

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2020

## Gifts for God – December 13

### Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,698.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 55.00  
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 185.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00

### Christmas Flower Fund

All Parishes: \$ 572.00



## Stewardship Reflections

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



### Mass Intentions:

### Immaculate Conception

#### **December 26**

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

#### **December 27 – 9 a.m**

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



## Christmas-New Year's Mass Schedules

### CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday

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 - Friday

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.

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

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## Help your parish and serve Christ

### *Pledge Drive surpasses the halfway mark*

This week, an Immaculate Conception parishioner, kept from attending Mass because of the coronavirus, made a pledge to the campaign. He said:

*"One consolation of being home-bound is watching Mass on EWTN. Their chapel is so beautiful and I have often thought, 'Oh, how I wish I could help our church look better.' Now, with this pledge drive, God has given me that opportunity."*

With a pledge of any amount, you can help Renew the House of the Lord. God willing, vaccines and herd immunity will end the threat of Covid-19 soon, and we can return to regular worship. Suggested pledges are \$15, 25 and \$50 per month, but you can choose an amount that fits your budget. This week we achieved \$11,332 in pledges and gifts, with a goal of at least \$20,000.

Please prayerfully consider a Christmas gift that will make a difference for decades to come as we replace our flooring and pews and redo the sanctuary. If you have questions, please talk with Father Jim or David.

## 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

**21** Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent (**P**) / Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Psalm 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21 / Luke 1:39-45

**22** Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent (**P**) / 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / (Psalm) 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD / Luke 1:46-56

**23** Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent (**P**) / Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24 / Psalm 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 and 14 / Luke 1:57-66

**24** Thursday of the Fourth Week of Ordinary Time (**P**) / 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 143A, 16 / Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 / Luke 1: 67-79

**25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (W)** / Isaiah 52:7-10 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 / Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18

**26 Feast of Saint Stephen, Martyr (R)** / Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Psalm 31:3CD-4, 6 and 8AB, 16BC and 17 / Matthew 10:17-22

**27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (W)** / Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 / Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / Colossians 3:12-21 or Colossians 3:12-17 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 / Luke 2:22-40

## Our Catholic Community Calendar

### Monday, December 21

– 10 a.m. Church decorating committee at IC.

### Tuesday, December 22

– 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. No Spanish RCIA Class until after the New Year.

### Wednesday, December 23

– 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 24

– No Daily Mass today.

– 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. Spanish Vigil Mass at Immaculate Conception.

– 12 Midnight Mass (English) at Immaculate Conception.

### Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

– 10 a.m. **Christmas Day Mass at Immaculate Conception**

– 12 Noon **Christmas Day Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.**

### Saturday, December 26

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

– No English RCIA until after the New Year.

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

– 5 p.m. **Vigil Mass for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.**

### Sunday, December 27 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

– 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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**NOTE: This is the final parish bulletin for 2020.**

**The next bulletin will be published on January 10, 2021.**