

Solemnity of the Assumption - August 15, 2021

Gifts for God – August 8, 2021

Immaculate Conception

General Collections - \$ 1,751.00

Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 952.00

Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 464.00

Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



Stewardship Reflections

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1: 46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

August 21

For the People of God of Saint Joseph, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception parishes.

August 22

+ For the repose of the soul of Aristeo Botello, father of Pilar Botello.

Learn ‘How to Pray the Mass Well’

Do you “pray” the Mass well? Is there room for improvement? Find out this Wednesday (Aug. 18) at 7 p.m. in the church as Father Sean walks through the importance of your experience of the liturgy. All parish members are welcome.

There will be a follow-up meeting a week later, Aug. 25, also at 7 p.m. for those answer the call to be sacristans.

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Religious Education registration

Signups for all religious education classes begins next Sunday, Aug. 22, after each Mass. We will continue registrations the following Sunday, Aug. 29. If your child is entering the system for the first time, we will need a copy of their birth certificate and their baptism certificate - unless they have not been baptized.

A Parent Meeting with Father Sean and David Jones will be held on Saturday, August 28, at 9 a.m. in the church. This is for all parents of Immaculate Conception. There are some changes this year that you need to know about, including some exciting opportunities for middle-school and high school youth.

General Information: First Communion class is a two-year process. A child needs to be at least in first grade to enroll. The first year is called *First Reconciliation* in which the students are taught a great deal of basics of their Catholic faith and prayer life. The second year is *First Communion* with more preparation.

There are classes for grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. They are an important part of the catechesis here as each year builds upon the knowledge learned and prepares our young people to hold fast to their faith.

Every year there are new students of varying ages who have not been baptized or received their first communion. We welcome these additions and are ready to accommodate their age-appropriate needs.

Eligibility for Confirmation: A student must be at least a freshman in school and willing to make a personal commitment to advancing their Catholic faith.

If you have questions, you may ask them at registration or hold them for the Parent Meeting on August 28.

All classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 19.

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Bonfire of religious objects needed: Want to help?

Even blessed religious objects can get old and tattered. The proper method of disposal is fire. Father Sean has several items that need to be burned, so he asks: “Are you planning on a bonfire, or do you want to have one?” If interested, contact him at the church. After the fire, he will “happily eat a s’more.”

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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: Ruben Sosa, Mattie Baker, Ana Bedia, Elda Lauryn, Colton Simpson, Shelby Burgos, Fortino Mar, Christine Tuthill, Itzel Gomez, Patty Karpika, Dennis Mazikowski, 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, Hermann Bohn, Brandy Beane, John Worton, Paula Gorgas, Bill Burwell, Dorothea Willis, Barbara Morris, Marianne Young, Nanette Johnson, Mary Smith, Susan King, Hilda Culver, Violet Ray, and all our hospitalized and shut-ins.

Daily Mass

Readings

16 Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Judges 2:11-19 / Psalm 106:34-35, 36-27, 39-40, 43ab and 44 / Matthew 19:16-22

17 Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Judges 6:11-24a / Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 / Matthew 19:23-30

18 Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Judges 9:6-15 / Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Matthew 20:1-16

19 Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Judges 11:29-39a / Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Matthew 18:21 – 19:1

20 Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor (W) / Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

21 Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope (W) / Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 / Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / Matthew 23:1-12

22 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 / Ephesians 5:21-32 / John 6:60-69

Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, August 16

– No events scheduled.

Tuesday, August 17

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

Wednesday, August 18

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

– 7 p.m. "How to Pray the Mass Well" - IC Church.

Thursday – August 19

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

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

Friday, August 20

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

Saturday, August 21

– 4:30 p.m. Confessions at IC.

– 5 p.m. **Vigil Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday, August 22 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 8:30 p.m. Confessions at IC.

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

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

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

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

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Calling adults to serve as Sacristans

Is there anyone interested in learning more about the behind-the-scenes of the liturgy and/or willing to help? Father Sean wants to re-establish the Altar Society in its original role to assist in presenting a beautiful and prayerful liturgy worthy of God. Please contact him.

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Confessions available at IC before each Sunday Mass

Confessions will be a half an hour before every Sunday Mass (including the Vigil on Saturday) and happily by appointment. Fr. Sean and the parish Spiro will have to discern something to regularly accommodate their schedule.

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