

Christ, the King of the Universe - November 22, 2020

Gifts for God – November 15

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,371.10
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 415.00
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 235.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00

BUILDING FUND

Immaculate Conception \$ 3,390.00



Stewardship Reflections

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

November 28 – 5 p.m.

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

November 29 – 9 a.m.

For the spiritual benefit of the Wemmerus family, by Edward Wemmerus.

For the spiritual benefit of the Morrow family, by Marinelle Morrow.

A Question for IC Parish Members

Have you taken a good look recently at the condition of the carpet and pews at Immaculate Conception? The ravages of time have caught up with both. There are frequent reports of structural problems with pews. We've tried various repairs in recent years but the pews are slowly collapsing. The carpet is sun-bleached and worn – even professional cleaning cannot restore its former good looks.

In the past eight years the church has seen a renovation of its pine walls, a new stained-glass front entrance, doors and tile, and the addition of modern restroom facilities.

Left untouched were carpets, pews, and the sanctuary.

Under consideration is a renovation project that would correct that. If the decision is to proceed, it would require the financial participation of the people.

Father Jim is asking for your discernment of the condition of our church, and your prayers that God's will be made known in this matter. Feel free to give him feedback.

Christmas Angel Tree Gift Drive

Next Sunday (Nov. 29) the Angel Tree will appear in the vestibule of Immaculate Conception. If you select an Angel, please make sure your name is registered. You will have two weeks to return the gifts to the Parish Office (Dec. 13).

Thanksgiving-Christmas food drive

We closed out the Thanksgiving portion with 41 turkeys! In hand for Christmas are 21 hams. Many thanks! The Christmas goal is well within reach.

Major Upcoming Parish Events

THANKSGIVING: A special Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning for those who wish to make their holiday extra special. (The parish office will be closed on Friday, Nov. 27).

ADVENT: November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent, as we begin our expectant preparation for the coming of the Christ Child.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is every Dec. 8. Vigil Masses will be held at Saint Joseph parish at 5 p.m. and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7. Three Masses will be held at Immaculate Conception on Tuesday: 8 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no celebratory dinners.

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, Katie Malone, John Harris, Stan Floyd, Roger O'Hara, Beverly Mazikowski, Johnny & Josephine McMahan, Brandy Beane, John Worton, Robert Green, 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

23 Monday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5 / Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Luke 21:1-4

24 Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (R) / Revelation 14:14-19 / Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13 / Luke 21:5-11

25 Wednesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / Revelation 15:1-4 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9 / Luke 21:12-19

26 Thursday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A / Psalm 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5 / Luke 21:20-28

27 Friday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / Revelation 20:1-4, 11 – 21:2 / Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6A and 8A / Luke 21:29-33

28 Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / Revelation 22:1-7 / Psalm 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7AB / Luke 21:34-36

29 The First Sunday of Advent (P) / Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 / Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 / Mark 13:33-37

Christmas Poinsettias donations coming in

Donations for Christmas poinsettias are coming in at all three parishes. Suggested gift: \$20, but any amount is helpful.

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Financial Freedom class offered online

A virtual "Financial Freedom" class on stewardship will be offered online by Andrea Gutierrez in both English and Spanish. (Last year, pre-Covid, she taught classes here in person.) If interested, please call Nora at 210.714.1334.

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Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, November 23

– Nothing scheduled.

Tuesday, November 24

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

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

– No Spanish RCIA, Parish Hall.

Wednesday, November 25

– **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 – November 26

– **10 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass at Immaculate Conception.**

– No Scripture Study.

Friday, November 27

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

Saturday, November 28

– 9 to 11 a.m. – Father Jim hears confessions.

– 11:15 a.m. English RCIA today.

– 3:30 to 4:30. Father Jim hears confessions.

– **5 p.m. Vigil Mass at I.C.**

Sunday, November 29 – The First Sunday of Advent

– **9 a.m. Sunday Mass at I.C. in English**

– 10:30 to Noon – Religious Education classes resume.

– **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.**