

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25, 2021

## Gifts for God – April 18

### Immaculate Conception

General Collections - \$ 1,163.00

Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 186.50

Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 715.00

Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



## Stewardship Reflections

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16*

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.



## Mass Intentions:

### Immaculate Conception

#### **May 1**

*For the spiritual benefit of Msgr. Alvin Grous, by Carol McWilliams.  
For the people of God of Poteau, Spiro & Stigler parishes.*

#### **May 2**

*+ For the repose of the soul of Jane Manning Jones, anniversary of her death and her birthday. By David Jones.*

## Time to re-enlist IC usher corps

We begin a return to normalcy as the pandemic threat recedes and, at Immaculate Conception, we return to worship in our renovated church. Next Sunday, May 2, we will resume the offertory collection and presentation. You will still have the option of dropping your envelopes in the basket at the entrance of the church.

In the last year we used a bare minimum of ushers. It is time to increase the number. If you were an usher in the past or would like to volunteer for occasional scheduled duty, please contact David Jones. Ushers fill a very important service, assisting newcomers, the handicapped, late arrivals and providing a smiling welcome for everyone.

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## New parish office hours start May 4

Parish office hours are changing on May 4. The office will open at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

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## Hispanic Praise & Worship group

The Hispanic Praise & Worship group has resumed meeting on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 in the IC Chapel.

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## First Communion & Confirmation news

Parents of First Communion and Confirmation: ask your children to see the handouts they are given today about the upcoming sacramental rituals on May 16 (First Communion) and May 22 (Confirmation).

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## Mother's Day Second Collection

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9. A second collection taken to benefit two pro-life agencies: Birthright and Go Life. Birthright offers free services to pregnant women and their children and Go Life Mobile Medical provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling and referral services for other needs. Both rely on private donations, including ours. Our community has always been very generous at this collection. Please consider helping them.

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## Spring Cleaning at IC: Chairs, tables, pews!

It's time for spring cleaning. We have four comfortable chairs and two office chairs that are no longer needed. We also have the old pews and solid wood tables for sale. Come by and help us create some space. Check Father Jim's FaceBook listing for prices.

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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: Patty Karpika, Bryan Rangel, Maria Baeza, Regino Narvaez, Carlos Felipe, Agustina Ruiz, Anastacio Solis, Edith & Lazarus Girton, George Mansour, Josefina Estrada, Katie Malone, John Harris, Stan Floyd, Liz Lopez, Roger O'Hara, Johnny & Josephine McMahan, Brandy Beane, John Worton, Chet & Paula Gorgas, Bill Burwell, 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

**26** Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 11:1-18 / Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 / John 10:1-10

**27** Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 11:19-26 / Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 / John 10:22-30

**28** Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 12:24 - 13:5a / Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, and 8 / John 12:44-50

**29 Memorial of St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor (W)** / Acts 13:13-25 / Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 / John 13:16-20

**30** Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 13:26-33 / Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab / John 14:1-6

**1** Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter (W) / Acts 13:44-52 / Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / John 14:7-14

**2 Fifth Sunday of Easter / (W)** / Acts 9:26-31 / Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8

## Our Catholic Community Calendar

### Monday, April 26

– No events scheduled.

### Tuesday, April 27

– 8 a.m. **Daily Mass, Rosary in the Parish Hall.**

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

### Wednesday, April 28

– 8 a.m. **Daily Mass, Rosary in the Parish Hall.**

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

### Thursday – April 29

– 8 a.m. **Daily Mass, Rosary in the Parish Hall.**

– 6 p.m. Scripture Study at IC.

– 7 to 9 p.m. Hispanic Praise & Worship group. IC Chapel.

### Friday, April 30

– 8 a.m. **Daily Mass & Rosary in the IC Chapel**

### Saturday, May 1

– 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. IC – Confessions in the church.

– 3 to 4:30 p.m. Confessions in the church.

– 5 p.m. **Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Easter at IC.**

### Sunday, May 2 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

– 8:30 Confessions in the church at IC.

– 9 a.m. **English Mass at Immaculate Conception**

– 10:30 a.m. Religious Education classes at IC

– 11 a.m. **Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception.**

– 12:15 p.m. First Year Confirmation class.

– 1 p.m. **Sunday Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro**

– 5 p.m. **Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.**

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### **40-Year Virtual Birthday for Center of Family Love**

The Center of Family Love in Okarche, OK, a place that serves the physically and intellectually disabled, will hold its 40-year anniversary (birthday party) on June 19. This will be a virtual event (online). You are invited to sign up (free) for the virtual event at [www.centerforfamilylove.org](http://www.centerforfamilylove.org), or you can call 405.263.4658, ext. 1042.

Raffle tickets are available from the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$100 for a chance at \$10,000.