

Saint John XXIII

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The Parish Bulletin

The Parish Office

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Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday: SM-4:00pm; IC-5:30pm

Sunday: IC-8:00am; SM-9:30am

Sacraments

BAPTISM for children - Attendance at an information session prior to Baptism is required. Call the pastor to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE - Couples are to schedule an appointment with the pastor 8 months before the planned wedding date.

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION -

15 minutes before weekday Masses

Saturdays: IC Lacon 11:30 a.m.-12 noon

SM Henry 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Other times by appointment with a priest.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - This holy sacrament is encouraged for all who are preparing for surgery or who have a serious health condition. Call the pastor anytime!

Parish Staff Directory

Parish Administrator: Fr. John Bosco Mujuni

Cell: 312-520-9599

Email: mujunijaybe@yahoo.co.uk

Deacon: J. Robert Murphy (retired). 309-397-2960

Pastoral Associates:

Sister Anita & Sister Alice 364-2063

Bookkeeper: Frances Nevitt 246-5145

Monday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Secretary: Sue Kyle 246-5145

Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am-3:30 pm (Friday Closed)

St. John XXIII Center Manager [Henry, IL]

Dawn Glenn 364-2011

Religion Directors:

Lacon: Katie Bogner 238-3587

Henry: Christy Beall 238-3394

Children Religion Classes:

Lacon Sundays 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Henry Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Youth Group Coordinator [Henry, IL]

Margy 364-3584 & Jeremy 815-866-6572

Youth Group Coordinator [Lacon, IL]

Katie 238-3587

Christian Stewardship

Because we are a family, parish membership means that you are a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you. You are asked to share your faith and prayers, your time, talents and treasures in support of the Gospel Mission of our parish.

New parishioners are asked to call or stop in at the Parish Office. Also, there are Registration Forms on the tables in the church. If you are changing your address or moving from the Parish, please call the Office so we may update our Parish Register.

Bulletin Deadline: Submit items in writing by noon on Monday, at the Parish Office in Lacon, IL.



December 1-2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

SM=St. Mary Church, Henry ▼ IC=Immaculate Conception, Lacon
HL=Heartland, Henry

Lord's Day Masses, December 1-2, 2018

Saturday, December 1st—Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm SM +Chester & John Gelezunas [family]

5:30 pm IC +Jim Augustyn [family]

Sunday, December 2nd—First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am IC +Al Skutt [Judy Skutt]

9:30 am SM +Winifred Conqueror [the kitchen crew]

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 3rd—Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

No Mass

Tuesday, December 4th—Advent Weekday

8:30 am SM +Merna McNutt [family]

Wednesday, December 5th—Advent Weekday

5:30 pm IC +Jo & Bob Sloan [family]

Thursday, December 6th—Advent Weekday

8:30 am SM Vocations [Sisters of St. Francis, Henry]

Friday, December 7th—Saint Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

8:30 am IC Vocations [Altar & Rosary]

9:00-9:30am IC First Adoration/Benediction

10:00 am HL People of the 2 Parishes

Vigil Mass-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm SM +Amanda Condit [Kent & Francie Clubb]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

weekdays – 15 minutes before Mass

Saturdays @ 11:30 am - 12:00 Noon IC Lacon

Saturdays @ 3:15 - 3:45 pm SM Henry

- - - NEXT WEEKEND - - -

Lord's Day Masses, December 8-9, 2018

Saturday, December 8th—Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm SM +Harold & Marian Merdian

[Lynn, Jo & Mary]

5:30 pm IC +Mary Capponi [family]

Sunday, December 9th—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am IC +Betty Robbins [Lloyd & Frances Nevitt]

9:30 am SM +Marilyn Louis [Jerry & Jane Merdian]

ST. JOSEPH HOME MASS SCHEDULE

10:00am - Saturday; 11:00am - Sunday

6:30am - Monday-Friday

If hospitalized or homebound, please notify our Parish office 309-246-5145 or Fr. John Bosco 312-520-9599.

Lay Ministry Schedule

LECTOR

4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, December 8, 2018

Barb Lou

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Rhonda Bogner

ALTAR SERVERS

Volunteer

5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, December 8, 2018

William Klein

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Volunteer

8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, December 9, 2018

Kathy Coyle

Mike Tomlin

Junie Dunn

9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, December 9, 2018

Gina Schlosser

Connie Becket

Rachel Eckert

Anna McGlasson



PRAYER LINE: If you have a need for special prayer, please contact Sharon Benz at 309-463-2326.

