

The Third Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2020

Gifts for God – December 6

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 1,341.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 185.00
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 480.00
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00

Building Fund

Immaculate Conception \$ 180.00
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 125.00
Saint Joseph 75.00

Christmas Flower Fund

All Parishes: \$ 527.00



Stewardship Reflections

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

December 19 & 20

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

Christmas-New Year’s Mass Schedules

CHRISTMAS EVE

5 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Stigler.

7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro.

10 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish at Immaculate Conception.

Midnight Mass – in English at Immaculate Conception.

(At the Midnight Mass a special program of Christmas music will begin at 11:30. There will be music during the Mass as well.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 a.m. Christmas Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

12 Noon. Christmas Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

NEW YEAR’S EVE (Thursday, Dec. 31)

5 p.m. Vigil Mass at the Solemnity of the Mother of God, at Immaculate Conception Church, Poteau.

NEW YEAR’S DAY – Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

(Friday, January 1, 2021)

9 a.m. English Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

11 a.m. Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception

1 p.m. Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

5 p.m. Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Stigler.

The weekend Masses after Christmas & New Year’s are on regular schedule.

Great first weekend for pledge drive

The pledge drive for “Let Us Renew the House of the Lord” had a good first week. There were enough responses to hit roughly 25 percent of the \$20,000 minimum pledge goal. The plan is to begin pledge payments in January for a period of 24-months. If you misplaced your card, there are copies at the entrance to the church.

If every registered family joins the campaign with a pledge, we will easily achieve the goal, and there will be new flooring and new pews, as well as other improvements to the sanctuary – all designed to last decades.

Suggested pledges are \$15, 25 and \$50 per month, but you can choose any amount that fits your budget. If you have questions, please talk with Father Jim or David.

Help needed to move Christmas decorations

Needed next Sunday, December 20: A few good men and women willing to carefully help move Christmas decorations into the church following the 11 a.m. Spanish Mass. The actual decoration will be done on Monday. If you can help, let Father Jim or David know. Older teens and adults only, please.

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: Edith & Lazarus Girton, George Mansour, 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

14 Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor (W) / Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17A / Psalm 25:4-5AB, 6 and 7BC, 8-9 / Matthew 21:23-27

15 Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent (P) / Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 / Matthew 21:28-32

16 Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent (P) / Isaiah 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25 / Psalm 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14 / Luke 7:18B-23

17 Thursday of the Third Week of Ordinary Time (P) / Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17 / Matthew 1:1-17

18 Friday of the Third Week of Advent (P) / Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-9 / Matthew 1:18-25

19 Saturday of the Third Week of Advent (P) / Judges 13:2-7, 24-25A / Psalm 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17 / Luke 1:5-25

20 The Fourth Sunday of Advent (P) / 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 / Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 / Romans 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38

Angel Tree Gift Presentation Thursday

The Presentation of the Angel Tree Gifts will take place this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Father Jim will bless the gifts, and they will be distributed to the families of the young boys and girls who are being helped. To keep everyone safe, this event is only for the families and their children, and masks will be required.

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Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, December 14

– No events scheduled today.

Tuesday, December 15

– 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 Class

Wednesday, December 16

– 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 17

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.

– 6 p.m. Angel Gift Presentation Party

Friday, December 18

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

Saturday, December 19

– 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.

– 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Sunday, December 20 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

– NO Religious Education classes. Christmas Break.

– 11 a.m. Sunday Spanish Mass at IC.

– NO Confirmation Classes. Christmas Break.

– 1 p.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

– 5 p.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

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