

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 6, 2020

## Gifts for God – August 30, 2020

### Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 1,254.75  
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 140.00  
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 715.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00



## Stewardship Reflections

*“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...”*  
(Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at only the minimum required level? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.



### Mass Intentions: Immaculate Conception

**September 12 – 5 p.m.**

*For the repose of the soul of Gliceria Llemit, by Perlita Cline.*

**September 13 – 9 a.m.**

*For the repose of the soul of Aristeo Botello, by Pilar Botello.*

*For the spiritual benefit of Elijah & Joseph Jones on their birthdays, by Kim & David Jones.*



## Religious Education classes start next Sunday

*Nine catechists at Immaculate Conception*

THE FIRST DAY of class for Religious Education is **next** Sunday, Sept. 13. Classes will begin promptly at 10:30, except for Confirmation which start at 12:15.

If your child is not registered, please see David Jones in the Parish Hall. We must have an accurate count so that we can have the proper number of textbooks. (Registration is open today between 9:15 and 11:15).

Our teaching staff this year will include: Kathy Norwood, who will teach First Reconciliation (usually first grade and older); Dulce Ruiz and Reyna Burgos, who will teach First Communion (second grade and up).

Cassie Casildo and Bri Casildo will team teach the combined Third-Fourth grade.

Lorena Matias will teach the Fifth-Sixth grade.

Zac and Laura Patty will team teach the Seventh-Eighth grades.

Kim Jones will again teach Sacramental Prep.

Patty Lopez will also teach, assignment pending.

Genia Harber will teach First Year Confirmation.

David Jones will teach Second-Year Confirmation, which will meet in the Parish Hall. The Confirmation class start time is 12:15 p.m.

The classrooms will be labeled by grade.

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## Share the Good News through RCIA

TO BE AN EVANGELIST is to spread the good news of the Gospel.

All of us are called to evangelize. Not just the priest.

Everyone wants to hear good news. The Gospel of salvation is the best possible good news because it has no expiration date. The Gospel gets us from this temporary now all the way to eternity.

“This is the time of fulfillment,” Jesus said. “The Kingdom of God is at hand. “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:15) The admonition to repent is one of those we hear on Ash Wednesday. And we reply, “Amen,” which means “I do believe.”

A great number of people have not yet heard this request, or they heard it a long time ago and have slept since then. Life keeps us busy and distracted. It’s the *natural* state of things on earth. The Gospel is the *supernatural* order of things that allows us to focus on higher realities. It grants us the peace and unity of His kingdom so that our minds comprehend eternal mysteries in the here and now. Or as some say, “in real time.”

Sharing the Good News does not have to be difficult.

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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: 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

**7** Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12 / Luke 6:6-11

**8** Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (W) / Micah 5:1-4A or Romans 8:28-30 / Psalm 13:6AB, 6C / Matthew 1:1-16 or 1:18-23

**9** Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest (W) / 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 / Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 / Luke 6:20-26

**10** Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Corinthians 8:1B-7, 11-13 / Psalm 139:1B-3, 13-4AB, 23-24 / Luke 6:27-38

**11** Friday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22B-27 / Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 / Luke 6:39-42

**12** Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (G) / 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 / Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18 / Luke 6:43-49

**13** The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 / Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Romans 14:7-9 / Matthew 18:21-35

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Consider bringing a friend to Christ through the RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation). Let them ask questions of those prepared by God with answers. Let them experience the excitement of meeting Jesus through His mystical body, the Church.

Our initial Inquiry Class will start by late September. We need you to help us find those who will attend. Call Father Jim or David at the Parish Office.

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## Our Catholic Community Calendar

### Monday, September 7

– Nothing scheduled.

### Tuesday, September 8

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass resumes in the I.C. Chapel.

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

### Wednesday, September 9

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel

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

### Thursday – September 10

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel

### Friday, September 11

– 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel

### Saturday, September 12

– 9 a.m. First Friday Adoration concludes.

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

– 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at I.C.

### Sunday, Sept. 13 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

– 10:30 to Noon – RE Year begins with classes. Late registration.

– 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*

*On most weekdays the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be at 3 p.m.*

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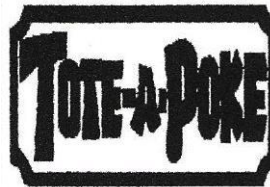
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**Immaculate Conception Church – Poteau**

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.)