

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 14, 2021

Gifts for God – February 7, 2021

Immaculate Conception

General Collections -	\$ 1,309.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	1,700.00
Building Fund:	265.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection -	\$ 744.00
Weekly Budget Need:	475.00
Building Fund:	140.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection -	\$ 783.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	375.00
Building Fund:	85.00



Stewardship Reflections

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

February 20

For the spiritual benefit of the People of God of Immaculate Conception, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Joseph parishes.

February 21

For the spiritual benefit of the Lydia & Lily Jones, on their birthdays; by Kim Jones.

Observing a New Type of Lent

Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, Mid-month Adoration

After nearly a year of experiencing pandemic-related lockdowns and new kinds of “virtual reality,” the arrival of Lent this week may tempt you to think “so, what else is new?”

Please don’t go there. Consider an alternative path. A new type of Lent.

Lent is the time – roughly corresponding to the 40-day wilderness trek of Jesus – for us to renew our hearts and minds, to realign our thoughts and actions to His. To take a deeper dive into what it means to be God’s people, to live out our baptismal promises. This past year we have “given up” a lot of things. Many of us have lost friends and loved ones; some freedom of movement, our peace of mind. But have we “offered up” our losses? Have we asked God to take the bad that has happened and transform it into good?

As spiritual siblings of Christ, we are called to be people of joy and hope, living signs of contradiction to a world mired in gloom and hopelessness. We are called to trust God and reach out to others with evangelistic confidence. There is a saying, “Tough times never last. Tough people do.” Spiritually tough people are not grim and sad faced. They smile beneath their ashes and, in doing so, encourage others to join them.

In our Catholic community of Poteau, Spiro and Stigler, we are still able to attend Mass, Stations of the Cross and Adoration. We live-stream for the benefit of those who cannot risk in-person events. But we yearn for those who are not at risk to rejoin us.

Consider making this year the time when you reject the false Lent of our Culture and embrace the life-affirming Lent of the Church.

Pledge Drive reaches \$45,987

The new engineered wood floors are installed at Immaculate Conception, and work on the black granite tiles in the sanctuary has begun. Our new pews may be ready to install before Easter. Our acoustical fix should be ready by then as well.

Meanwhile, the “Renew the House of the Lord” fund-raising campaign is just short of \$46,000. Is it possible we could achieve \$50,000? You are welcome to help try. Pledge envelopes are available, and one-time sacrificial gifts are always welcome.

What does ‘abstinence’ mean?

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence which means we eat no meat. No beef, lamb, pork, chicken, duck, goat, sheep, deer, etc. Fish is an exception (and shrimp, in moderation).

Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

Let us pray for: James Hearn, Anastacio Solis, Edith & Lazarus Girton, Whitney Lagaly, Matt Simonds, George Mansour, Josefina Estrada, Katie Malone, John Harris, Stan Floyd, Liz Lopez, Roger O'Hara, Beverly Mazikowski, Johnny & Josephine McMahan, Brandy Beane, John Worton, Chet & Paula Gorgas, Bill Burwell, Donald Hargrove, Dorothea Willis, Barbara Morris, Marianne Young, Howard Bryant, Susie Hawkins, Nanette Johnson, Mary Smith, Rita Thompson, Susan King, Hilda Culver, Violet Ray, and all our hospitalized and shut-ins.

Daily Mass Readings

15 Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / Genesis 4:1-15, 25 / Psalm 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 / Mark 9:11-13

16 Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / Genesis 6:5-8 – 7:1-5, 10 / Psalm 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 / Mark 8:14-21

17 Ash Wednesday (**P**) / Joel 2:12-18 / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 / 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

18 Thursday After Ash Wednesday (**P**) / Genesis 2:18-25 / Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Luke 9:22-25

19 Friday After Ash Wednesday (**P**) / Isaiah 58:1-9a / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 / Mark 9:14-15

20 Saturday After Ash Wednesday (**P**) / Isaiah 58:9b-14 / Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 5:27-32

21 The First Sunday of Lent (**P**) / Genesis 9:8-15 / Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / 1 Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:12-15

Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, February 15

– 7 a.m. Day One of the 33-day Consecration to Saint Joseph, live-streamed with Father Jim on Facebook. Times will vary each day; check with his Facebook page.

Tuesday, February 16

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass today in the IC Chapel.

– 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.

– 7 p.m. Spanish RCIA Class

Ash Wednesday, February 17 – A Day of Fast & Abstinence

– 8 a.m. Mass in the IC Chapel. Ashes distributed.

– 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.

– 12 Noon. Mass in the IC Chapel. Ashes distributed.

– 6 p.m. Mass in the IC Chapel. Ashes distributed.

– 7:45 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Mass & Ashes.

Thursday – February 18

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass today in the IC Chapel.

– 6 p.m. Scripture Study of the Book of Revelation at IC

Friday, February 19 A Day to Abstain from Eating Meat.

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass today in the IC Chapel.

– 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception.

Saturday, February 20

– 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Confirmation Work Day, painting the Help Center at IC. Lunch provided to the students.

– 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Confessions are heard in Father Jim's office.

– 11:15 a.m. English RCIA class today.

– 3:30 to 4:30. Confessions before the vigil Mass.

– 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent.

Sunday, February 21 – The First Sunday of Lent

– 9 a.m. Sunday Mass at I.C. in English

– 10:30 a.m. Religious Education classes at IC

– 11 a.m. Sunday Spanish Mass at IC.

– 1 p.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

– 5 p.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

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