



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

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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

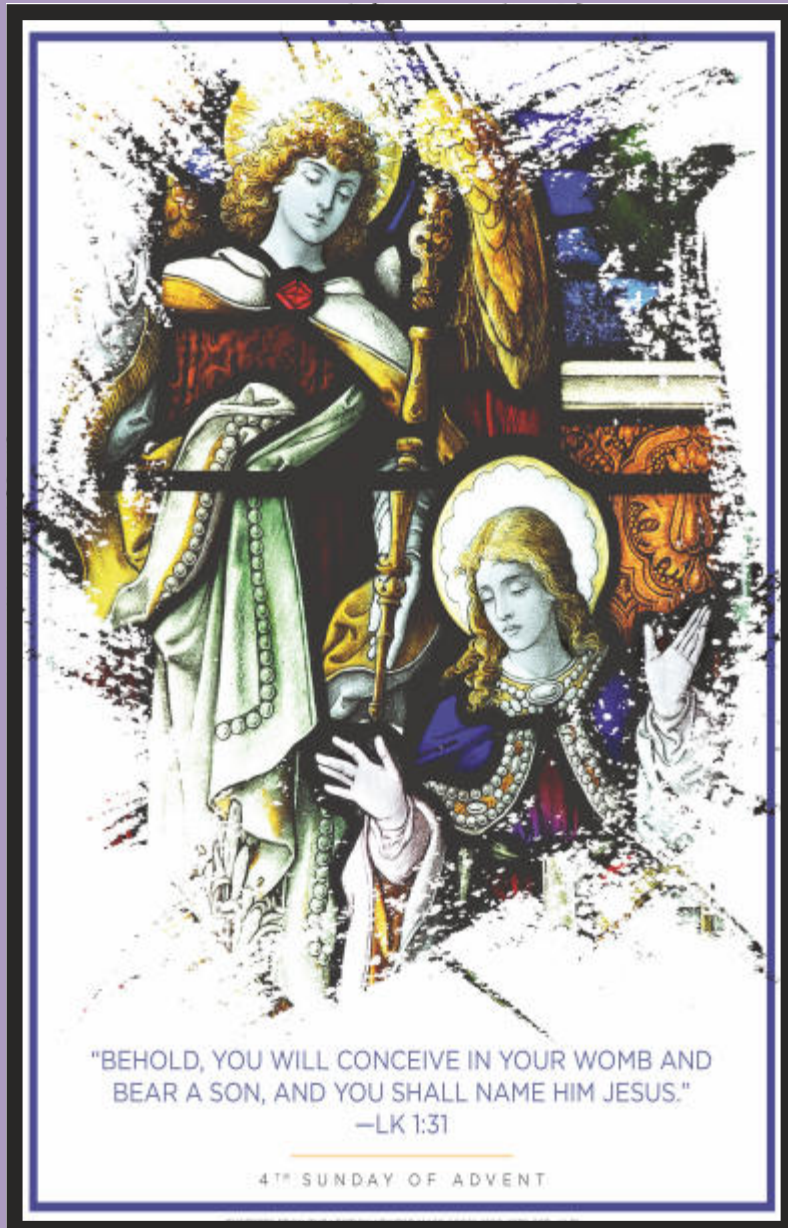
Christian Stewardship

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.



December 19-20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

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]

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 21st—Late Advent weekday- No Mass

Tuesday, December 22nd—Late Advent Weekday

8:30am SM +Ron Chapman [Jane & Paul Loisselle]

Wednesday, December 23rd—Late Advent Weekday

5:30pm IC +Bob Miller [Annie Miller]

Thursday, December 24th—Vigil: the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 pm SM +Lena Moore Bogner [Meridian girls]

4:00 pm IC +Alex McAllister [family]

8:00 pm IC +Jacque Keffeler [Gus & Marilyn Querciagrossa]

9:30 pm SM +Amanda Condit [Julie & Dave Durdel]

Friday, December 25th—the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am IC People of the 2 parishes

9:30 am SM People of the 2 parishes

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 26-27, 2020

Saturday, December 26th—Vigil: the Holy Family

of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:00 pm SM +Edmund Stygar [Yanos family]

5:30 pm IC +Betty Robbins [Bill & Joy Smith]

Sunday, December 27th—the Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am IC +Ima Jean Schlosser [Tom & Judy Strong]

9:30 am SM +Janice Baldwin [Cheryl Baldwin]

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.

