

Sixth Week in Ordinary Time – Sunday, February 16, 2020

Gifts for God – February 9, 2019

Regular Tithes

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 1,821.27*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	375.00
Saint Joseph -	720.00

* Includes all Masses.



Stewardship Reflections

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

February 22 – For the people of God of Poteau, Spiro & Stigler parishes.

February 23 – For the spiritual benefit of the Marinelle Morrow family.



How do I schedule a Mass Intention?

Please see David Jones, or Father Jim. Please write the name, and whether it is in memory (for the repose of the soul) or for their spiritual benefit.



Ministry to the Sick & Elderly

If someone in your family is in the hospital, nursing facility or homebound, please call Father Jim to arrange for a pastoral visit or the delivery of Holy Communion.

Faith & Works 2020 calls for us to help our bishop

The 2020 Faith & Works Campaign for the Diocese of Tulsa has begun. Bishop David Konderla asks us to prayerfully consider a monthly pledge, or at least a sacrificial one-time gift, in order to fund the diocesan church in eastern Oklahoma in five important ways.

Adult Faith Formation & Parish Support - \$837,000 or 38 percent.

Community & Safety - \$416,000, or 19 percent.

Children, Youth & Young Adult Ministries - \$371,000 or 17 percent.

Clergy & Vocations Support - \$325,000 or 15 percent.

Family & Pro-Life Ministries - \$251,000 or 11 percent.

Here are the goals for each parish: **Immaculate Conception**, \$4,420; **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, \$1,281; and **St. Joseph**, \$1,164. Fifty percent in excess of goal will be given back to each parish. Pledge envelopes will be in the pews for the next two Sundays.

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Information gathering continues

Most of our parishioners have reported up-to-date information on addresses, telephone numbers and household sizes. If you have yet to report yours, please do so as quickly as possible.

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Catholic Community Calendar

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

– NO DAILY MASS

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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

– NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, February 20, 2020

– NO DAILY MASS

– No Scripture Study at I.C.

Friday, February 21, 2020

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass at I.C.

Saturday, February 22, 2020

– 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions at I.C.

– 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday, Immaculate Conception, Poteau.

Sunday, February 23, 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 9 a.m. Holy Mass at Immaculate Conception parish, Poteau.

– 10:30 a.m. – Religious Education in session at I.C.

– 11:45 a.m. – Confirmation classes in session at I.C.

– 12 Noon. Holy Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Spiro.

– 1 p.m. – Monthly potluck dinner at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

– 5 p.m. Holy Mass at Saint Joseph Parish, Stigler.

– 6 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner at Saint Joseph.

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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: Brandy Beane, John Worton, Robert Green, Harold High, Chet & Paula Gorgas, Bill Burwell, Donald Hargrove, Dorothea Willis, Patricia Shirey, Barbara Morris, Marianne Young, Leonard Adkins, 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

17 Monday of the Sixth Week of Ordinary Time (**G**) / James 1:1-11 / Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 / Mark 8:11-13

18 Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / James 1:12-18 / Psalm 94:12-13A, 14-15, 18-19 / Mark 8:14-21

19 Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / James 1:19-27 / Psalm 15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5 / Mark 8:22-26

20 Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / James 2:1-9 / Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Mark 8:27-33

21 Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / James 2:14-24, 26 / Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Mark 8:34 – 9:1

22 **Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter (W)** / 1 Peter 5:1-4 / Psalm 23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6 / Matthew 16:13-19

23 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)** / Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48

Season of Lent only ten days away

Are you ready to have a great Lent?

It begins February 26 – Ash Wednesday – with services at 12 Noon at 6 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, and 7:30 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. At Immaculate Conception, on Lenten Fridays, there will be Stations of the Cross immediately following a 6 p.m. Mass, and that followed by a special meal in the Parish Hall.

There will also be Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. for Saint Joseph, and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

As the Forty Days is a time for penitence and reconciliation, confessional opportunities are greatly expanded. The first is at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, at Immaculate Conception. Father Jim will also offer confessions at 9 to 11 a.m. each Saturday at I.C.

There will be more announcements in Father's Notes, the Bulletin and at Mass.

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Chalice use suspended in proactive health move

With the flu season rampant and concern growing over the spread of the Wuhan Coronavirus (Covid-19), Father Jim has elected to suspend the use of the common communion cup for the near future. Please understand that in receiving the consecrated host, you are receiving the fullness of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.

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Got your Immaculate Conception pen?

Everybody needs a good pen for those really important documents. We're selling an embossed Immaculate Conception pen for \$5 to help replenish the building fund. See David Jones or drop by the gift shop on Sunday morning after Mass.

Lay Ministry Assignments for Sunday, February 23, 2020

Rosary – Kim Jones

Lector – Reyna Burgos

Announcements – Kim Jones

Altar Servers – Brittney Gavina & Christian Gavina

Ushers – Juan Mendoza, Kevin Gavina, Margarita Gonzalez & Daniel Kasper.

Lay Ministers of Holy Communion – Maricela Morales.

Hospitality – Ashby Avila & Daniella Campos & Team