



The Parish Bulletin

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:
Saturday: SM-4:00pm; IC-5:30pm
Sunday: IC-8:00am; SM-9:30am

The Parish Office
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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 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 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

Pastor: Fr. John Bosco Mujuni
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Deacon: J. Robert Murphy (retired). 309-397-2960
Secretary: Sue Kyle 309-246-5145
Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm (Friday-Closed)
St. John XXIII Center Manager [Henry, IL]
Dawn Glenn 309-364-2011
Religion Directors:
Lacon: Katie Bogner 309-238-3587
Henry: Christy Beall 309-238-3394
Children Religion Classes:
Lacon Sundays 9:00-10:15 am
Henry Sundays 10:30-11:30 am
Youth Group Coordinator [Henry, IL]
Margy 309-364-3584 & Jeremy 815-866-6572
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Katie 309-238-3587

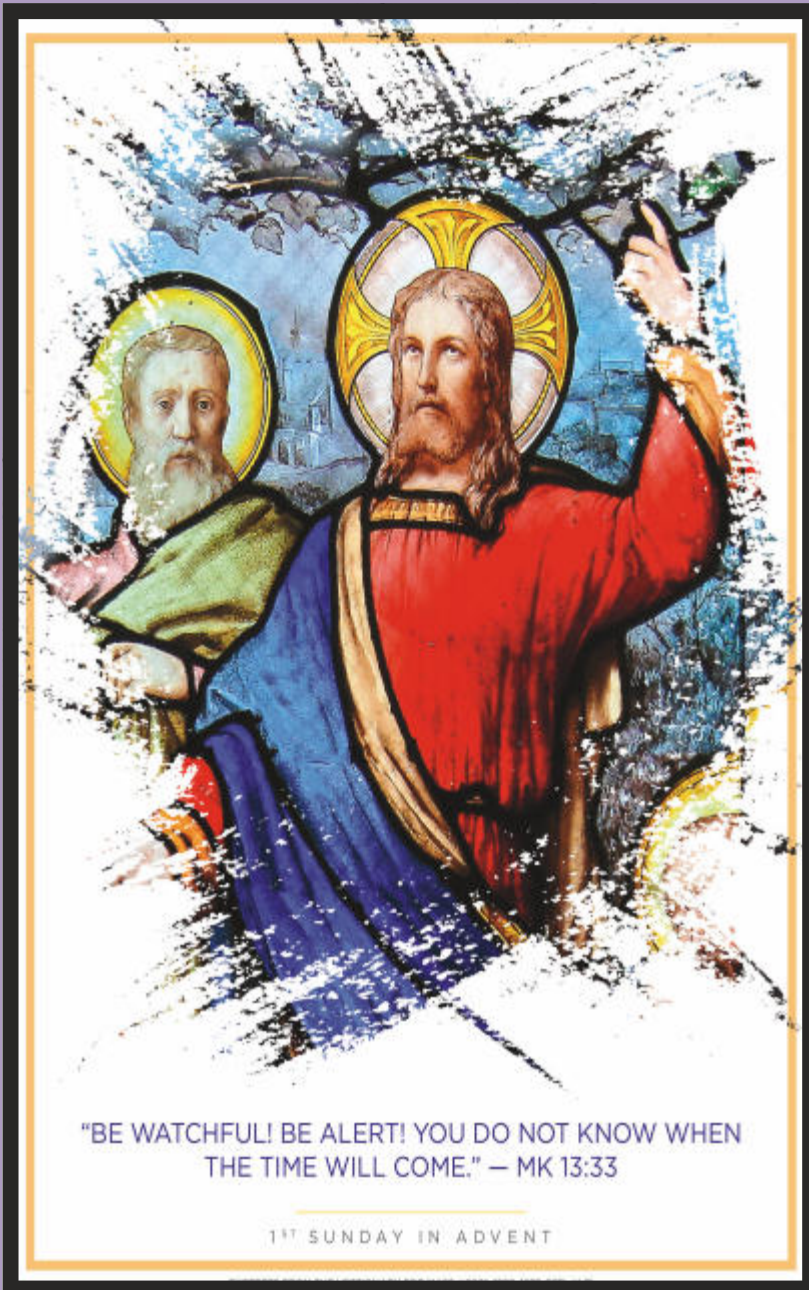
Christian Stewardship

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.



