd Starr Jr.; by Edward Wemmerus.

Many changes ahead for IC

The parish of Immaculate Conception will soon navigate a sea of change, including an additional priest and an extensive, multi-faceted construction project. In addition, Father Sean O’Brien will assume pastoral responsibility for Sacred Heart Mission in Heavener.

It’s all very exciting. Deacon Matthew McClain will be ordained a priest on Friday, June 26, and will remain in residence at Poteau as the associate priest for IC, Saint Joseph, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Sacred Heart.

The construction project includes a near doubling of the size of the IC Parish Hall, and a new office wing to the building. Planned, too, are improvements to the church sanctuary (a completion of a years-long renewal), and a new confessional.

The good news: with the pending sale of the old rectory on Witteville Ave., using some financial reserves, and anticipated extra revenues, the projects will be funded without a capital campaign.

However, you can’t have financial reserves without ongoing savings, so there is new emphasis on re-establishing our monthly Building Fund collection as a priority. The Building Fund is a savings account that helps meet capital improvements and occasional emergency needs. For those who use offertory envelopes, an envelope is dedicated for the first Sunday of each month. Those who give online can select an option to give to the Building Fund. You can also write checks or provide your own envelope for the Sunday collection.

However you choose to participate, your extra help will make a great difference for the project ahead. If you have questions, see Dave in the Parish Office.

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50th Anniversary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Bishop David Konderla will celebrate Mass to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Spiro on May 17, at 3 PM. The Mass will include conferral of several rites of initiation (first communions and confirmations). A celebration is planned for afterward. If you wish to attend, let Father Sean know.

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Oklahoma Catholic Radio releases new programming for the faithful

Oklahoma Catholic Radio is releasing new programming this weekend, an expanded lineup offering new opportunities for prayer, formation and Scripture study. You can stream live at OKCR.org, as well as check the program schedule. An app for mobile phones will be released soon. A Spring Care-a-thon Membership will air May 19-21.

Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

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

4 Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 14:5-18 / Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 / John 14:21-26

5 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 14:19-28 / Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 / John 14:27-31a

6 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 15:1-6 / Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 / John 15:1-8

7 Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 15:7-21 / Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 / John 15:9-11

8 Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 15:22-31 / Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12 / John 15:12-17

9 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 16:1-10 / Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / John 15:18-21

10 Sixth Sunday of Easter (W) / Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 / John 14:15-21

Notable Upcoming Events

MOTHERS DAY PRO-LIFE collection at all Masses on Sunday, May 10 (for local pro-life organizations).

MOVIE NIGHT AT IC, at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 15, celebrating the end of the school year. At the IC Pavilion!

BISHOP KONDERLA commemorates the 50th Anniversary of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish on Sunday, May 17! Sacraments & celebration.

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

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

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 4

– No Daily Mass today.

Tuesday, May 5

– No Daily Mass at IC today

– 6:30 PM - OCIA at IC

Wednesday, May 6

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

– 5 to 9 PM Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel

– 6:30 PM Family Faith Formation at IC

Thursday, May 7

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

– 5 PM Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler

Sunday, May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Pro-Life 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

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