

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025



The rich man ...
cried out, 'Father
Abraham, have
pity on me.
Send Lazarus to
dip the tip of his
finger in water
and cool my
tongue, for I am
suffering torment
in these flames.'

*Excerpt from today's
Gospel of Luke*

*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. Chapel

*St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton*

16526 US 271 (East of Spiro)
Sunday Mass – 1 p.m. English

St. Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St., Stigler, OK
Saturday Vigil Mass – 5 p.m.

CONFESSIONS at all parishes
30 min. before Mass
or by appointment.
Office Phone 918-647-3475
Emergency: 918-237-5537

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Gifts for God

September 21, 2025

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,247.00

Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

9-21-2025 General - \$886.00

Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

9-14-2025 General - \$230.00

9-21-2025 General - \$992.00

Weekly Budget Need 607.00



Stewardship Reflections

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."

LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



Mass Intentions: IC

October 5, 2025

9 a.m. – + For the repose of the soul of Robert Brown; by Katie Burwell.

11 a.m. – + For the repose of the soul of Father Joseph Jacobi, priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.



Saint Michael Holy Hour tomorrow night

The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael – the angels named in sacred Scripture - is tomorrow, Sept. 29. Father Sean invites us to participate in the Saint Michael Holy Hour at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception.

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October First Friday Adoration

The First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this coming Friday, starting at 9 a.m. after morning Mass in the IC Chapel. Please see Melisa Gonzalez or David Jones to schedule your particular hour. If you can't spend an entire hour, please just drop by the chapel. The Lord is waiting!

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'Why Wait Until Someone is Homeless?'

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal next week

Every last Saturday of the month, Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma sends a truckload of food to Poteau where volunteers unload and distribute all sorts of practical edibles to hundreds of families. There are also trucks to Stigler. You may be one of those volunteers. You leave exhausted but, seeing the relieved smiles of those you've helped, you have the satisfaction of knowing you did something Christ-like.

There are those who can't volunteer, but can still share in this effort. Give to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal next weekend. You see, food doesn't magically appear in the trucks. It has to be purchased, and that requires money. Last year, in our diocese, over 9 tons of food were given out, a 25% increase over the previous year.

There are many other ways Catholic Charities is helping. That's why this year's theme is "Why wait until someone is homeless?" Homelessness doesn't begin on the street; it begins with a missed paycheck, an empty pantry, a shut-off notice from a utility company. Catholic Charities intervenes early to keep families housed and stable.

For more information on the services provided by Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma, see the flyer inserted into this bulletin.

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Work Day at IC is October 11

A parish "work day" at Immaculate Conception is set for Saturday, October 11, starting at 8 a.m. There's a lot of outdoor work to be done, so dress appropriately (boots, work gloves, etc.) and bring your chain saws, weed eaters and branch pruners (loppers). Many hands make light work, so let's lighten the load together.

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Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

Juan Narvaez, Frances Liddy, Jim Norwood, Sandra Mejia, Yuliana Casildo, Liz Sosa, Anthony Guerrero, Nicholas Farias, Javier Diaz, Kathleen Linville, Colten Benson, Theresa Grafton, Nicolosa Solis, Artis Jackson, Clarence Nobles, Emily Query, Savannah Anderson, Janita Hendricks, Donald Hargrove, Marge Frizzell, Jack Harrison, Donald Brooks, Vera Trout, Ruel Salada, Pilar Botello, Josh Noel, Genia Harber, Oscar San Juan, Dianna Garcia, Brandon Torres, Bobby Jackson, Robin Jackson, Barbara Legrif, Collin Urizar, Juan Diego, Alec Brenman, Felicitas Garcia, Onor Roop, Doris Krause, Patsy Slagle, Charles Lohmann, Jill Figari, Macrina Lara, Barbara Rogers, Susan Heavener, Kyle Harmon, Rogelio Rivera, Jose Martinez, Mayra Gavina, Christine Mainard, Elda Lauryn, Colton Simpson, Shelby Burgos, Itzel Gomez, Patty Karpika, Agustina Ruiz, Sandra Mejia, Anastacio Solis, Edith & Lazarus Girton, George Mansour, Josefina Estrada, Katie Malone, John Harris, Lizz Lopez, Roger O'Hara, Cassie Casildo, John Worton, Johnny & Barbara Morris, Nanette Johnson, Russell Tenison & Violet Ray.

Daily Mass Readings

29 Feasts of Saint Michael, Gabrel & Raphael, Archangels (W) / Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab / Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 / John 1:47-51

30 Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor (W) / Zechariah 8:20-23 / Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Luke 9:51-56

1 Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor (W) / Nehemiah 2:1-8 / Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 / Luke 9:57-62

2 Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels (W) / Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10

3 Friday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Baruch 1:15-22 / Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 / Luke 10:13-16

4 Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi (W) / Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 / Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37 / Luke 10:17-24

5 The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10

Looking Ahead: Important Events

- SAINT MICHAEL HOLY HOUR, Monday, Sept. 29, IC, 7 p.m.
- FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, IC Chapel, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. onward
- IC PARISH WORK DAY – October 11, starting at 8 a.m. Bring your work gloves & a song in your hearts!
- THREE HEARTS PILGRIMAGE – Oct. 9-11, 35-miles to Clear Creek Abbey, Hulbert. Registration: threeheartspilgrimage.org.
- OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY – Saturday, Oct. 25.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 29

- 7 p.m. at IC: Saint Michael Holy Hour.

Tuesday, September 30

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 6:30 p.m. English OCIA at IC in Youth Center.

Wednesday, October 1

- 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. IC. BRIDGE-Confirmation-First Reconciliation classes.

Thursday, October 2

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

Friday, October 3

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 9 a.m. First Friday (24-Hour) Adoration begins in IC Chapel

Saturday, October 4

- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Stigler.

Sunday, October 5 – The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 9 a.m. English Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau
- 10 a.m. (Approx.) "After-Mass" in IC Youth Center.
- 11 a.m. Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau
- 1 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

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