



# 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  
Cell: 312-520-9599  
Email: mujunijaybe@yahoo.co.uk  
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  
Youth Group Coordinator [Lacon, IL]  
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.



# December 5-6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

### 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 Tochalauskij]

### Weekday Masses

Monday, December 7th—Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - No Mass

Tuesday, December 8th—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am SM +Dorothy Monier [Bob Bogner family]

5:30pm IC +Susan Schupp [Tom & Linda Shaffer]

Wednesday, December 9th—Advent Weekday

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

Thursday, December 10th—Advent Weekday

8:30 am SM Special Intentions

Friday, December 11th—Advent Weekday

8:30 am IC All Souls Day Intentions

### 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 12-13, 2020

Saturday, December 12th—Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm SM +Jim Yanos [Yanos family]

5:30 pm IC +Mary Capponi [family]

Sunday, December 13th—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am IC +Howie Heilstedt [family]

9:30 am SM +Lena Moore Bogner [Wil & Louise Young]

**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...	\$ 1,415	\$14,225	\$80,000
IC: Church boiler.....	\$ 1,985	\$ 9,460	\$22,000

## Lay Ministry Schedule

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

4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, December 12, 2020

Betty Shearer      Michelle Lacey-Nauman

5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, December 12, 2020

William Klein      Todd McAllister

8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, December 13, 2020

Myra Uftring      Cathy Moore

9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, December 13, 2020

Doug Clinton      Susan Real



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

#### Pray for the Sick/injured/hospitalized:

Pat Phillips; Beth Adams (cousin of Richard Dubois); 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 Ol-szanowski; Karen Arians; Mary Breen-Underwood; Carol Ratliff; Pat Selquist; Kathy Tomasson; David Sager (father of Renee Streitmatt-er); 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: Mary Steele; Nyla Nunley (mother in-law of Liz Nunley); 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 22 & 29, 2020

	Actual	Budgeted
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 4,190.00	\$ 2,430.00 (-)
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 1,720.00 (+)

### Thank you for your generosity

YTD Actual (21 wks)	YTD Budget (21 wks)
\$ 43,654.25	\$ 51,030.00
\$ 35,061.10	\$ 36,120.00





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.

Help the **Henry Red Stocking** bring joy to a child. St. John XXIII parishioners can pick up a tag in the front of the church. Each numbered tag includes clothes and shoe sizes and a Christmas wish list for a specific child. Once you have purchased the present, drop it off at Henry Hometown Hardware, 408 Edward Street UNWRAPPED along with the tag. Gifts will be accepted until December 18. Thank you for your support!



**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'.**

**Meaning of the Advent Wreath:** The anticipation of the coming of Christ to bring us peace, joy and life as we celebrate advent is symbolized by the **green advent wreath.** **The circle** points to the promise of eternal life. **The 5 candles:** three purple, one rose are lit progressively on each Sunday (symbolizing the four Sundays of advent), while the 5<sup>th</sup> (White) in case it is there, is lit on Christmas Day. **The lighting** of the candles reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that dispels the darkness of our lives and brings us newness, life and hope. **The colour purple** is symbolic of **conversion and renewal.** With this purple colour, we are called upon to prepare a suitable place to welcome our Saviour in our hearts.



**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*

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Our God is a compassionate God and the readings of this Sunday remind us of this. The people of Isaiah's time were living in exile and God through Isaiah assures them that He has not abandoned them (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). In the second reading (2Peter 3:8-14), there is an assurance that God is patient, allowing time for all to come to repentance. In the Gospel of Mark 1:1-8), John the Baptist proclaims forgiveness from God through Baptism. As we face difficulties in life, let us remember that we are not alone: our compassionate God is always ready to comfort and forgive. Let us use the available opportunities in this advent season and go for confession.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM:**

**Tuesday, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
**Mass schedule: 8:30 am @ St. John XXIII Parish Church and at 5:30 pm @ Immaculate Conception Church.** Originating in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ADVENT PENANCE SCHEDULE**

Usual times for Confessions: Saturdays @ Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 am -12:00 Noon; and @ St. John XXIII Parish Rectory 3:00 pm-3:45 pm. Please plan accordingly.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Vigil Masses:** Thursday, December 24 @ St. John XXIII Parish Church: 4:00 pm & 9:30 pm and @ Immaculate Conception Church: 4:00 pm & 8:00 pm. **Christmas Day Masses:** Friday, December 25: 8:30 am @ Immaculate Conception Church and @ 9:30 am @ St. John XXIII Parish. In order not to have too many people at one particular mass, we shall request that you sign up for the mass you wish to attend beginning with the weekend of December 12 &13 up to December 20. I am very grateful to Fr. Mike Schaab who will be available to celebrate some of these masses.

**Annual Collection for the Religious Retirement Fund**  
The weekend of December 12 & 13 is the time for the annual collection for the religious retirement fund. Your gift provides vital support for the Senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Religious order priests, in the USA. Appeal envelopes are in your home package and some are at the entrance of the Church.

**Immaculate Conception Church Boiler**

Negotiations and agreement for the installation of a New Church Boiler has been completed. It will be installed at a cost of \$21,600.00, most likely by Christmas time. Effective July 1, 2020, all contributions for building upkeep or Boiler were directed to this project and re-named Church Boiler. As of November 30, 2020 the amount raised was \$9,460.

*Sincerely Yours in Christ,*  
*Fr. John Bosco Mujuni*

Fr. Tom Mizeur's address is: 1022 Warren St, Henry, IL 61537

**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



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