

The Third Sunday in Lent - March 7, 2021

Gifts for God – February 21

Immaculate Conception

General Collections - \$ 1,358.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 653.00
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 440.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



Stewardship Reflections

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

March 13-14

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



For the spiritual & physical welfare of Dennis & Beverly Mazikowski.

Help Center undergoes facelift



Those who worked, from left, Eunice Quiroz, Teresa, Cazares, Cristian Gavina & Emily Ruiz. Not shown, Zuleima Matias.

Members of the Second-Year Confirmation class spent six hours on Saturday painting the walls of the Catholic Charities Helping Center at I.C.

The lobby, offices and assembly area are done, with the halls, restroom and kitchen left for the other members of class.

It is required service for their upcoming reception of the sacrament on May 22.

As Lent nears mid-point, ask: What have I left undone?

We will be halfway through Lent in a few days. Like any journey of distance, it is not a time to be complacent, satisfied with one’s progress. Rather, it is time to calculate how much farther you need to go, to discern what has yet to be done or can be done better, and to challenge ourselves anew.

Perhaps your focus has slipped away from the purpose of Lent. Maybe the daily grind of life has thrown unexpected obstacles in your spiritual path. Remember: no one’s Lenten journey is perfect. There is still time to make it a good one.

Here are six questions that will help you refocus, cast aside obstacles and achieve the success the Lord desires of you:

Have I fallen behind in the spiritual reading I vowed to do? You can catch up.

Have I been to at least one or more Stations of the Cross? Check the schedule.

Have I availed myself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Don’t miss out!

Have I abstained from all meat except fish on Fridays?

Have I prayed daily?

Have I attended Mass faithfully, either in person or virtual? Get back in the habit. The bishop’s dispensation won’t last much longer.

Fix all six and you will emerge from your Lenten cocoon like an Easter butterfly.

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, 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, 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

8 Monday of the Third Week in Lent (**P**) / 2 Kings 5:1-15ab / Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 / Luke 4:24-30

9 Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Daniel 3:25, 34-43 / Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 / Matthew 18:21-35

10 Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 / Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Matthew 5:17-19

11 Thursday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Jeremiah 7:23-26 / Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Luke 11:14-23

12 Friday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Hosea 14:2-10 / Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 / Mark 12:28-34

13 Saturday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Hosea 6:1-6 / Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab / Luke 18:9-14

14 The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Scrutiny Year A Readings (P) / 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41

Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 9

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

Wednesday, March 10

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

Thursday – March 11

- 8 a.m. **Daily Mass & Rosary in the church (Parish Hall).**

Friday, March 12 *A Day of Abstinence from meat*

- 8 a.m. **Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.**
- 6 p.m. **Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception.**

Saturday, March 13

– 9 a.m. to 12 noon. **Lenten Retreat for All Religious Education 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 Third Sunday of Lent.**

Sunday, March 14 – The Third Sunday of Lent

- 9 a.m. **Sunday Mass at I.C. in English**
- 10:30 a.m. *No RE classes today. (See Saturday, March 13)*
- 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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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.

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