November 28-29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

Lord's Day Masses, November 28-29, 2020

Saturday, November 28th—Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm SM +Dave Nauman [Char Nauman]

5:30 pm IC +Melvin Budd [family]

Sunday, November 29th—First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am IC +Ahna Merdian [Bob & Sharon Murphy]

9:30 am SM +Richard Crawley [family]

Weekday Masses

Monday, November 30th—Saint Andrew, Apostle - No Mass

Tuesday, December 1st—Advent Weekday

8:30am SM +Fr. Tom's brother in-law [Char Nauman]

Wednesday, December 2nd—Advent Weekday

5:30pm IC +Mike Bystry [Mary Dennis]

Thursday, December 3rd—Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 am SM +Lena Moore Bogner [Mary & Michael Horan]

Friday, December 4th—Advent Weekday

8:30 am IC Vocations [Altar & Rosary]

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

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

Saturdays @ 3:00 - 3:30 pm SM Henry

For other arrangements call Fr. John Bosco @ 312-520-9599

- - - NEXT WEEKEND - - -

Lord's Day Masses, December 5-6, 2020

Saturday, December 5th—Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

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

5:30 pm IC +Jim Fenoglia [family]

Sunday, December 6th—Second Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 am SM +Lloyd Russell [Emma Tochalauski]

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

Make a planned gift:

where there is a WILL there is a way...to be an angel for our Parishes. Please remember us in your will.

Bld. Upkeep Fund/Donations	Actual	YTD Actual	Budgeted
SJT: Church coping/Center Roof...\$ NA		\$12,810	\$80,000
IC: Church boiler.....\$ NA		\$ 7,250	\$22,000

Lay Ministry Schedule

LECTOR **COMMUNION MINISTERS** **ALTAR SERVERS**

4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, December 5, 2020

Michelle Gibson Betty Shearer

5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, December 5, 2020

Amy Sloan Phil Fennell

8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, December 6, 2020

Dan Coyle Katie Bogner

9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, December 6, 2020

Connie Becket Carolyn Sendelbach



PRAYER LINE: If you have a need for special prayer, please contact Sharon Benz at 309-238-2325.

Pray for the Sick/injured/hospitalized:

Janice Maubach; Mary Jo Zulz & Rob Sloan (sister & brother of Tony & Pat Sloan); Mary Ann Child; Karen McVey; Tim Cowell; Jim Klein (brother of Linda Shaffer); Ryker Anderson (son of Erika & Ryan Anderson); Rita Buritz; Becky Strong; Parker Waldschmidt (grandson of Leonard & Gay Waldschmidt); David Dunagan; Cindy Judd (daughter of Judy Carson); Judy Murphy; Nikkia (niece of Gloria Dunn); Alvin Olszanowski; Karen Ariens; Mary Breen-Underwood; Carol Ratliff; Pat Selquist; Kathy Tomasson; David Sager (father of Renee Streitmatter); Beverly Martinek (sister of Steve Martinek); Bob Behrends; Kim Hardy (niece of Sandy Moore); Chris Steele; Mary Poignant; Eugene Poignant; Anna Lukac; Rex Swords; Julia Ann Condit; Katy Morris Broshears (daughter of Joe & Monica Morris); Dennis Dragon; Clifford Harvey; Mary Doyle (sister of Germaine Paolucci); Steve Alvin; Carmen Hank (sil of Becky Palm); Ty, Avery & Taylor Griffin (great-grandchildren of Nedra Bischler); Linda Link; Dena Glatz; Jerry Shurts (brother of Sharon Murphy); Josephine Swanson (sil of Alice Tyson); John Watkins; Mike Barnes (son of Tom & Angie Barnes); Mary Kent; James Brown; Jerry Longman; Glenn Federicke; Alice McCully; 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:

Kathryn Waldschmidt; Russell Ziegler; Fr. Harold Schmitt; Jean Neuhalfen; Frances Ziegler; Tom & Angie Barnes; Sandy Carson; Irma Watkins; Robin Webber; Mary Watkins; Nancy Reichen; Eleanor Sears; Alice McCully



May they rest in peace: 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.
 Pray for Christian unity.
 Pray for religious liberty in our country.
 Pray for the end of abortion and euthanasia.

