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The Parish Bulletin

The Parish Office
415 N. High; Lacon, IL 61540
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Lord's Day Mass Schedule:
Saturday: SM-4:00pm; IC-5:30pm
Sunday: IC-8:00am; SM-9:30am

February 13-14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

Lord's Day Masses, February 13-14, 2021

Saturday, February 13th—Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm SM +Chester & John Geleziunas [family]
5:30 pm IC +Amanda Condit [Bill & Linda Klein]
Sunday, February 14th—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am IC +Paul Streitmatter [family]
9:30 am SM +George Jason [family]

Weekday Masses

Monday, February 15th—Weekday - No Mass
Tuesday, February 16th—Weekday
8:30am SM +Janice & Keith Baldwin [Cheryl Baldwin]
Wednesday, February 17th—Ash Wednesday
8:30am SM +Ron Chapman [Jane & Jerry Merdian]
8:30am IC +Ima Jean Schlosser [Ronald Bjerke]
6:00pm SM +Norman & Mary Kuchenmeister [family]
6:00pm IC +Jo & Bob Sloan [family]
Thursday, February 18th—Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 am SM All Souls Day Intentions
Friday, February 19th—Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 am IC +Bernice Fuchs [Lynn Elbert]

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, February 20-21, 2021

Saturday, February 20th—Vigil: First Sunday in Lent
4:00 pm SM +John & Colleen Lacey [Lacey-Nauman family]
5:30 pm IC +Doreen Heilstedt [girls]
Sunday, February 21st—First Sunday in Lent
8:00 am IC +Walter Rick [Larry & Myra Uftring]
9:30 am SM +Norman Sendelbach [Evelyn & Bob Neuhalfen]

If you want a Contribution Statement for your tax records, please call the Parish Office at 309-246-5145.

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...	$ 555	$25,862	$80,000
IC: Church boiler.....	$ 520	$21,980	$22,000

Lay Ministry Schedule

LECTOR	COMMUNION MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, February 20, 2021		
Betty Shearer	Michelle Lacey-Nauman	
5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, February 20, 2021		
Amy Sloan	Susie McAllister	
8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, February 21 2021		
Kathy Coyle	Katie Bogner	
9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, February 21, 2021		
Gina Schlosser	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:
Fr. John Verrier; John Monier; Sharon Benz; Melissa Duncan (niece of Richard Dubois); Katie Grumbine; Dale Thornton; Judy Schwiderski; Judy Carson; Pat Phillips; Beth Adams (cousin of Richard Dubois); Janice Maubach; Rob Sloan (brother of Tony & Pat Sloan); David Dunagan; Mary Breen-Underwood; Kathy Tomasson; David Sager (father of Renee Streitmatter); Bob Behrends; Kim Hardy (niece of Sandy Moore); 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; Karen McVey; Cindy Judd (daughter of Judy Carson); Judy Murphy; Becky Strong; James Brown; Tim Cowell; Ryker Anderson (son of Erika & Ryan Anderson); Rita Buritz; Parker Waldschmidt (grandson of Leonard & Gay Waldschmidt); 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: Jim Klein (brother of Linda Shaffer); 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—February 7, 2021

Thank you for your generosity

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD Actual (32 wks)	YTD Budget (32 wks)
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	$ 1,665.00	$ 2,430.00 **(-$765)**	$ 70,195.70	$ 77,760.00
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	$ 1,589.00	$ 1,720.00 **(-$131)**	$ 55,663.10	$ 55,040.00

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.

As you know, **FAITH Outreach** had to cancel our fundraising fish fry last March and it looks as if we will have to cancel it again this year due to the pandemic. Unfortunately, those needing help have not stopped needing help. FAITH Outreach began with a memorial gift from Father Art Meyer, remembering Father Art's kindness FAITH Outreach was formed to help local families with a hand up on utilities and/or rent payments. We know that money is tight for all of us, but would like to ask you to consider making a donation in the amount you would have spent at the fish fry during the month of February. Donations can be put in a white envelope and marked FAITH OUTREACH and put in the collection boxes at the back of the churches. Or you may mail them to the parish office at 415 N. High Street, Lacon, IL 61540. Just mark FAITH OUTREACH on the envelope. Thank you for your consideration.
FAITH Outreach Fundraising committee

Those who subscribe to our excellent diocesan newspaper, **The Catholic Post**, have received materials to renew their subscription for another year. As Lent is about to begin, we encourage *all members* of our parish to receive and support this valuable resource for Catholic living and unity, especially during this challenging time. Stay connected to your family of faith, especially in this time of pandemic, by subscribing instantly via credit or debit card online at thecatholicpost.com; by calling (309) 671-1550 during business hours; or sending a check to **The Catholic Post**, PO Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656. The subscription rate remains at $30. Additional levels of support are invited.

