



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

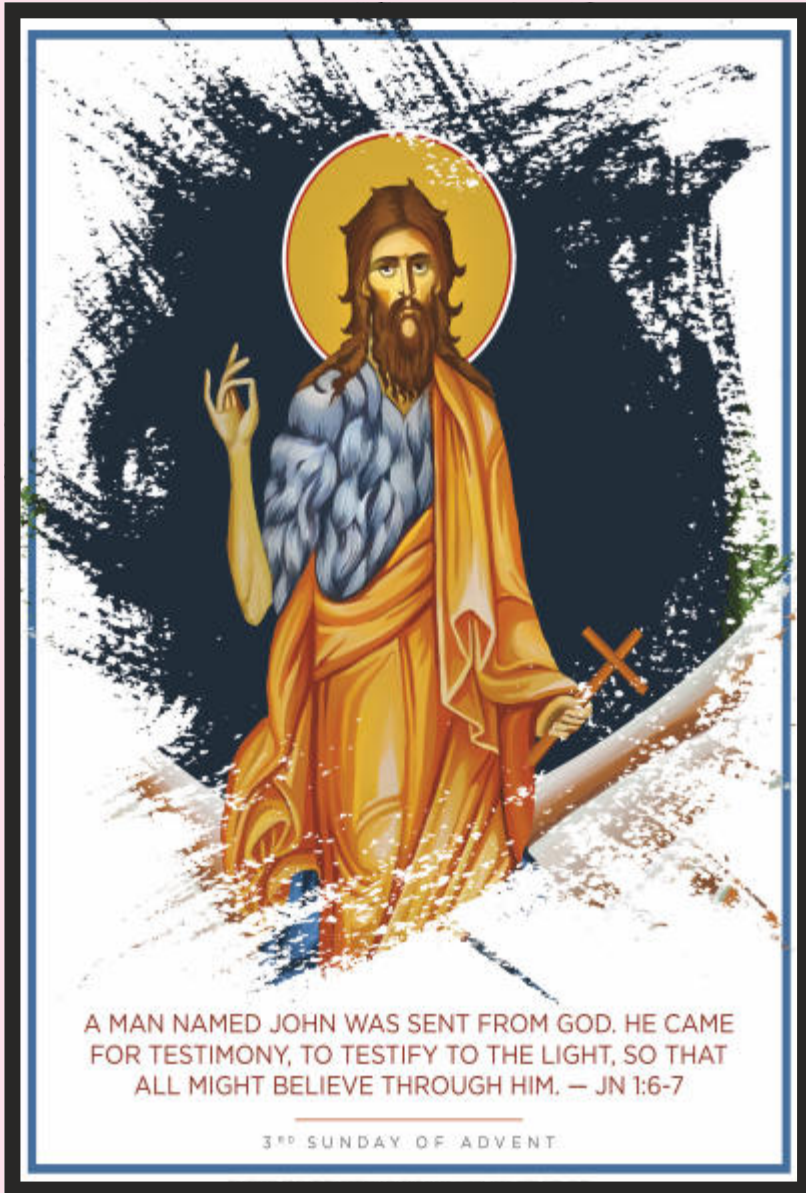
Christian Stewardship

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 12-13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

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—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am IC +Howie Heilstedt [family]

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

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 14th—Saint John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church- No Mass

Tuesday, December 15th—Advent Weekday

8:30am SM All Souls Day Intentions

Wednesday, December 16th—Advent Weekday

5:30pm IC +Darren Murphy [Bob & Sharon Murphy]

Thursday, December 17th—Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am SM +Fr. John's Uncle Festo [Charl]

Friday, December 18th—Advent Weekday

8:30 am IC +James Augustyn [family]

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 19-20, 2020

Saturday, December 19th—Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm SM +Theresa Maubach [Vickey Lester]

5:30 pm IC +Melvin Budd [Sharon Jason]

Sunday, December 20th—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am IC +Shirley Coyle [Wanda Streitmatter]

9:30 am SM +Louis & Lucile Bogner
[Dean & Carol Bogner]

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...\$ 2,125 \$16,355 \$80,000

IC: Church boiler.....\$ 7,750 \$17,210 \$22,000

Lay Ministry Schedule

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

4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, December 19, 2020

Greg Bogner Rita Simpkins

5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, December 19, 2020

Marian Bohm Susie McAllister

8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, December 20, 2020

Katie Bogner Ron Moore

9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, December 20, 2020

Gina Schlosser Connie Becket



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 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—December 6, 2020

Thank you for your generosity

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD Actual (22 wks)	YTD Budget (22 wks)
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 1,732.00	\$ 2,430.00 (-\$698)	\$ 45,386.25	\$ 53,460.00
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 2,548.00	\$ 1,720.00 (+\$828)	\$ 35,061.10	\$ 37,840.00



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'.

We will be decorating our Churches for Christmas on **Sunday, December 20** after the Masses.

IC Church Christmas Decorating will take place at 9am (after 8am Mass) on Sunday, December 20. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, as much as possible, the number of people will be limited this year to those who volunteer on the signup sheet in the Vestibule. The decorations will be set out in the room beside the Altar & the room behind the Sacristy.

Annual Christmas dinner: Like everything else this year there will be some adjustments but dinner will still be **served on Christmas day at St. John XXIII!** There will be no dine in but Ham dinners with all the trimmings will be available for curbside pickup or delivery. These meals will be home cooked and ready to microwave. Please order your dinners in advance by texting or calling 815-866-2241. Leave a name, (address if delivery), phone number and how many meals you would like. **Please reserve your meals by December 18.** Pick up will be from 9-10am. Deliveries will be made after 10am.



The Rose and Candle:

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

We do a disservice to God and to the pro-life cause if God is never mentioned in our pro-life arguments. God is the Creator of all life and it is our responsibility to protect life at all stages.



From Your Pastor

Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday as today's opening antiphon begins with the word "gaudete", which means rejoice. We rejoice today, for the coming of the Lord is so near that we cannot help think about it. The vestments this weekend will be pink (or rose), and we are lighting, the rose candle on the advent wreath to reflect this theme of rejoicing. Perhaps we are starting to feel overwhelmed by all of what we need to do between now and Christmas. Let this be an opportunity to refocus our attention on the true reason we celebrate this time of the year. Let us continue to prepare ourselves spiritually so that our hearts will accept more and more the coming of Christ into our lives. Rejoice, the Lord is near!

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 are requesting that you sign up for the mass you wish to attend beginning by December 20th. 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

This 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.

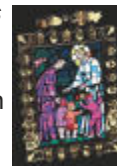
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH BOILER

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 December 7, 2020 the amount raised was \$17,210.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. John Bosco Mujuni

Catholic Diocese of Peoria offers a **Holy Hour of Prayer for people caring for and suffering with Covid-19 on December 17 @ 7pm.** It will be live streamed. Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka will preach the reflection for this prayer service.

2020 Rolan Johnson Christmas Ornament - "Jesus Blesses the Children" by the Franciscan Sisters Heading Avenue is available at the following Retailers: Hometown Community Banks; Immaculate Conception Convent, West Peoria; Kay's Hallmark, Metro Center; Lagron Miller Co.; and www.westpeoriasisters.org.



Fr. Tom Mizour'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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