Pray for the Sick/injured/hospitalized:

Fr. John Bosco's mother-Angelina; Joe Child (bil of Mary Ann Child); Parker Waldschmidt (grandson of Leonard & Gay Waldschmidt); Margo Trad (daughter of Maryann Ross); Ryan McMurtry (Char Nauman's great-grandson); Karen Diehl (sil of Sue Kyle); George Jason; Dena Glatz; Cindy Guede; Sandy Bogner; Linda Link; Patricia Borop (sister of Becky Bogner); Jean Watkins; Cassie Scheirer (daughter of Greg & Rhonda Bogner); Clifford Harvey; Jack Harvey; Mary Doyle (sister of Germaine Paolucci); Anna Lukac's mom; Francis Fennell (brother of Phil Fennell); Bart Propst (son in-law of Rick Paolucci); Steve Alvin; Joe Lutes (brother of Linda Bates); Kim Hardy (niece of Sandy Moore); Rhonda Downey (Henry); Carmen Hank (sil of Becky Palm); Avery & Taylor Griffin (great-grandchildren of Nedra Bischler); Richard Link; Vickie (Victoria's-Lacon); Jerry Shurts (brother of Sharon Murphy-Henry); Patricia Seifert; Josephine Swanson (sil of Alice Tyson); John Watkins; Mike Barnes (son of Tom & Angie Barnes); Ginny Daniels; Glenn Federicke; Jean Neuhalfen; Kevin Hallen; victims of wars & natural disasters



Names of the sick will be listed in the bulletin for 3 months unless the office is notified.

Pray for those in a Nursing Home or Homebound:

George Jason; Jean Neuhalfen; Frances Zeigler; Angie Barnes; Jackie Keffeler; Sandy Carson; Evelyn Kaatz; Ellen Lutes; Ellen Hageman; Irma Watkins; Alma Simpson; Marie Pierson; Robin Webber; Mary Watkins



May they rest in peace: Tyler Moore; Ima Jean Schlosser; Michael Korenchuk; victims of wars & natural disasters
Pray for peace in our world, in our country, in our families.
Pray for our leaders to be instruments of peace.
Pray for our troops fighting overseas for peace.
Pray for the dignity of all human life & for Christian unity.
Pray for religious liberty in our country.
Pray for the end of abortion and euthanasia.

Parish Support—November 25, 2018

Thank you for your generosity

Bld.Upkp/Fundraisers

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD Actual/Budget (22 wks)	Donations
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 2,064.00	(\$-1,941)	\$ 42,984.75 \$ 43,344.00 \$ 40.00
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 1,444.00	\$ 1,808.00	(\$-364)	\$ 37,981.11 \$ 37,968.00 \$.00

Dec 2 **Religious Ed: IC-9:00am; SJT-10:30am**
 Dec 2 **SJT Coffee & Donuts** after Mass
 Dec 2 **IC/SJT Youth @ Coffee Hub** 11am-12:30pm
 Dec 3 **Marian Book Study @ IC Hall** 6:30-7:30pm
 Dec 5 **Lacon Christmas Sing @ IC Church** 7pm
 Dec 6 **SJT Christmas Party @ Center** 7pm
 Dec 7 **IC First Friday Adoration/Benediction** 9-9:30am
 Dec 7 **Lacon K of C Blood Drive @ IC Hall** Noon-5pm
 Dec 7/8 **Immaculate Conception of the BVM Masses:**
Vigil: Dec 7-SM-5:30pm; Dec 8-IC-5:30pm
 Dec 8 **IC Children's Mass @ 5:30pm-Family Advent Night**
Advent Masses on Dec 8: SM-4pm; IC-5:30pm
 Dec 9 **Religious Ed: SJT-10:30am**
 Dec 16 **Religious Ed: IC-9:00am; SJT-10:30am**
 Dec 16 **SJT Children's Mass-9:30am**
 Dec 16 **IC/SJT Youth Group** 11-12:30 @ SJT Center
 Dec 19 **Linked Penance Service @ IC** 6pm



2018 Rolan Johnson Collectible Christmas Ornament entitled "Guided by Christ's Radiant Star" is now available. Cost is \$35 with the proceeds going to the Retirement Fund for the Heading Avenue Franciscan Sisters. You may purchase the ornaments from Sister Anita or Sister Alice 309-364-2063.

