

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - Sunday, February 23, 2020

Gifts for God – February 16, 2019

Regular Tithes

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 1,603.39*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	303.33
Saint Joseph -	441.00

* Includes all Masses.

Faith & Works

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 76.00*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	18.00
Saint Joseph -	25.00

* Includes all Masses.



Stewardship Reflections

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” (Matthew 5:44)

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy.” When we pray for others, even “our enemies,” maybe it softens their hearts as well.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

February 29 – For the people of God of Poteau, Spiro & Stigler parishes.

March 1 – For the people of God of Poteau, Spiro & Stigler parishes.



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 goal: The solution is teamwork

The annual Faith & Works campaign for the Diocese of Tulsa-Eastern Oklahoma is underway. Each parish in our community is called to help Bishop David Konderla support the work of the diocese and the many services it provides.

One-time donations are welcome, but in order to meet the goals set for each parish, monthly commitments are needed. For instance, the goal for Immaculate Conception (Poteau) is \$4,420. There are roughly 80 households, which would be \$55.25 apiece in one-time gifts. But if “only” half of the households could commit to a monthly gift of \$10 – a little more than one fast-food meal – we would reach \$4,800, well in excess of the goal.

The question, then, is one of a decision of the heart.

If you have not already received a pledge request by mail, there will be envelopes in the pews today and next week. Remember, half of every dollar over the goal comes back to our local parishes.

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Catholic Community Calendar

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

- Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020

- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.
- 12 Noon. Daily Mass & Ashes in the IC Church
- 6 p.m. Mass & Ashes in the IC Church
- 7:30 p.m. Mass & Ashes at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 6 p.m. Scripture Study, Book of Revelation, IC Parish Hall

Friday, February 28, 2020

- 6 p.m. Daily Mass, Immaculate Conception Church
- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Immaculate Conception
- 7:30 p.m. Lenten Meal – Fish Fry.

Saturday, February 29, 2020

- 9 to 11 a.m. Confessions at I.C.
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions at I.C.
- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday, Immaculate Conception, Poteau.

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – First Sunday of Lent

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

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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: Beverly Mazikowski, 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

24 Monday of the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time (**G**) / James 3:13-18 / Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / Mark 9:14-29

25 Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (**G**) / James 4:1-10 / Psalm 55:7-8, 9-10A, 10B-11A, 23 / Mark 9:30-33

26 ASH WEDNESDAY (P) / Joel 2:12-18 / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 and 19 / 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

27 Thursday after Ash Wednesday (**P**) / Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Luke 9:22-25

28 Friday after Ash Wednesday (**P**) / Isaiah 58:1-9A / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 18-19 / Matthew 9:14-15

29 Saturday after Ash Wednesday (**P**) / Isaiah 58:9B-14 / Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 5:27-32

30 First Sunday of Lent (P) / Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 / Romans 5:11-19 / Matthew 4:1-11

Reconciliation Times Expanded

During Lent, Fr. Jim will offer confession from 9-11 each Saturday.

Objetivo de Faith & Works:

la solución es el trabajo en equipo

La campaña anual Faith & Works para la Diócesis de Tulsa-Eastern Oklahoma está en marcha. Cada parroquia en nuestra comunidad está llamada a ayudar al Obispo David Konderla a apoyar el trabajo de la diócesis y los muchos servicios que brinda.

Las donaciones únicas son bienvenidas, pero para cumplir con los objetivos establecidos para cada parroquia, se necesitan compromisos mensuales. Por ejemplo, la meta para la Inmaculada Concepción (Poteau) es \$ 4,420. Hay aproximadamente 80 invitados, que serían \$ 55.25 cada uno en obsequios únicos. Pero si la mitad de los hogares pudiera comprometerse con una donación mensual de \$ 10 – un poco más de una comida de comida rápida – alcanzaríamos \$ 4,800, más del objetivo.

La pregunta, entonces, es una decisión del corazón.

Si aún no ha recibido una solicitud de compromiso por correo, habrá sobres en los bancos hoy y la próxima semana. Recuerde, la mitad de cada dólar por encima de nuestra meta regresa a nuestras parroquias locales.

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This Friday at IC: Fish Fry in parish hall at 7:30

The first Lenten meal of 2020, following Mass and Stations at Immaculate Conception, will feature fried fish, French fries, hush puppies and cole slaw, plus your choice of water, tea or coffee. A love offering of \$5 per meal is suggested, proceeds to go to Building Fund.

Come, eat well and socialize.

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Got your Immaculate Conception pen?

Everybody needs a good pen. 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.

Lay Ministry Assignments for Sunday, March 1, 2020

Rosary – Maranda Narvaez

Lector – Paulette Chrzaszcz

Announcements – Reyna Burgos

Altar Servers – Jordan Bautista & Deysi Campos

Ushers – Layton LeBlanc, Delores LeBlanc, Luis Gonzalez & Eunice Quiroz.

Lay Ministers of Holy Communion – Maria Gavina

Hospitality – Ramona Hargrove / Maranda Narvaez