

# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 23, 2020

## Gifts for God – August 16, 2020

### Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 1,729.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 222.00  
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 222.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



## Stewardship Reflections

*“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” (Romans 11:35)*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.



### Mass Intentions:

### Immaculate Conception

#### **August 29 – 5 p.m.**

*For the people of God of Saint Joseph, Immaculate Conception & Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes.*

#### **August 30 – 9 a.m**

*For the spiritual benefit of Bonnie Fullinwider; by David Jones.*

#### **August 30 – 11 a.m**

*For the repose of the soul of Gudelia Naranjo +, by Cecilia Lanuza.*



*Need to schedule a Mass intention?  
See David in the Parish Office.*

## Four due Confirmation at Mass on Saturday

Four students – Ashley Felipe, Luis Gonzalez, Edwin Matias and Brianna Medina – will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (the anointing of the Holy Spirit) next Saturday, August 29, at the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass. Father Jim is standing in, with permission, for Bishop Konderla.

What you need to know: The four confirmands, their sponsors and families will be given priority seating. There should still be enough room for regular Mass attendees without violating social distance guidelines. It may not be the case next week – Sept. 5 – when First Communion is held at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

There will be a 10 a.m. rehearsal plus reconciliation on Saturday as well.

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## First Communion – First Reconciliation

The big day is nearly here for two dozen of our young students on Saturday, Sept. 5: First Reconciliation and First Communion.

At 10 a.m., Father Jim will hear the first confessions of the thirteen students taught by Kathy Norwood and Dulce Ruiz, as well as six students in the Sacramental Prep class taught by Kim Jones. Following this, the five First Communion students taught by Reyna Burgos will go to confession and then rehearse for their reception of the Eucharist later that day.

A total of 11 students will receive First Communion at the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass. Priority seating will be arranged for their families. Others who normally attend this Mass may want to come to the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. Sunday Masses.

An official photographer will be on hand. The Mass will also be live-streamed and saved for later viewing. A short reception will be held after Mass in the Parish Hall for the students and their families.

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## Religious Education enrollment starts Sunday

Enrollment begins next Sunday, August 30, at 10:30 a.m. for the fall semester of Religious Education (CCD) at Immaculate Conception. It will take place in the Parish Hall. Classes start Sunday, Sept. 13.

### Who should enroll?

If your child is in first grade, sign them up for First Reconciliation, the first of a two-year process to their first communion. You should bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate and, if possible, a copy of their birth certificate.

Second-graders who have completed First Reconciliation are eligible for First Communion.

We strongly recommend that students in third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades continue to take classes to deepen their faith and their prayers.

## 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: Ignacio Gonzalez, Josefina Estrada, Stan Floyd, Beverly Mazikowski, Johnny McMahan & Josephine McMahan, Brandy Beane, John Worton, Robert Green, Harold High, Chet & Paula Gorgas, Bill Burwell, Donald Hargrove, Dorothea Willis, Patricia Shirey, 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

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

**25** Tuesday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3A, 14-17 / Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13 / Matthew 23:23-26

**26** Wednesday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time **(G)** / 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 / Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5 / Matthew 23:27-32

**27 Memorial of Saint Monica (W)** / 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 / Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Matthew 24:42-51

**28 Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (W)** / 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 / Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 / Matthew 25:1-13

**29 Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist (R)** / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 / Mark 6:17-29

**30 The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)** / Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / Romans 12:1-2 / Matthew 16:21-27

## **Confirmation enrollment next two Sundays**

If your son or daughter is in the ninth grade or older, they should enroll in our two-year Confirmation program. Classes are held at 12 noon on Sundays. (Note: We recommend students attend our Middle School program first as it is essentially a pre-Confirmation curriculum.)

The Sacrament of Confirmation allows a deep indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is also required for those who wish to marry in the Church or seek religious vocations.

If you have questions, please contact David Jones at the Parish Office.

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## Our Catholic Community Calendar

### Monday, August 24

– Nothing scheduled.

### Tuesday, August 25

– **No Daily Mass.**

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

### Wednesday, August 26

– **No Daily Mass**

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

– 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### Thursday – August 27

– **No Daily Mass.**

### Friday, August 28

– **No Daily Mass.**

### Saturday, August 29

– 10 a.m. Confirmation Rehearsal & Reconciliation.

– 3:30 to 4:30. Confession is available

– **5 p.m. Vigil Mass at I.C. – CONFIRMATION RITE**

### Sunday, August 30 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 9 a.m. **Sunday Mass at I.C. in English**

– 10 a.m. Religious Education registration in the Parish Hall.

– 11 a.m. **Sunday Mass at I.C. in Spanish**

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

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

*All Sunday Masses at I.C. are livestreamed via Fr. Jim's Facebook page*

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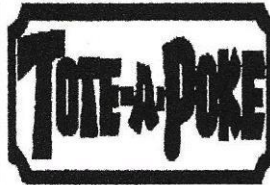
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*Our Catholic Community*

**Immaculate Conception Church – Poteau**

Saturday – 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9 a.m. English; 11 a.m., Spanish

All Sunday Masses are Live-Streamed on Facebook

Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton – Spiro**

Sunday: 1 p.m.

**Saint Joseph Church – Stigler**

Sunday: 5 p.m.

Live-Stream Sunday Mass with us on Facebook (Jim Caldwell, Jr.)