

The First Sunday in Lent - February 21, 2021

Gifts for God – February 14

Immaculate Conception

General Collections - \$ 820.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 400.00
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 300.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



Stewardship Reflections

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...” - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

February 27

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

February 28

For the repose of the soul of Adrienne Page.

Lent: A time for a clean conscience

Lenten is properly called a penitential season as we reflect upon our spiritual and social failings and ask God to help us change within and make amends. To help us, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession. At Immaculate Conception it is available on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 11, and from 3:30 to 4:30, temporarily here in Father's office. Just come through the front door and Father will guide your way.

You can also go to confession before all Sunday Masses at IC, Saint Joseph and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The Church requires that we confess our sins at least once a year, and Lent is the perfect time as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

A special night for penance will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at 6:15 at Immaculate Conception.

Black Book meditations for Lent – Free!

The Little Black Book meditations for Lent are again available at our three parishes. These are six-minute readings and reflections that will walk you through Lent, one day at a time. These are yours for the taking, so please, take one.

Confirmation 'work day' Saturday, Feb. 27

Confirmation students will hold a work-day this coming Saturday, Feb. 27, to paint the hallways and offices of the Catholic Charities Helping Center. Lunch will be provided for the students. The work begins at 9 in the morning and should last through two coats of paint, about 3 in the afternoon. This is part of the mandatory service requirement.

Renovation progress slowed by frigid weather

Thanks to the snow and intense cold, not a lot of progress was made last week on the renovation of the church. With better weather, that will change. Our "Renew the House of the Lord" campaign is still at \$46,000, and new pledges and donations are welcome. Thanks to all for their timely payments.

Stations of the Cross Schedule

At Immaculate Conception, Poteau – 6 p.m. Fridays in Lent.
At Saint Joseph Church, Stigler – 4:15 p.m. Sundays in Lent.
At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro – 6 p.m. Tuesdays in Lent.

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

22 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle (W) / 1 Peter: 5:1-4 / Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 / Matthew 16:13-19

23 Tuesday of the First Week of Lent (**P**) / Isaiah 55:10-11 / Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 / Matthew 6:7-15

24 Wednesday of the First Week of Lent (**P**) / Jonah 3:1-10 / Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Luke 11:29-32

25 Thursday of the First Week of Lent (**P**) / Esther 4: Chapter C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 / Matthew 7:7-12

26 Friday of the First Week of Lent (**P**) / Ezra 18:21-28 / Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 / Matthew 5:20-26

27 Saturday of the First Week of Lent (**P**) / Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Matthew 5:43-48

21 The Second Sunday of Lent (P) / Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 / Romans 8:31b-34 / Mark 9:2-10

Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, February 22

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, February 23

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass today in the church (Parish Hall).
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.
- 7 p.m. Spanish RCIA Class

Wednesday, February 24

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass today in the church (Parish Hall).
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.

Thursday – February 25

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass today in the church (Parish Hall).
- 6 p.m. Scripture Study of the Book of Revelation at IC

Friday, February 26 *A Day of Abstinence from meat*

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass today in the IC Chapel.
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Rescheduled) Mid-Month Adoration, IC chapel
- 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception.

Saturday, February 27

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rescheduled for today: 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 at IC.
- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent.

Sunday, February 28 – The Second 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.
- 12:15 p.m. First Year Confirmation class.
- 1 p.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro
- 5 p.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

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What is the meaning of 'abstinence'?

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