

The Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 14, 2021

Gifts for God – March 7

Immaculate Conception

General Collections -	\$ 1,265.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	1,700.00
Building Fund:	194.49

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection -	\$ 275.00
Weekly Budget Need:	475.00
Building Fund:	150.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection -	\$ 455.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	375.00
Building Fund:	80.00



Stewardship Reflections

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son...” - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

March 20-21

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

Only three weeks to Easter

Tradition of Easter lily donations continues

There are only three weeks left until Easter!

Preparations are being made for all three parishes. It is with great anticipation (and hope) that the Easter liturgies will be back in a renovated Immaculate Conception. Part of getting ready is scheduling the arrival of Easter lilies.

As we do every year, we ask that you consider a special donation so that we can cover the cost of the lilies without affecting general revenues. The suggested donation is \$20. There are envelopes in your offertory boxes, or you can pick up one at the entrance to each church.

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A Reminder of Religious Education schedules for next the three weeks

Students enrolled in religious education classes held their Lenten retreat on Saturday, and now have three straight Sundays off, thanks to spring break and the arrival of Holy Week and Easter.

There are no classes scheduled for Sunday, March 21. This includes Confirmation.

There are no classes scheduled for Sunday, March 28, which is Palm Sunday.

There are no classes scheduled for Sunday, April 4, which is Easter. Classes will resume on April 11.

Looking ahead, the First Communion celebration is set to take place at a special 12 Noon Mass at IC on Sunday, May 16. Please mark your calendars. More details will be given closer to that date.

The Confirmation Rite will be held on Saturday, May 22, at the 5 o'clock Mass with Bishop David Konderla.

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Celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph!

The 33-Day Consecration to Saint Joseph concludes this week with his Solemnity on Friday, March 19. Even if you have not kept up with Father Jim's daily live-stream video, please avail yourself of the spiritual benefit of attending or viewing the 8 a.m. Mass on Friday.

Also, the Novena to Saint Joseph, a nine-day series of prayers, is underway. If you are interested in joining it, a good novena is available at PrayMoreNovenas.com. It's free to subscribe and they will send daily prayers to your inbox.

All four Gospels refer to Jesus as the "son of Joseph," an indication of the special role Saint Joseph filled in the life of our Lord and Savior. Joseph had courage and a special faith. It is right that we honor him.

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

15 Monday of the Fourth Week in Lent (**P**) / Isaiah 65:17-21 / Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b / John 4:43-54

16 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent (**P**) / Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / John 5:1-16

17 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent (P) / Isaiah 49:8-15 / Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 / John 5:17-30

18 Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent (**P**) / Exodus 32:7-14 / Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 / John 5:31-47

19 Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (W) / 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 / Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

20 Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent (**P**) / Jeremiah 11:18-20 / Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 / John 7:40-53

21 The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Scrutiny Year A Readings (P) / Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, March 15

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

Tuesday, March 16

- 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 17 (Saint Patrick's Day)

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

Thursday – March 18

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass & Rosary in the church (Parish Hall).
- 6 p.m. Scripture Study with Father Jim at IC

Friday, March 19 *A Day of Abstinence from meat*

- 8 a.m. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph: Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Mid-Month Adoration in the IC Chapel.
- 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception.

Saturday, March 20

- 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Sunday, March 21 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 9 a.m. Sunday Mass at I.C. in English
- 10:30 a.m. Spring Break – No Religious Education classes
- 11 a.m. Sunday Spanish Mass at IC.
- 12:15 p.m. Spring Break – No 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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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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