

Second Sunday of Lent – Sunday, March 8, 2020

Gifts for God – March 1, 2019

Regular Tithes

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 3,529.00*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	400.00
Saint Joseph -	235.00

* Includes all Masses.

Parish Building Fund

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 559.35*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	175.00
Saint Joseph -	122.00

* Includes all Masses.

Faith & Works 2020 +

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 2,830.00
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	250.00
Saint Joseph -	75.00

+ Running Total



Stewardship Reflections

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1)

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

March 14 – For the people of God of Poteau, Spiro & Stigler parishes.

March 15 – 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.



Misa mensual en español el próximo domingo

La misa mensual en español se llevará a cabo a las 2 p.m. próximo Domingo.

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Faith & Works Campaign within sight of goal

The annual Faith & Works Campaign (formerly called the DDF) continues. Overall numbers posted by the Diocese as of ten days ago for our parishes are shown in the box to the left, though we know actual contributions are higher.

For instance, we know that Immaculate Conception’s total to the Diocese is at least \$3,412, which leaves us a bit more than \$1,000 short of our goal of \$4,420. Your 10-month pledge or generous one-time gift can make a huge difference. If you have not yet done so, please consider helping our “Mother Church” in Oklahoma.

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Hispanic Society has this week’s Lenten meal

This Friday, following the 6 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross, the Lenten meal will be provided by the Hispanic Society of Immaculate Conception parish.

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Our Catholic Community Calendar

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

- Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.
- 6 p.m. Stations/Soup Supper at Saint Joseph, Stigler.

Wednesday, March 11, 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 12, 2020

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 6 p.m. Scripture Study with Father Jim, IC Parish Hall.

Friday, March 13, 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** – The Hispanic Society in charge.

Saturday, March 14, 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 15, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

- 9 a.m. Holy Mass at Immaculate Conception parish, Poteau.
- 10:30 a.m. – No Religious Education at IC today.
- 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

9 Monday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Daniel 9:4B-10 / Psalm 70:8, 9, 11 & 13 / Luke 6:36-38

10 Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 / Psalm 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 & 23 / Matthew 23:1-12

11 Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Psalm 31:5-6, 134, 15-16 / Matthew 20:17-28

12 Thursday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Luke 16:19-31

13 Friday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A / Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 / Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

14 Saturday of the Second Week of Lent (**P**) / Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 / Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-2 / Luke 18:1-3, 11-32

15 Third Sunday of Lent (P) / Exodus 17:3-7 / Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42

Reconciliation Times Expanded

During Lent, Fr. Jim offers confession from 9-11 each Saturday morning.

What we need to discover during Lent ...

... is what our fallen world needs more than anything else.

If you are into politics, you may say new leadership. If you are worried about Covid-19 or cancer, you may suggest more spending on medical research. Your answer may include closed (or open) borders, free college tuition, wholesome TV programming, less government, more government. And so on, and so on ...

We disagree on so much, but mostly we agree that our world needs fixing. Let me suggest that during Lent, no matter what age we happen to be, we can make a start by A) invoking the intercession of the saints and B) by striving to become saints. That is our mission in this life: to become saints. Through the communion of saints, we have recourse to our friends in Heaven who can help us.

Recently our Gospel reading from Matthew quoted Jesus: *"You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?"*

Human nature has not changed. Then as now tribalism was rampant. Jesus asks us to find our purpose in life – becoming saints – by changing our behavior. We can change the world around us by challenging the "dog-eat-dog" norms. Change the "Anti-social media" with compassion and civility, by refusing to respond to trolling and thoughtlessness.

Inspire your family members, your neighbors, your friends and fellow Christians by humbly providing an example of agape love – the selfless kind of love that Jesus (and the saints) demonstrate. It's not easy to do, and we will fail often, but what other task is worth our total commitment? Make your Lenten mission your life's mission. To become a saint.

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Lay Ministry Assignments for Sunday, March 15, 2020

Rosary – Maranda Narvaez

Lector – Eric Burwell

Announcements – Zac Patty

Altar Servers – Teresa Cazares & Rowan Patty.

Ushers – Layton LeBlanc, Delores LeBlanc, Ron Chrzaszcz & Daniel Kasper.

Lay Minister of Holy Communion – Billy Butts

Hospitality – No Hospitality.