Hands Helping Haiti Fundraiser: We would like to invite you to a fun fundraising night on February 27. We will be hosting a **TRIVIA GAME** this year instead of our annual spaghetti supper. You will be able to stay home & will just need an internet connection. So, grab some family or friends, in your living room, if they are in your covid bubble, or join each other virtually. Don't worry if you've never played trivia before - no pressures - it will just be a fun virtual gathering to connect and support our work in Haiti. Funds will help our school building, lunch and scholarship programs. Registration is $10 per participant and all proceeds will be going to Haiti. The link for the registration is on our website www.handshelpinghaiti.org. We will be in contact with you after you register to get you the zoom link and get your details on your trivia team. Please feel free to join us even if you don't have a team - it will be a fun night. For more information, call Pat or Donna at 309-246-2752.

From Your Pastor

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Both the first reading (Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46) and the Gospel (Mark 1: 40 -45) deal with illness of leprosy, a subject that is not pleasant to hear on Valentine's Day. In Moses' days, leprosy was a sign of sinfulness and separation from God. But in the Gospel, Jesus, the Son of God, reaches out with love and touches the leper. In doing so, Jesus teaches that the leper is literally not separated from God at all. Not even is leprosy a barrier to Jesus's healing touch. As members of Christ's body, we are called to love God, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. On this Valentine's Day, and listening to the words of St. Paul in the second reading (1 Corinthians 10: 31- 11: 1), let us imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus, by breaking barriers that cause divisions and extend great care to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

LENT: The season of Lent will start on February 17, 2021 with Ash Wednesday Masses. Morning Masses: 8:30 am @ St. John XXIII and Immaculate Conception Evening Masses: 6:00 pm @ St. John XXIII and Immaculate Conception. During this time of the pandemic, Peoria diocese and other dioceses have directed that we go with the Holy See guidelines in the distribution of ashes: The minister (s) will go to those who are standing in their places; he will sprinkle ashes on the head of the recipient instead of placing them on the forehead. This is intended to minimize the necessity of physical contact between the minister and recipient of the ashes and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity of the recipient.

AID TO EASTERN EUROPE: The Ash Wednesday collection will be for "Aid to Eastern Europe Churches". We are informed that the pandemic has made the weak economies of Eastern Europe more vulnerable and are in dire need of resources to take care of the sick and the elderly. Please be generous as you can. Other almsgiving areas that we can consider during lent include (1) SJT Senior Meals Program, (2) F.A.I.T.H Outreach and (3) Food Pantry.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING LENT: It will be administered during the usual scheduled times: Saturdays11:30 am – 12:00 Noon @ Immaculate Conception in Church and 3:00 pm- 3:45 pm at St. John XXIII Parish Rectory. Plan accordingly.

SJT CHRUCH COPING AND CENTER ROOF REPAIRS: The Parish Council of St. John XXIII Parish on January 28, 2021 resolved to go ahead with these repairs beginning with spring 2021. So far what we had saved and been contributing for these two projects, can comfortably complete one of these projects. Each project is estimated at approximately $40,000. We have made a resolution to borrow some money from the diocese and then pay it back with interest later on. We appeal to you to make any donation as you are able and also spread the word around in our community. Our Parish Center is used for many programs that benefit many people in our area. Soon, there will be an article in our local Newspapers about it.

IC CHURCH BOILER: The Parish Council of Immaculate Conception is grateful to its parishioners that were generous with contributions towards the installation of the New Boiler System at a cost of $ 21,600. All this has been paid. No more worries about heat in the Church. THANK YOU!!

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.

How is the person who considers abortion to be murder any different from the Pole who knew what was going to happen at Auschwitz? If the Pole was morally obligated to attempt to save lives, isn't the person who opposes abortion under the same obligation?

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