

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien & Father Matthew McClain

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

Today's Gospel: Forgiveness

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22



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

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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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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

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Weekly Tithes

September 6, 2026

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$	6,931.00
Weekly Budget Need -	2,075.00
Building Fund -	697.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$	191.00
Weekly Budget Need	950.00
Building Fund -	100.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$	425.00
Weekly Budget Need	607.00



Sunday Mass

Intentions

Sunday, September 20

9 AM – *For the spiritual benefit of Hadley McClendon; by Mandy French.*

11 AM – *+ For the repose of the soul of Audrey Goodwin; by Ramona Hargrove.*

1 PM – *For the spiritual benefit of Major Mark Moore & the Marines of WestPac – by Deacon John Burns.*



Daily Mass Intentions

At all Daily Masses for this week

Tuesday – Friday, Sept. 15-18
*+ Repose of soul of Mae F. Lassley;
By the Lassley family.*



Special invitation to IC workshop on 'Making Missionary Disciples'

The upcoming "Making Missionary Disciples" workshop is Father Sean's "top priority" for the fall, and here's what you need to know so that you can share it.

First, let's correct the dates. The workshop begins Saturday morning, October 10, at the IC Parish Hall. It will continue on October 24 and November 7 (each day two weeks apart).

This workshop will teach you basic skills to give you the confidence to be a missionary, right here in your home town. A similar out-of-town workshop two years ago was quite effective.

Childcare will be provided for those who need it, but you need to let Father Sean know by Sept. 30 that you are coming. We need a good total headcount by Oct. 5.

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Exciting News: All Parish Photo Directory

It's been 10 years since our last parish directory. There are many new families and faces, plus we have a new parish has joined our local group. New technology also means that we can access our director from our phones, tablets and laptops!

There is no cost to you – or your parish – to participate. Every family gets a free 8x10, and the opportunity to purchase keepsake photos, anything from wallet-sized to 20x24.

The photo sessions will be at Immaculate Conception on Nov. 12-13-14. At Saint Joseph Church on Wednesday, Nov. 18. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Thursday, Nov. 19; and at Sacred Heart Mission in Heavener on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20-21.

Signups for specific appointment times begin soon, so listen for announcements in your parish.

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IC Youth Group Pizza Card fundraiser

The High School youth group at IC ("The Way") is selling Domino's cards to earn money for the Steubenville Conference and Life Teen Camp. The cards are \$20 and for every pizza you buy, you get one free. Look for students outside after all Masses and help them out. If you have questions, ask Samuel, Zuleima, Reyna, Genia or Katie!

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Fellowship Sunday is next week

Don't miss out on pastries, coffee and juice and great conversations next Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass. The parish Fellowship team intends to put smiles on faces!

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, Vera Trout, 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

14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (R) / Numbers 21:4b-9 / Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows (W) / 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a / Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

16 Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop (R) / 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 / Psalm 32:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22 / Luke 7:31-35

17 Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-27, 28 / Luke 7:36-50

18 Friday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Psalm 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15 / Luke 8:1-3

19 Saturday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 / Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14 / Luke 8:4-15

20 The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Isaiah 55:6-9 / Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 / Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a / Matthew 20:1-16a

Is This on Your Calendar?

TULSA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – Sept. 19-20

ST. MICHAEL HOLY HOUR – 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at IC

JOHN PAUL II PARISH HIKE – Saturday, Oct. 17, with Father Sean at Cedar Lake!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD TRUCK – Saturday, Sept. 26

ST. FRANCIS PET BLESSING – Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Rectory.

MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES – A biweekly series at IC Parish Hall on October 10, 24 and Nov. 7.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 14

– No events scheduled today.

Tuesday, September 15

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

– 6 PM Daily Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

– 6:30 PM OCIA (Catholicism 101), IC Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 16

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

– 5 to 9 PM Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel

– 6 PM Daily Mass at Sacred Heart, Heavener.

– 6:30 PM - IC – "The Way" & BRIDGE classes.

Thursday, September 17

– 8:30 AM Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

– 6 PM Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

Friday, September 18

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

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

Saturday, September 19

– 5 PM Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

Sunday, September 20 – The 25th 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.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Parish Staff to Move to New Offices this Week

An important milestone will be met this week as the Immaculate Conception staff move into the new office wing on Thursday, setting the stage for the expansion of the Parish Hall. (An “Open House” will be scheduled at a future date.)

Air-conditioning became operational Wednesday, additional electrical and communications wiring was installed, and the new stucco siding blends in well with the existing building. Still ahead is attic insulation, additional plumbing work and a new entryway porch.

None of this would be possible without the encouragement and financial contributions of the parish faithful. Since start of construction this spring, contributions to our Building Fund have been healthy. Nearly \$9,000 in building fund contributions, \$4,800 in food sales, and \$2,525 from our picnic raffle, have boosted our building fund to nearly \$42,000.

How much more is needed? We are \$53,500 from being able to pay off our loan. Every dollar counts toward meeting the cost of the total renovation plan, which will include a new confessional area and further enhancements of the church worship space.

Father Sean and Father Matthew thank you for your enthusiastic partnership in this historic step forward for your parish.

' Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's '



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SAINT MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, of Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

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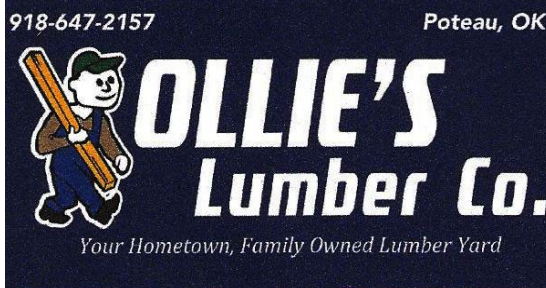


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