

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025



‘Whoever
does not carry
his own cross
and come
after me
cannot be my
disciple.’

*From today's Gospel:
Luke, Chapter 14*

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Gifts for God

August 31, 2025

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,046.00
Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 6,583.00
Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection \$ 443.00
Weekly Budget Need 607.00



Stewardship

Reflections

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



Mass Intentions: IC

September 14

9 a.m. – + For the repose of the soul of Xioling Deng +; by Cecilia Lanuza.

11 a.m. – + For the repose of the soul of Crispina Segundo Perez.



Faith Formation Update: 65+ students

After three weeks, the initial whirl of the Immaculate Conception Faith Formation program startup has resolved into what director Katie Burwell describes as "pretty smooth." New curriculum materials have arrived, class assignments are well set, and the revised leadership structure is working.

There is a first grade class, a first reconciliation class, as well as a Confirmation class of 5th graders. Another class of previously confirmed 4th and 5th graders is taking their knowledge of the faith to a new level. There are two "BRIDGE" classes for students of varying ages who need their sacraments. There is also the EDGE middle school class and the Sunday LIFE TEEN class.

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No Daily Mass on Friday

Father Sean is spiritual director for the Women's Fall Cursillo Weekend, and will be gone Thursday afternoon through Sunday. This means that there will be no Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception on Friday.

Father Bryan Ketterer, pastor of Sacred Heart in Wilburton, will celebrate the Vigil Mass on Saturday at Saint Joseph Church in Stigler.

Father Alessandro Calderoni, parochial vicar at Saint Joseph Church in Muskogee, will be our visiting guest priest on Sunday for Immaculate Conception and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro.

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OCIA – Still time to enter

English OCIA is in full swing on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at IC. There is still time for one or two more inquirers to join. See Dave Jones.

Our Catholic Community

Immaculate Conception Church – Poteau

502 N. Bagwell – P.O. Box 237, Poteau, OK 74953

Daily Mass: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday: English, 9 a.m. Spanish, 11 a.m.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton – Spiro

16526 US Highway 271 (East of Spiro)

Sunday Mass: 1 p.m.

Saint Joseph Church – Stigler

1406 NW 7th St.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 p.m.

Confessions: 30 Minutes before Weekend Masses
or by Appointment

918-647-3475 or 918-237-5537

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

8 Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary (W) / Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30 / Psalm 13:6ab, 6c / Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

9 Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest (W) / Colossians 2:6-15 / Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 / Luke 6:12-19

10 Wednesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Colossians 3:1-11 / Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab / Luke 6:20-26

11 Thursday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Colossians 3:12-17 / Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 6:27-38

12 Friday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 / Psalm 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11 / Luke 6:39-42

13 Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor (W) / 1 Timothy 1:15-17 / Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7 / Luke 6:43-49

14 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

Looking Ahead: Important Events

- SPIRO OCIA starts today, Sept. 7, at 11:30, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.
- WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND, Sept. 11-14.
- TULSA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, Sept. 26-27.
- MOBILE FOOD PANTRY, Sept. 27, Poteau PARC, 9 a.m.
- IC PARISH WORK DAY – October 11, starting at 8 a.m.
- Three Hearts Pilgrimage – Oct. 9-11, 35-miles to Clear Creek Abbey, Hulbert. Registration: threeheartspilgrimage.org.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, September 8

- Spanish OCIA at IC – 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Tuesday, September 9

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

Wednesday, September 10

- 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. All FFF Classes; BRIDGE & Confirmation.

Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

- 8:30 a.m. NO DAILY MASS today.

Saturday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 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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