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

Bld. Upkeep Fund/Donations	Actual	YTD Actual	Budgeted
SJT: Church coping/Center Roof...	\$ 2,255	\$18,610	\$80,000
IC: Church boiler.....	\$ 0	\$17,210	\$22,000

Lay Ministry Schedule

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

4:00 p.m. – IC – Thursday, December 24, 2020

Pete Chirchirillo Todd McAllister

4:00 p.m. – SM – Thursday, December 24, 2020

Colleen Bogner Rhonda Bogner

8:00 p.m. – IC – Thursday, December 24, 2020

Myra Uftring Ron Moore

9:30 p.m. – SM – Thursday, December 24, 2020

Dirk Nauman Betty Shearer

8:30 a.m. – IC – Friday, December 25, 2020

Kathy Coyle Katie Bogner

9:30 a.m. – SM – Friday, December 25, 2020

Susan Real Doug Clinton

4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, December 26, 2020

Charles Owens Michelle Lacey-Nauman

5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday December 26, 2020

Amy Sloan Phil Fennell

8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, December 27, 2020

Lloyd Benz Katie Bogner

9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, December 27, 2020

Connie Becket Susan Real

Pray for the Sick/injured/hospitalized:

Pat Phillips; Beth Adams (cousin of Richard Du-bois); 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 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



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: Msgr. Richard Soseman; 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—December 13, 2020

Thank you for your generosity

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD Actual (23 wks)	YTD Budget (23 wks)
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 3,315.45	\$ 2,430.00 (+\$885.45)	\$ 48,701.70	\$ 55,890.00
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 1,734.00	\$ 1,720.00 (+\$14)	\$ 36,795.10	\$ 39,560.00



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.

We will be decorating both of 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 sign-up sheet in the Vestibule. The decorations will be set out in the room beside the Altar & the room behind the Sacristy.

Christmas Flowers In Memory of/In Honor of:

St. John XXIII: Lloyd Russell; James Yanos, Diana Bligh, John & Rose Yanos, Edmund & Bernice Stygar, Richard & Barbara Stygar; Christopher Kavanagh, Tom Briese, Fred Dedin; Francis & Margaret Nevitt, Larry E. Williams; all deceased members of Geleziunas family

Immaculate Conception: Flora Bohm, Kenneth & Catherine Dickey, George & Shirley Coyle; John W. Moore; Walter & Ruth Rick; Al & Lela Benz, Irene Rick, Walter Wallimann; Tom & Esther Hall; Paul Streitmatter; Alex McAllister, Mary & Jim Joyce, Amos & Leatha Tommasson; Josephine & James Molinero, Libby & George Vaice; Flora Bohm, Loyal bohms, Leo Bohm, Ahna Merdian, loved ones lost; Mary & Joseph Marini, Mamie & Steve Reinsch; Howie & Doreen Heilstedt, Bob & Barb Webber; Stanley & Carlene Daniels, Leonard Waldschmidt, Kathryn Waldschmidt; Mary & Barney Bima, Jan & Anthony Beltramea, Vitas & Gertrude Waldschmidt; Alex McAllister



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2020 (as of 11/30/20)

Goal	Pledged	Bal to Goal	# of Families
SJT: \$ 23,849	\$ 18,950	\$ 4,899	69
IC: \$ 19,398	\$ 20,615	\$ 0	65



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

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.



From Your Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we begin our last week or preparation for the coming of our Lord, in the readings of this Sunday, we listen to the preparations of some people in the history of our salvation. In the first reading from the Second Book of Samuel, King David intended to prepare a house for the ark of God (the most concrete sign of God's presence and dwelling), but God promised & revealed a more important house of his dwelling, namely his chosen one through the lineage of King David. In the Gospel Luke 1:26-38), Mary agreed to prepare a place in her womb for the one that God promised King David – the son of God. Let us as we prepare the Christmas crib & tree in our home & Church, also prepare a place for Jesus in our hearts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I WISH ALL OF YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A VERY BLESSED AND MERRY CHISTMAS. AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, MAY WE SHARE IN OUR FAMILIES, CHURCH AND COMMUNITIES THE LOVE AND PEACE HE CAME TO BRING.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses: Thursday, December 24 @ St. John XXIII: 4pm & 9:30pm and @ Immaculate Conception: 4pm & 8pm. **Christmas Day Masses:** Friday, December 25: 8:30am @ Immaculate Conception and @ 9:30am @ St. John XXIII Parish. In order that we may be safely accommodated in the Church, we are requesting that you sign up for the mass you wish to attend by this weekend if you haven't done so.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SINGING

In order that the air droplets from our mouths do not circulate around, we ask that you listen prayerfully to the Christmas songs that will be sung by the cantor, and if there is need, sing by humming, instead of being vocal.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

will be a Feast of the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, let us on that Sunday, if possible, pray together and entrust our families to the care of the Holy Family.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

On this day we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the beginning of a New Year 2021 and the World Day of Peace. It is Holy Day of Obligation. On this day let pray that the Year 2021 may be a year of light, dispelling the darkness of the 2020 pandemic. The Mass Schedule will be: Vigil Mass at St. John XXIII on Thursday December 31, 2020 @ 5:30pm (No morning mass); New Year's Day Mass: Friday 1, 2021 @ 8:30am at St. John XXIII and 8:30am at Immaculate Conception.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. John Bosco Mujuni

The Rose and Candle:

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

If our greatest need had been for information, God would have sent us an Educator. If our greatest need had been for technology, God would have sent us a Scientist. If our greatest need had been for money, God would have sent us an Economist. If our greatest need had been for pleasure, God would have sent us an Entertainer. Our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior! Merry Christmas.





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