

The Second Sunday in Lent - February 28, 2021

Gifts for God – February 21

Immaculate Conception

General Collections - \$ 1,720.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 430.00
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 223.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



Stewardship Reflections

“Here I am!” he answered.” - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy; most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

March 6 - 7

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



Lenten Penance Rite on Tuesday

A special night for reconciliation will be held this Tuesday, March 2, at 6:15 at Immaculate Conception. Father Jim and one other priest will be on hand to hear confessions. It will be in the Parish Hall (temporary church) with confessions heard in the office wing.

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.

Father also has expanded reconciliation times on Saturday at Immaculate Conception: 9 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, 8:30 a.m. You can also make appointments to see him at other times.

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

First Friday 24-hour Adoration March 5

Our monthly 24-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 5, in the IC Chapel following the 8 a.m. Mass and Rosary. Please contact Melisa Gonzalez or David Jones to secure your holy hour and get your security code for access.

The What, Why & How of Mass Intentions

People occasionally ask, “What is a Mass Intention?”

It is when a priest is asked to offer a Mass on behalf of a living person (birthday, anniversary, sickness, hard times, etc.) or, more often, for the repose of the soul of someone who has passed. Mass can also be offered in thanksgiving for blessings received.

It is a practice that dates from the earliest times of the Church, whose constant teaching is that infinite graces flow from the eternal sacrifice of Christ, which is made present at each Mass.

A formal Mass intention involves asking the priest or parish office to place it on the schedule. Usually no more than one or two intentions are set for a particular Mass. However, we pray “out of time” when seeking the Lord’s blessing, so our intentions are efficacious no matter when they are done.

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

1 Monday of the Second Week in Lent (**P**) / Daniel 9:4b-10 / Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 / Luke 6:36-38

2 Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 / Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 17, 21 and 23 / Matthew 23:1-12

3 Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Matthew 20:17-28

4 Thursday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Luke 16:19-31

5 Friday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 / Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

6 Saturday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 / Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

7 The Third Sunday of Lent –
Scrutiny Year A Readings (P) / Exodus 17:3-7 / Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42

Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, March 1

33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph live-streamed. (Daily)

Tuesday, March 2

- 8 a.m. **Daily Mass in the church (Parish Hall).**
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.
- 6:15 p.m. Special Night for Confessions at IC Parish Hall.
- 7 p.m. Spanish RCIA class in the Education building.

Wednesday, March 3

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

Thursday – March 4

- **12 Noon. Daily Mass & Rosary in the church (Parish Hall).**
- 6 p.m. Scripture Study of the Book of Revelation at IC

Friday, March 5 *A Day of Abstinence from meat*

- 8 a.m. **Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.**
- 9 a.m. Start of 24-Hour First Friday Adoration, IC chapel
- **6 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception.**

Saturday, March 6

- 9 a.m. Repose of the Blessed Sacrament; Adoration ends.
- 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 Third Sunday of Lent.**

Sunday, March 7 – The Third 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. Both Confirmation classes.
- 1 p.m. **Sunday Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro**
- 5 p.m. **Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.**

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'Renew the House' campaign at \$46,283

Two new pledges raised the total for the renovation project this past week. Pledge payments are doing very well. The effort is appreciated.

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