

The Second Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2020

Gifts for God – November 29

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 4,296.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 483.00
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 286.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00

Christmas Flower Fund

All Parishes: \$ 425.00

Need \$225 more.



Stewardship Reflections

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

December 12 – 5 p.m.

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

December 12 – 9 a.m.

For the spiritual & physical benefit of Laura Jones, on her birthday; by Kimberly Jones.



Pledge drive begins for IC renovation

“Let us renew the House of the Lord.” This is the theme for the Immaculate Conception renovation project. The pledge drive begins this week. Improvements will include replacing the worn carpeting with engineered wood floors, new pews, a permanent and less obtrusive video system for live-streaming liturgical events and Mass. The overall effect will be to greatly improve the look of the church and for the changes to be long-lasting.

The entire cost of the project is estimated at \$70,000, slightly more than the restroom addition two years ago. The pledge drive itself will need to raise at least \$20,000 – obviously more would be better – over the next 24 months.

Suggested pledge options are \$15, \$25 and \$50 per month. If every registered family pledged, the success of the campaign will be certain. If friends or relatives of our parish family would like to contribute, it would be a great blessing.

“Immaculate Conception is a beautiful church with a heritage of great faith,” said Father Jim. “But it is showing the effects of many years of use. It is appropriate that in this time of Advent, we prepare a special gift to Christ, giving thanks to God for what He has given us, by enabling a renewal of our worship space for decades to come.”

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Angels & Gifts due no later than Dec. 13

Unwrapped gifts and the Angels are due on or before Sunday, Dec. 13. Thank you for your giving spirit.

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Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception!

We honor Mary, conceived without sin, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, December 8. This is a normally a Holy Day of Obligation for all American Catholics.

Vigil Masses will be offered at Saint Joseph and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively, on Monday. At IC, the Masses will be offered at 8 a.m., 12 Noon, and 6 p.m., all in the church.

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A Special Night of Reconciliation

Father Jim will offer the Sacrament of Confession from 6:15 to 7:15 on Thursday, Dec. 10. There will be no scripture study that evening.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Saturday at 6 p.m.!

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, Liz Lopez, 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

7 Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor (W) / Isaiah 35:1-10 / Psalm 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14 / Luke 5:17-26

8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (W) / Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

9 Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 40:25-31 / Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 / Matthew 11:28-30

10 Thursday of the Second Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 41:13-20 / Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13AB / Matthew 11:11-15

11 Friday of the Second Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 48:17-19 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Matthew 11:16-19

12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (W) / Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / (Psalm) Judith 13:18BCDE, 19 / Luke 1:26-38

13 The Third Sunday of Advent (P) / Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11 / (Psalm) Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8, 19-28

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, classes were in person.) Please call Nora at 210.714.1334.

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Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, December 7

- 5 p.m. Saint Joseph: Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
- 7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass.

Tuesday, December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

- **Mass will be offered in the Church at 8, 12 Noon and 6 p.m.**
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.
- No Spanish RCIA.

Wednesday, December 9

- **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 – December 10

- **8 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.**
- 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Advent Reconciliation (Confessions).

Friday, December 11

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

Saturday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Father Jim hears confessions.
- 11:15 a.m. English RCIA meets.
- 3:30 to 4:30. Father Jim hears confessions.
- **6 p.m. The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass with Bishop David Konderla and Father Jim.**

Sunday, December 13 – The Third Sunday of Advent

- 9 a.m. **Sunday Mass at I.C. in English**
- 10:30 to Noon – Religious Education classes continue.
- 11 a.m. **No Spanish Mass today.**
- 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.**

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