

# The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 22, 2021

## Gifts for God – August 15, 2021

### Immaculate Conception

General Collections - \$ 1,482.50

Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 254.00

Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 455.00

Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



## Stewardship Reflections

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!



## Mass Intentions:

### Immaculate Conception

#### **August 28**

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

#### **August 29**

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

*+ For the repose of the soul of Erminia Felipe.*

## Important meeting for parents Saturday

All parents of Immaculate Conception are encouraged to attend a special meeting on Saturday, 9 a.m. Aug. 28, at the church. There are a few changes to be announced, plus a couple of exciting opportunities for our young people to grow in their faith. Even if your child is not in an RE class, you will not want to miss this meeting.

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## Sacristan Training on Wednesday (Aug. 25)

Join Father Sean for a "how to" workshop in learning the ins-and-outs of being a sacristan, a person who prepares the altar and the sanctuary for the celebration of Mass. It will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the church. This ministry is important, but it isn't rocket science, so give it a try.

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## Religious Education registration

**Signups for all** religious education classes continue next Sunday, Aug. 29, after each Mass. 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.

Classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 19.

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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

**23** Monday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b / Matthew 23:13-22

**24 Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (R)** / Revelation 21:9b-14 / Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 / John 1:45-51

**25** Wednesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 / Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab / Matthew 23:27-32

**26** Thursday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 / Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 / Matthew 24:42-51

**27 Memorial of Saint Monica (W)** / 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 / Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 / Matthew 25:1-13

**28 Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (W)** / 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 / Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 / Matthew 25:14-30

**29 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)** / Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 / Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 / James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Our Catholic Community Calendar

### Monday, August 23

– No events scheduled.

### Tuesday, August 24

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

### Wednesday, August 25

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

– 7 p.m. "Sacristan Training Workshop" - IC Church.

### Thursday – August 26

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

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

### Friday, August 27

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

### Saturday, August 28

– 9 a.m. Immaculate Conception Parent Meeting, in the Church.

– 4:30 p.m. Confessions at IC.

– 5 p.m. **Vigil Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Sunday, August 29 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 8:30 p.m. Confessions at IC.

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

*There will be Religious Education Registration after Mass.*

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

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

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

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## Hospitality resumes after the 9 a.m. Mass

Seven "teams" signed up to offer a smile, a pastry and a cup of coffee after 9 o'clock Mass each Sunday. This is much appreciated. This added hospitality starts today and will continue most Sundays unless announced in advance.

If you would like to add your name to the list, please see Father Sean or David Jones.

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