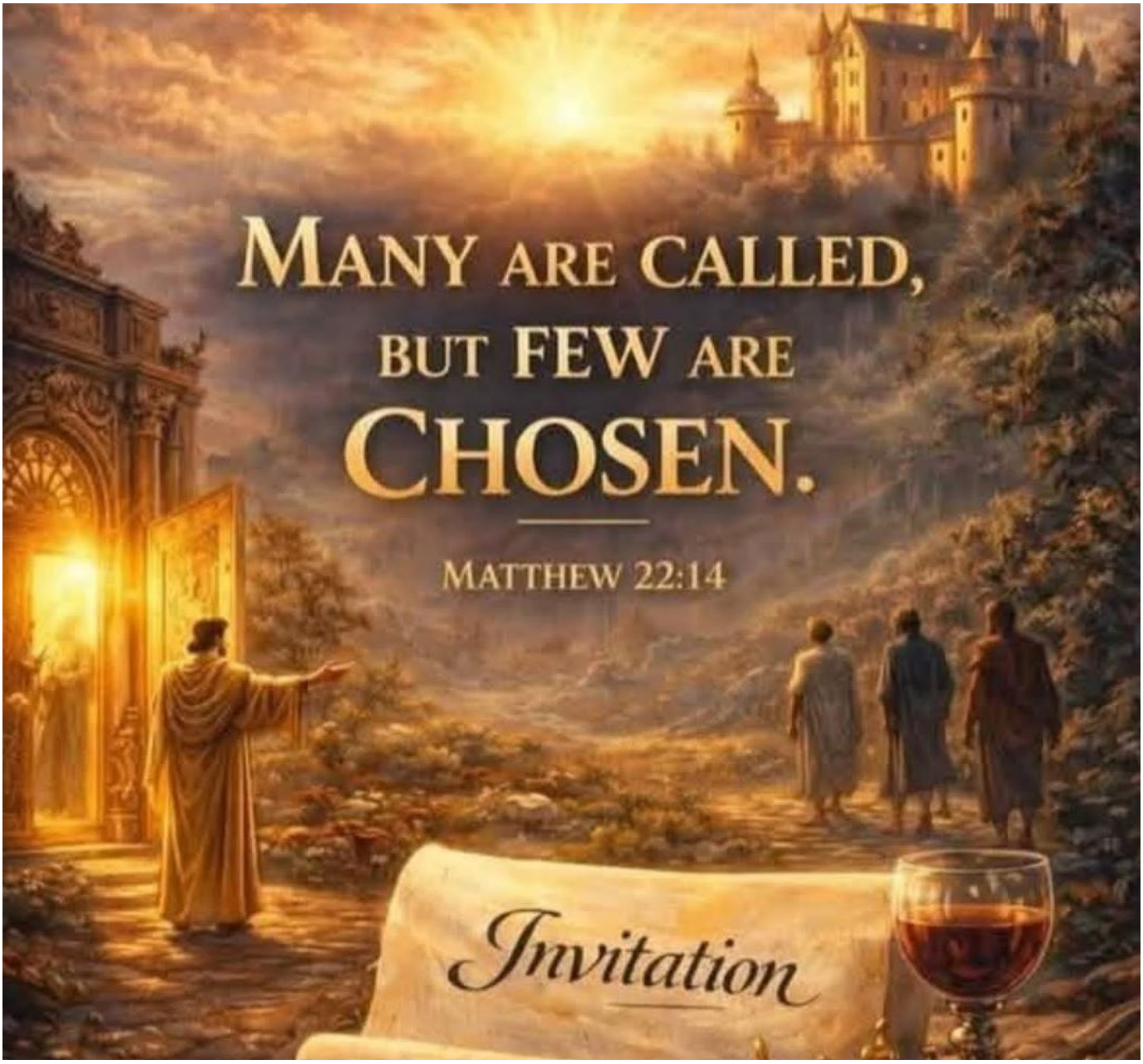
# OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**Father Sean O'Brien & Father Matthew McClain** **The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **October 11, 2026**






**Immaculate Conception Church**

*410 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK*

Sunday Mass Times: 9 AM English 11 AM Spanish

Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass

Or by Appointment.

Daily Mass Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM

www.poteaucatholic.com

**Combined Central Offices**

Mailing: PO Box 237, Poteau, OK 74953

imcchurch03@yahoo.com

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**

*16526 US Hwy 271 (East of Spiro)*

Sunday Mass: 1 PM

Confessions by Appointment

**Saint Joseph Church**

*1406 NW 7th St., Stigler, OK*

Vigil Mass on Saturday, 5 PM

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

Or by Appointment

# The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Weekly Tithes

*October 4, 2026*

**Immaculate Conception**

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| General Collection - $ | 9,402.25 |
| Weekly Budget Need - | 2,075.00 |
| Building Fund - | 290.00 |

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

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| General Collection - $ | 751.00 |
| Weekly Budget Need | 950.00 |

**Saint Joseph**

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| General Collection - $ | 422.00 |
| Weekly Budget Need | 607.00 |
| Building Fund - | 50.00 |

## Sunday Mass Intentions

*Sunday, October 18*

**9 AM** – *For the spiritual benefit of Alyson Matias; by Lorena Matias.*

**11 AM** – + *For the repose of the soul of Watt Hale; by Ramona Hargrove.*

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

## Daily Mass Intentions

**Tuesday October 13**

**8:30** – *No Mass today*

**Wednesday, October 14**

**6 p.m. Heavener** – + *Repose of soul of Mae Lassley*

**Thursday, October 15**

**6 p.m. IC** – *Repose of the soul of Vera Trout; by Kim & David Jones.*

**Friday, October 16**

**12 Noon, Spiro – +** *Repose of the soul of Mae Lassley ; by the Lassley family.*

## Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

The annual appeal for Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma is underway. In our parishes of Poteau, Spiro, Stigler and Heavener, we'll be taking up a second collection next Sunday, Oct. 18.

