



The Parish Bulletin

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

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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
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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
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Margy 309-364-3584 & Jeremy 815-866-6572
Youth Group Coordinator [Lacon, IL]
Katie 309-238-3587

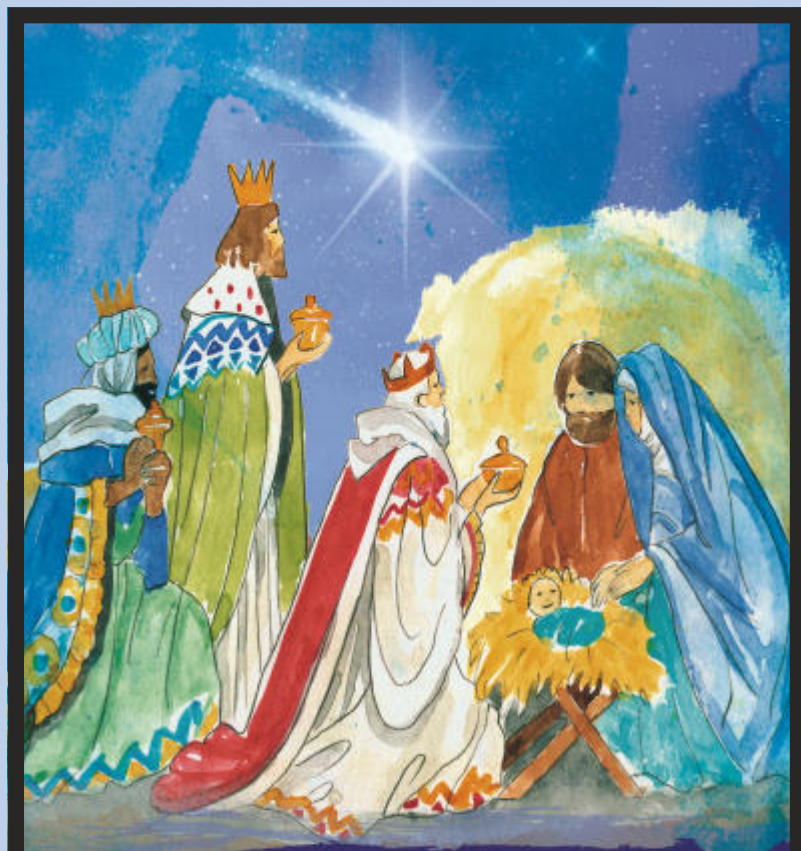
Christian Stewardship

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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Mt 2:10-11

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January 2-3, 2021 Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

Lord's Day Masses, January 2-3, 2021

Saturday, January 2nd—Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm SM +Robert & Marilyn Bogner [family]

5:30 pm IC +Morse Strong [Phyllis Strong & Family]

Sunday, January 3rd—Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am IC +Jacque Keffeler [family]

9:30 am SM +Lena Moore Bogner [Dan & Tricia Bogner]

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 4th—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
No Mass

Tuesday, January 5th—Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:30am SM All Souls Day Intentions

Wednesday, January 6th—Christmas Weekday

5:30pm IC +deceased members of the McDonald &
Spellious families [estate]

Thursday, January 7th—Christmas Weekday

8:30 am SM +Virginia Cain [Tom Bogner]

Friday, January 8th—Christmas Weekday

8:30 am IC +Dorothy Schaer [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, January 9-10, 2021

Saturday, January 9th—Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

4:00 pm SM +Sandy Bogner [Ken Villiger]

5:30 pm IC +Jim Fenoglia [family]

Sunday, January 10th—Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am IC +John Chirchirillo [Dan & Kathy Coyle]

9:30 am SM +Ralph Turpen [Wil & Louise Young]

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

Goal	Pledged	Received	Bal to Goal	# of Families
SJT: \$ 23,849	\$ 18,950	\$ 14,210	\$ 9,639	69
IC: \$ 19,398	\$ 20,615	\$ 16,640	\$ 2,758	65

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...\$	1,492	\$20,102	\$80,000
IC: Church boiler.....\$	200	\$17,410	\$22,000