Henry Presbyterian Church is showing the movie "White Christmas" on Sunday, December 2 at 5:30pm. Free movie & soup during intermission.

Advent Day of Reflection: Monday, December 3 at Spalding Pastoral Center-Registration starts at 9:15. Cost is \$18. Call Mary Anna Meyer at (309) 691-3874 or go to peoriadccw.blogspot.com

St. John XIII Women's Club and the Henry Knights of Columbus invite the parishioners of St. John XXIII for a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6 starting at 7pm at the parish center. Come join us for an evening of Christmas fun and fellowship. Desserts and drinks will be provided along with entertainment by the Mallard Ensemble.

Thank you to the volunteers who have provided us with beautiful banners for our season of Advent and preparation for Christmas at IC. Linda Klein, Judy Murphy, Eulonda Gries & Jo Shoemaker have given of their time and talents.

Annual Fleece Blanket Collection for the Lacon Home Journal Christmas Give Away. Deadline is December 14. Drop finished blankets off at the Parish Office or call Linda Klein at 309-246-2713 for more information.

The weekend of December 7/8 will be the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Appeal envelopes are in our Church envelopes home packet & on the tables as you enter the church. Your gift provides support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers & religious order priests.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2018 (as of 10/31/18)

	Goal	Pledged	Paid	Bal to Goal	# of Families
SJT:	28,391	20,583	18,653	7,808	101
IC:	24,710	18,105	15,982	6,605	79

From Your Pastor

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE. BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND THE SNARES OF THE DEVIL. MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBL Y PRAY; AND DO, THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, BY THE DIVINE POWER OF GOD—CAST INTO HELL, SATAN AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS, WHO ROAM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN

First Sunday of Advent

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. We also begin our new liturgical year. In advent we prepare for Christ's coming in three ways: as an infant who came into this world over two thousand years ago (Christmas), as our Lord and Savior coming into our hearts right here and now, and as the Son of Man who will come into this world again at the end of time. So this season is a good opportunity to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus. In the midst of other preparations for Christmas, let us take time to prepare ourselves spiritually. Various ways of preparing include more frequent celebration of Mass, daily scripture readings and reflections, prayerful use of the Advent wreath if possible in our homes, and going for confession. A calendar for Advent and Christmas Liturgical celebrations will be available in the bulletin.

"WORD AMONG US" FOR ADVENT

"The Word Among Us" booklets for advent have been purchased by our parishes and are available for us to pick and take home and use them in this season of advent. These booklets contain daily scripture readings for mass, meditations on the readings and some articles for reflection. They are resourceful for our advent.

SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th is the Solemnity/Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast means that since God chose Mary to be His instrument of bringing His Son, Jesus, into the world, God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment she was conceived in the womb of her mother Ann. This feast is the patron feast of Immaculate Conception Parish, Lacon; the patron feast of our Cathedral in Peoria and our diocese, and the patron feast of the Catholic Church in the United States. It is also a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be Friday Dec 7th at St. John XXIII @ 5:30pm (Vigil Mass); December 8th @ SJ home at 10:00 am; and Immaculate Conception Church @ 5:30 pm. A dispensation has been obtained from the diocese for those who will attend the 5:30 pm mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon to have fulfilled the Holy Day of obligation and the Obligation of the 2nd Sunday of Advent. This dispensation was obtained in consideration of the 150th Anniversary celebration events of Immaculate Conception Parish.

PARISH REPORT: In the weekend of November 17 & 18, a Parish report that contains the financial, pastoral and social aspects of Immaculate Conception Parish was given. If you were away, they are copies of this report at the back of the Church. Pick one and get informed about your Church. The Parish Report for St. John XXIII Parish will be given at one of the weekends in December.

May the peace of the risen Christ abide with you and your loved ones, Fr. John Bosco

The Rose and Candle:

The Rose and the Candle in the sanctuary reminds us to pray for a greater respect for all human life.

John the Baptist, while still in the womb of Elizabeth, recognized Jesus in the womb of Mary and leapt for joy. This Advent season may we recognize Jesus as our Savior and be open to his joy, peace, and love.



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