

Third Sunday of Lent – Sunday, March 15, 2020

Gifts for God – March 8, 2019

Regular Tithes

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| Immaculate Conception - | \$ 1,690.00* |
| St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - | 1,257.00 |
| Saint Joseph - | 235.00 |

* Includes all Masses.

Faith & Works 2020 (Ongoing)

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| Immaculate Conception - | \$ 3,180.00 |
| St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - | 250.00 |
| Saint Joseph - | 125.00 |



Stewardship Reflections

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” (John 4:13)

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

March 21 – For the people of God of Poteau, Spiro & Stigler parishes.

March 22 – For the spiritual benefit of Kenna Jones & Irina Jones, on their birthdays, by Kim & David Jones.



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.



Sacrament of Baptism

Unless there is a medical emergency, no baptisms are conducted during the Season of Lent. However, one may schedule a Baptism for “after Easter” at this time. Parents seeking baptism for a should contact Father Jim at the parish office well in advance of the event.

Religious Education to host next Lenten meal

This coming Friday night the Religious Education department of Immaculate Conception will provide a Lenten meal of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches for all who hunger after the 6 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross. Proceeds from the suggested \$5 per meal “love offering” go to the Parish Building Fund.

Ahead: Knights of Columbus serve the meal on March 27.

The Parish Staff serves another fish fry on April 3.

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Faith & Works Campaign getting close to goal

There were more contributions toward the Faith & Works campaign of the Diocese of Tulsa-Eastern Oklahoma this past week. Our unofficial total for Immaculate Conception parish is at \$3,835. We are \$585 short of our goal of \$4,420. Saint Joseph is \$964 short of its goal. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is \$1,016 short of its goal. All three parishes have made goal for the last four years. Your 10-month pledge or generous one-time gift can make a big difference. If you have not yet done so, please consider helping our bishop.

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Our Catholic Community Calendar

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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

Wednesday, March 18, February 26

- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.
- 12 Noon. Daily Mass
- 6 p.m. Stations/Soup Supper at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Thursday, March 19, 2020

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 6 p.m. No Scripture Study at IC.

Friday, March 20, 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** – Provided by Religious Ed Dept.

Saturday, March 21, 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 22, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

- 9 a.m. Holy Mass at Immaculate Conception parish, Poteau.
- 10:30 a.m. – RE Classes at Immaculate Conception.
- 11:45 a.m. – Confirmation Classes at Immaculate Conception.
- 12 Noon. Holy Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Spiro.
- 5 p.m. Holy Mass at Saint Joseph Parish, Stigler.

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: Stan Floyd, 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

16 Monday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / 2 Kings 5:1-15AB / Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 / Luke 4:24-30

17 Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Daniel 3:25, 34-43 / Psalm 25:4-5AB, 6 and 7BC, 8-9 / Matthew 18:21-35

18 Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 / Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Matthew 5:17-19

19 Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (W) / 2 Samuel 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16 / Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 / Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24A or Luke 2:41-51A

20 Friday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Hosea 14:2-10 / Psalm 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 and 17 / Mark 12:28-34

21 Saturday of the Third Week of Lent (**P**) / Hosea 6:1-6 / Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB / Luke 18:9-14

22 Fourth Sunday of Lent (P) / 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A / Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41

Two important RE retreats scheduled for Lent

The students in the IC Sacramental Prep class taught by Kim Jones will hold a mini-retreat for their First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 28. Students should arrive before 9:30 a.m. and report to their classroom. After a short time of preparation, they will go to the church for the Sacrament of Penance with Father Jim. The retreat will end at 12 Noon.

On Saturday, April 4, all other religious education students will have a half-day Lenten retreat that will include the opportunity for reconciliation. Students should report to their classrooms by 9 a.m. The retreat will last until 12 Noon when students will be dismissed. There is no lunch.

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Próximamente: retiros de educación religiosa

Los estudiantes en la clase de preparación sacramental IC impartida por Kim Jones realizarán un mini retiro para su primera reconciliación el sábado 28 de marzo. Los estudiantes deben llegar antes de las 9:30 a.m. y presentarse en su salón de clases. Después de un breve tiempo de preparación, irán a la iglesia para el Sacramento de la Penitencia con el Padre Jim. El retiro finalizará a las 12 del mediodía.

El sábado 4 de abril, todos los demás estudiantes de educación religiosa tendrán un retiro de Cuaresma de medio día que incluirá la oportunidad de reconciliación. Los estudiantes deben presentarse en sus salones de clase antes de las 9 a.m. El retiro durará hasta las 12 del mediodía, cuando los estudiantes serán despedidos. No hay almuerzo.

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IC Sunday hospitality on hold until after Easter

There will be no Sunday hospitality in the Parish Hall until after Easter – and even that is tentative upon review of what happens with the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Father Jim says the decision has been made in accordance with new guidelines that discourage gatherings of large groups, especially in tight quarters.

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Lay Ministry Assignments for Sunday, March 22, 2020

Rosary – Genia Harber

Lector – Tom Firme

Announcements – Delores LeBlanc

Altar Servers – Monce Martinez & Lesley Correa

Ushers – Fidel Lanuza, Maricela Morales, Ron Chrzaszcz & Lorena Gonzalez

Lay Minister of Holy Communion – Daniel Kasper

Hospitality – No Hospitality until after Easter.