

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday OF ADVENT

Immaculate Conception

410 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK
Mailing Address: PO Box 237
Sunday Mass – 9 a.m. English
11 a.m. Spanish
Daily Mass: Tu-Fri 8:30 a.m.
in the Chapel

Confessions:
30 min. before Mass
or by Appointment

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

16526 US 271
Sunday Mass – 1 p.m. English
Confessions by appointment

St. Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St., Stigler,
OK
Saturday Vigil Mass
– 5 p.m.
Confessions
30 min. before Mass
or by Appointment

Office: 918-647-3475
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Gifts for God

November 23, 2025

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,973.36
Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 703.30
Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 722.00
Weekly Budget Need 607.00



Stewardship

Reflections

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.



Mass Intentions: IC

December 7, 2025

9 a.m. – + For the repose of the soul of Walter Manning; by David Jones.

11 a.m. – For the spiritual & physical benefit of Donald Brooks; by Kim & David Jones.

Survey clock running out

The Disciple Maker Index survey has about two more weeks to run, and thanks to all who have taken it thus far. The survey results will give us a good idea of where we are as a parish (socially, spiritually, etc.) and we can measure how we've grown since the first survey was taken two years ago. The online web address is:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/c5579c>

If you are more comfortable with a paper form, we have copies available in the office or on Sunday. Turn them in by December 17.

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Our Lady feast days approach

Two big Catholic celebrations arrive soon: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy day of Obligation – will be celebrated at a 6 p.m. bilingual Mass on Monday, Dec. 8, in Poteau. It will be followed by a pot-luck meal in the Parish Hall. IC is furnishing the meat.

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe takes place on Dec. 12. A Vigil Mass will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at Immaculate Conception, followed by a celebratory meal. On Friday, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be held at 6 p.m. at Saint Joseph Church in Stigler.

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First Friday Adoration

Our December 24-Hour Adoration begins this Friday after the 8:30 Mass. Please contact Melisa or David to schedule your time with the Lord.

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'Rediscover Advent in Scripture & Song'

Do you live Advent well? Come at 6 p.m. on Saturday to "Re-Discover Advent in Scripture & Song" at Immaculate Conception Church. Bring a friend. (See insert today!)

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Emergency Food Drive big success

Many thanks to all who contributed food to help meet the needs of the hungry this month. It was overwhelming. Many boxes were given out to SNAP-card holders at the Parish Hall, and even more were sent to the PARC for distribution when the food from Mobile Food Pantry ran out. We were able to meet the need!

Amazingly enough, we still have food from the collection, which is now boxed and ready for emergency assistance or, if any is left over, the December 20 visit of the Catholic Charities Mobile truck.

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, Barbara Rogers, Susan Heavenner, 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

1 Monday of the First Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 4:2-6 / Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 8:5-11

2 Tuesday of the First Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 11:1-10 / Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Luke 10:21-24

3 Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (W) / Isaiah 25:6-10a / Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Matthew 15:29-37

4 Thursday of the First Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 26:1-6 / Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a / Matthew 7:21, 24-27

5 Friday of the First Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 29:17-24 / Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Matthew 9:27-31

6 Saturday of the First Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

7 The Second Sunday of Advent (P) / Isaiah 11:1-10 / Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Romans 15:4-9 / Matthew 3:1-12

Looking Ahead: Important Events

- **ADVENT: SCRIPTURE & SONG**, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, IC.
- **MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**: Monday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. Bilingual. Pot-luck feast after in Parish Hall.
- **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** celebration: Thursday, Dec. 12, at IC. Mass at 6 p.m.
- **NIGHT OF MERCY**, Penance Service at IC, Dec. 17, from 6:15 to 8:15.
- **NIGHT OF MERCY**: Penance Service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Friday, Dec. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD TRUCK**, Sat., Dec. 20, PARC.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, December 1

- 6:30 p.m. Spanish OCIA at IC.

Tuesday, December 2

- 8:30 a.m. **No Daily Mass today.**
- 6:30 p.m. English OCIA at IC.

Wednesday, December 3

- 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. Only BRIDGE, Confirmation classes at IC

Thursday, December 4

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

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Stigler.
- 6 p.m. 'Rediscover Advent' program at IC

Sunday, December 7 – The Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 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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