

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25, 2020

### Gifts for God – October 18

#### Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 1,495.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

#### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 687.00  
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

#### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 760.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00  
Building Fund: 50.00



### Stewardship Reflections

*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37*

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in all things in your life.



### Mass Intentions: Immaculate Conception

**October 31 – 5 p.m.**

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

**November 1 – 9 a.m.**

*For the repose of the souls of Fred & Pauline Shupert, by Kim Jones.*



### **Campaign for Thanksgiving-Christmas**

The holidays (and holy days) will arrive quickly. This year our Catholic community – in conjunction with our Catholic Charities Helping Center – will again provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Our goal for both holidays is 25 turkeys and 25 hams. These can be brought to church or to the office. Any size, big or small, is welcome. If you would rather donate money to buy the meat, that’s great. Use an envelope, write “Turkey & Ham” on it, and put it in the collection. Father Jim would like to have both holidays covered by November 15.

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### **RCIA classes growing, room for more**

The Spanish-language RCIA has grown to six students. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The English-language RCIA is at 3 students. Classes are Saturdays at 11:15.

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### **VOTE 3: State Question demands hard answers**

By David Jones

There are two state questions on the Nov. 3 Oklahoma ballot. One, 805, deals with reducing prison sentences for persons convicted of “non-violent” felony crimes by treating each charge as if it were the first, even if it is just the latest in a string of criminal acts. Proponents claim it will reduce the state’s prison population and save up to \$200 million in expenses. The money could be spent on rehabilitation, their ads claim.

But those who oppose the measure question the math, both on savings and prisoner reductions, pointing out that there is no guarantee any savings will be spent on rehabbing prisoners. Worse, 805 would take sentencing flexibility away from the courts, judges and juries alike, and, because it would amend the state constitution, if things don’t turn out so well it will be very difficult to fix the damage 805 might cause. (And there are always unintended consequences.)

You are free to disagree, but in my view, state questions are akin to using a grenade to kill a skunk, bypassing the normal legislative processes where things can be tried, modified or repealed more easily if things don’t work out.

Also, we don’t know exactly who is behind SQ 805. Research turned up little but they have plenty of money for mail flyers which are heavy on emotion and sunshine predictions, a bit light on actual facts.

*(Next Week: Another State Question and some general points to consider)*

## 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, Roger O'Hara, 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

**26** Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / Ephesians 4:32 – 5:8 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Luke 13:10-17

**27** Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / Ephesians 5:21-33 / Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Luke 13:18-21

**28 Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles (R)** / Ephesians 2:19-22 / Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 / Luke 6:12-16

**29** Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / Ephesians 6:10-20 / Psalm 144:1B, 2, 9-10 / Luke 13:31-35

**30** Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / Philippians 1:1-11 / Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 14:1-6

**31** Saturday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / Philippians 1:18B-26 / Psalm 42:2, 3, 5CDEF / Luke 14:1, 7-11

**1 The Solemnity of All Saints (W)** / Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 / Psalm 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 / 1 John 3:1-3 / Matthew 5:1-12A

## Our Catholic Community Calendar

### Monday, October 26

– Nothing scheduled.

### Tuesday, October 27

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

– 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.

– 7 p.m. Spanish RCIA, Parish Hall.

### Wednesday, October 28

– 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 29

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

– 6 p.m. Father Jim's Scripture Study in the Parish Hall.

### Friday, October 30

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

### Saturday, October 31

– 11:15 a.m. English RCIA, Parish Hall.

– 3:30 to 4:30. Confession is available

– 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at I.C. (All Saints)

### Sunday, November 1 – The SOLEMNITY of ALL SAINTS

– 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 November**

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

November 1 – Class.

November 8 – Class.

November 15 – Class.

November 22 – No Classes (Thanksgiving Week)

November 29 – Classes resume.

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