(A few of you already donated; many thanks!)

Catholic Charities acts to share Christ's love throughout our diocese. When you give to the annual appeal, you help to make charity come alive in outreach activities like the monthly mobile food pantry, helping the poor with emergency expenses; with support for single expectant mothers; and many other actions.

Please help this next Sunday. There will be pledge envelopes available. If you can, consider a monthly donation. This is compassion in action, or as the campaign says, "Love changing lives."

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## IC: No morning Masses for two weeks

There will be no morning Masses at IC for the next two weeks. The 6 p.m. Masses at Saint Joseph, Sacred Heart, IC and the 12 Noon Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, will be held as scheduled.

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## Sunday Mass changes for Stigler, Poteau

Saint Joseph Church in Stigler will again celebrate Mass on Sundays at 5 p.m. This change begins November 1.

At Immaculate Conception, there will be a renewal of the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. (in English), starting Nov. 7.

All other Sunday Masses remain on their regular schedule.

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## Central Office at IC closed next week

Both Father Matthew and David Jones will be gone all next week so the offices will be officially closed. If there is an emergency, please call 918-237-5537. The following week, Father Sean will be on retreat, but Father Matthew and David will be back.

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## Photo Directory signups continue

Time is quickly passing: don't wait until the last moment to make your appointment to get your photo taken for our upcoming 4-parish directory. You can sign-up before or after Mass on Sunday at Poteau (see Brenda Martin), Spiro (see Linda Harrison), Stigler (see Father Sean or Father Matthew), or Heavener (see Rogelio Serrano).

The sessions begin Nov. 12-14 at Immaculate Conception and continue the next week at Stigler (Wednesday), Spiro (Thursday) and Heavener (Friday and Saturday).

## Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

José Juan Delgado Vasquez, Katie Burwell, Omar Tejada, Josh Adams, Dcn. Larry Hatch, David Cloud, 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, 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, and Nanette Johnson.

## Daily Mass Readings

**12 Monday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time (G) /** Galatians 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1 / Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7 / Luke 11: 29-32

**13 Tuesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time (G)** / Galatians 5: 1-6 / Psalm 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 / Luke 11:37-41

**14 Wednesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time (G) /** Galatians 5:18-25 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 / Luke 11:42-46

**15 Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor (W)** / Ephesians 1:1-10 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 / Luke 11:47-54

**16 Friday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time (G)** / Ephesians 1:11-14 / Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 / Luke 12:1-7

**17 Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr (R)** / Ephesians 1:15-23 / Psalm 8: 2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 / Luke 12:8-12

**18 The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)** / Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21

## Is This on Your Calendar?

**JOHN PAUL II PARISH HIKE –** Our annual event on Saturday morning, Oct. 17, with Father Sean at Cedar Lake! Bring water, wear good hiking shoes, and a shareable snack!

**CC MOBILE FOOD PANTRY -** 9 AM Saturday, Oct. 31, at Poteau PARC. Volunteers should be there by 9.

**ALL SAINTS PARTY IC –** 5 to 7 PM, Sunday, Nov. 1, at the IC Pavilion. Food, games, fellowship. Dress up in saintly costume!

**ALL SAINTS PARTY SAINT JOSEPH –** Sunday, Nov. 1. Come to Mass at 5 PM dressed as a saint. Prepare to celebrate afterward!

**PHOTO DIRECTORY –** Sign up now for pictures at IC to be taken on Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 12-14. For Saint Joseph, on Wed., Nov. 18; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Thursday, Nov. 19; and Sacred Heart, Friday & Saturday, Nov. 20-21.

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## This Week's Schedule

*PLEASE NOTE: **NO** 8:30 A.M. MASSES at IC THIS WEEK OR NEXT.*

**Tuesday, October 13**

– 6 PM Daily Mass at Saint Joseph in Stigler.

**Wednesday, October 14**

– 5 to 9 PM Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel

– 6 PM Daily Mass at Sacred Heart in Heavener.

– No Religious Education classes this week. Fall break.

**Thursday, October 15**

– 6 PM Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

**Friday, October 16**

– 12 Noon. Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro.

**Saturday, October 17**

– 10 AM Departure for Saint JP II Hike at Cedar Lake. IC

– 5 PM Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

**Sunday, October 18 – The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

– 9 AM. English Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

– 11 AM Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

– 12 Noon. Mass in Spanish at Sacred Heart, Heavener

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

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# The Annual St. John Paul II hike is Saturday

*What you need to know*

A car caravan for the Saint John Paul II Hike on Saturday will depart Immaculate Conception at 10 a.m. on its way to Cedar Lake, near Hodgen.




If you wish to drive ahead, that's fine. Here's a map to show the meeting site.

The caravan should arrive about 10:30 a.m.

The trail around the perimeter is a relatively moderate hike (a few uphill and downhills). It's just over three miles.

Don't forget to wear shoes for hiking. Bring bottled water and a shareable snack for a lunch. Bring friends, family and all parishes are invited to participate.

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