Parish Support—November 22, 2020

Thank you for your generosity

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD Actual (20 wks)	YTD Budget (20 wks)
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ NA	\$ 2,430.00 (-\$573)	\$ 39,464.25	\$ 48,600.00
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ NA	\$ 1,720.00 (+\$35)	\$ 32,481.10	\$ 34,400.00



As we are opening our Churches, **we are reminded of our responsibility to take care of ourselves, the sick and vulnerable.** We are therefore posting some warnings in our bulletin for guidance:

WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:
While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

- WARNING ABOUT THOSE WHO MAY BE ILL:**
- Do you have a fever or flu-like symptoms? Have you recently traveled out of the country? Have you been exposed to someone with COVID-19? Those who show signs of risk should not enter the church and should stay at home.
 - Those who are vulnerable to infection or uncomfortable to gather in large groups are under no obligation to attend Mass.
 - Please wear your mask or face covering and maintain social distancing when at church. Family members in the same household do not need to maintain distance from each other.
 - Follow other guidelines posted in the Church and cooperate with the ushers.

Senior Saver Program: help **save** a senior meal for a day by donating \$4, for a week by donating \$20 or for a month by donating \$100. Donations can be mailed to: **MSW Projects of Henry, Attn: Senior Saver Program, PO Box 140, Henry, IL 61537.** Any Donation would be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2020 (as of 10/30/20)			
Goal	Pledged	Bal to Goal	# of Families
SJT: \$ 26,782	\$ 17,750	\$ 9,032	67
IC: \$ 19,398	\$ 19,810	\$ 0	60

2020 ADA Appeal:
The 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal is doing well. But we need all of you to contribute. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are envelopes in the vestibule. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

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

We should note that a legal abortion is never a "safe" abortion for the unborn child whose life is ended. It also leaves wounded mothers, fathers, and siblings as well. Pray for all who have had an abortion. May they seek the forgiveness of the Lord and are able to forgive themselves.



From Your Pastor

First Sunday of Advent

Once again we begin the season of Advent, this time of preparation for Christ’s coming in the world on Christmas morning. But this is not the only arrival of Christ for which we can prepare. He comes into our hearts at any time in any way. He comes to us in the Eucharist. We hope to be welcomed into his arms when we leave this world. Finally he will come again at the end of time. Today’s readings remind us that waiting for the Lord is not a passive exercise. Isaiah 63:16-17, prays that God, “might meet us doing right,” rejecting our sinful ways. In Mark 13:33-37 Jesus warns his disciples that they must keep watch, because like servants not knowing when the Lord of the house will return, we don’t want to be asleep when we should be ready to receive him. St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, assures the Corinthians and us that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as we await. Let the word of God inspire us to prepare our hearts for his arrival even when we least expect him.

“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 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday December 8, 2020 (Holy Day of Obligation)
Originating in the 7th Century, this feast was established as a Solemnity for the entire Church in 1708. This Feast is the Patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Peoria, and our Parish Church in Lacon. Let us honor this day by entrusting ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary and continue to pray for an end of this pandemic and that the promising vaccines being developed by scientists may be effective and safe. The mass schedules are: Tuesday 8, 2020 at 8:30 am @ St. John XXIII Parish Church and at 5:30 pm @ Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon.

SEMINARIAN FUND APPEAL

This weekend of November 28-29, 2020 is the Annual Collection toward the diocesan “St. Therese Seminarian Fund”. This fund pays for the tuition, room and board for theologians – those seminarians who have already graduated college (either a university or college seminary). It also covers the salaries, office costs and marketing expenses that help keep our seminarian program afloat. The Diocese of Peoria currently sponsors 22 seminarians, young men who have heard God’s call and answered “Yes” to discerning a call to priesthood. Envelopes are in your home packets. More are at the back of the Church. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Office of Priestly Vocations. Loose cash is also acceptable and will be sent to this office by our Parish office.

UPDATES ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Updates on our contributions towards the current projects we have at each of our Parishes, will be updated weekly. It is in the column, where we post Church contributions. Thanks for being generous!!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. John Bosco Mujuni

Due to Covid-19, we will not be putting up the “Mitten Tree” this year at IC. Instead, consider a monetary gift to the ‘Lacon Home Journal Christmas Fund’.



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