Parish Support—December 20, 25, 27, 2020

	Actual	Budgeted
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$10,832.00	\$ 2,430.00 (+)\$
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 5,678.00	\$ 1,720.00 (+)\$

Lay Ministry Schedule

LECTOR	COMMUNION MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, January 9, 2021	Betty Shearer	Pam Waldschmidt
5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, January 9, 2021	Marian Bohm	Susie McAllister
8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, January 10, 2021	Myra Uftring	Katie Bogner
9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, January 10, 2021	Gina Schlosser	Doug Clinton



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

Pray for the Sick/injured/hospitalized:

Judy Schwiderski; Judy Carson; Pat Phillips; Beth Adams (cousin of Richard Dubois); Janice Maubach; Mary Jo Zulz & Rob Sloan (sister & brother of Tony & Pat Sloan); Mary Ann Child; Tim Cowell; Ryker Anderson (son of Erika & Ryan Anderson); Rita Buritz; Parker Waldschmidt (grandson of Leonard & Gay Waldschmidt); David Dunagan; Alvin Olszanowski; Karen Arians; Mary Breen-Underwood; Carol Ratliff; Pat Selquist; Kathy Tomasson; David Sager (father of Renee Streitmatter); Bob Behrends; Kim Hardy (niece of Sandy Moore); Chris Steele; Mary Poignant; Eugene Poignant; Anna Lukac; Rex Swords; Julia Ann Condit; 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; Jim Klein (brother of Linda Shaffer); Karen McVey; Cindy Judd (daughter of Judy Carson); Judy Murphy; Becky Strong; James Brown; Katy Morris Broshears (daughter of Joe & Monica Morris); 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: Simm Doyle; 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.

Thank you for your generosity

YTD Actual (26 wks)	YTD Budget (26 wks)
\$ 60,532.70	\$ 63,180.00
\$ 46,909.10	\$ 44,720.00



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.



New Year's Prayer
God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.
As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Prayer During A Health Crisis
 Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

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From Your Pastor

Epiphany of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany from Latin word-Epiphania, means: The manifestation (revelation) of our Lord Jesus Christ to people of all nations (Jews and Gentiles/Non-Jews). This manifestation/revelation of Jesus Christ to the non-Jews is symbolized by the wise men (Magi). The Bible is silent on how many wise men visited Jesus. However, tradition talks of three wise men that came to seek and honor the infant Jesus and these are named *Gaspar, Balthazar, and Melchior*. The Bible says they came from East (East of Judah), but exactly where, is not known. Arabia, Babylon and Persia are popular choices. The Feast of Epiphany speaks to us of being among those that Christ has manifested Himself to as our light, and the importance of offerings and gift giving in the church tradition. May Christ always be the light of our lives.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. John Bosco Mujuni

Statement of the Diocese of Peoria regarding Covid-19 Vaccines

As you have most likely been made aware, the United States Bishops have approved the use of the *Moderna* and *Pfizer* Covid-19 Vaccines for Catholics (see *The Catholic Post*, Sunday, December 20, 2020, page 5) as an “act of charity” in light of the public health risks of the pandemic. In response to the vaccines, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life and Doctrine stated this, “People may in good conscience use the vaccines produced by *Pfizer* and *Moderna*, which made only limited use of those unethical cell lines (for lab testing of the vaccine).” Moral theologians refer to this as “remote material cooperation”. The Vatican has agreed with this position as outlines in the US Bishops’ statement.

We must encourage the continued development of non-morally compromised cell lines for future vaccines from all drug-manufacturing companies. At this time the Church allows the use of the *Pfizer* and *Moderna* vaccines to combat Covid-19 if you choose to be vaccinated. If you would like to read the complete statement of the US Bishops on the “Moral Considerations Regarding the New Covid-19 Vaccines” go to the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>. The statement issued by the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith can be found at their website: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html.

The Rose and Candle:

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

God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us. God loves every child He sends into the world. Pray and work to end abortion and euthanasia.





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