

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 18, 2020

### Gifts for God – October 11

#### Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 1,318.00

Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

#### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 816.00

Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

#### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 355.00

Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



### Stewardship Reflections

*“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”*

*- Matthew 22:21*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.



#### Mass Intentions:

#### Immaculate Conception

**October 24 – 5 p.m.**

*For the spiritual benefit of the People of God of Poteau, Spiro & Stigler.*

**October 25 – 9 a.m**

*For the spiritual benefit of Naomi Jones, on her birthday, by Kim Jones.*



## Voting Part 2: The Alligator in the Room

By David Jones

Catholics are no longer a monolithic voting bloc. Once this was true but we no longer adhere to the hierarchy of God, Family and Country. In politics, we are as secular as our neighbors. It’s not only a Catholic problem but one afflicting the whole country. *E Pluribus, Unum* – from many, one – has given way to its opposite *Ex Se, Plurimos*, or perhaps better expressed, “Forget everyone else! I want mine!”

Yet there are issues that are non-negotiable for faithful Catholics. Deal breakers. Church teaching does not allow for compromise. And yes, we are talking abortion. If a candidate or his/her platform promotes “greater access” to abortion services, then a faithful Catholic cannot vote for them. Period. It’s called *material participation* in a forbidden act which leads to mortal sin. No matter if a candidate is better on other, less volatile issues, a faithful Catholic cannot support them.

This is **THE** tough issue in our nation. Nearly fifty years since Roe versus Wade opened wide the door to killing the unborn – at least 65 million lives lost – there are still those who deny the scientific fact that all human life begins at conception. (How else?) God said, “Thou shall not kill.” Some translations say “murder.” Abortion is both.

It’s also big money. Planned Parenthood is the biggest abortion provider and political advocate. It receives of hundreds of millions of dollar from big corporations and monied people. Planned Parenthood craves direct taxpayer funding, but receives only indirect funding. Planned Parenthood officials and clinic directors do not run for office, but its money is spread liberally among Pro-Choice candidates. (The choice must only be abortion, of course.)

No one likes to talk about abortion. I don’t even like writing about it. It’s distasteful, it’s a disgrace and if you believe in Divine Justice our nation will pay a heavy price for allowing this to go on for so long. It’s a topic that gets people angry, partly because we don’t want to be judgmental but also because we have become comfortable with its existence. We want to ride the fence so that we don’t offend people.

True, we are not to judge. That is God’s province. We know that He is merciful for those who sincerely seek His forgiveness. What is also true is that we are supposed to be Christ’s witnesses in this life. When we are cowardly or, worse, lukewarm, [we disgust our Savior](#), who says: “I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.” (Rev. 3:15-16)

Lukewarm Christians make Jesus vomit. That can’t be good.

Some people don’t seem to care where they will lend up in Eternity. Don’t be one of them.

*(Next Week: Issues where we can disagree & still be friends)*

## 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: Josefina Estrada, Stan Floyd, Beverly Mazikowski, Johnny McMahan & Josephine McMahan, Brandy Beane, John Worton, Robert Green, Harold High, Chet & Paula Gorgas, Bill Burwell, Donald Hargrove, Dorothea Willis, Patricia Shirey, 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

**19 Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs (R)** / Ephesians 2:1-10 / Psalm 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5 / Luke 12:13-21

**20** Tuesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ephesians 2:12-22 / Psalm 85:9AB-10, 11-12, 13-14 / Luke 12:35-38

**21** Wednesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ephesians 3:2-12 / (Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 / Luke 12:39-48

**22** Thursday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ephesians 3:14-21 / Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 / Luke 12:49-53

**23** Friday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ephesians 4:1-6 / Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Luke 12:54-59

**24** Saturday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ephesians 4:7-16 / Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 / Luke 13:1-9

**25 The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)** / Exodus 22:20-26 / Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 / Thessalonians 1:5C-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

## Our Catholic Community Calendar

### Monday, October 19

– Nothing scheduled.

### Tuesday, October 20

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass resumes in the I.C. Chapel.
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.

### Wednesday, October 21

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.

### Thursday – October 22

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 6 p.m. Father Jim's Scripture Study in the Parish Hall.

### Friday, October 23

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel

### Saturday, October 24

- 3:30 to 4:30. Confession is available
- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at I.C.

### Sunday, Oct. 25 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9 a.m. Sunday Mass at I.C. in English
- 10:30 to Noon – Religious Education classes.
- 11 a.m. Sunday Mass at I.C. in Spanish
- 12:15 to 2 p.m. – Confirmation classes at IC.
- 1 p.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro
- 5 p.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

*All Sunday Masses at I.C. are livestreamed via Fr. Jim's Facebook page  
On most weekdays the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be at 3 p.m.*

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## **RE Class Schedule for October-November**

*Class times 10:30-12 Noon for First through Eighth Grades*

October 18 – No Class

October 25 – Class

November 1 – Class.

November 8 – Class.

November 15 – Class.

November 22 – No Classes (Thanksgiving Week)

November 29 – Classes resume.

(If you want a printed schedule for the year, see David.)