



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
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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
Youth Group Coordinator [Lacon, IL]
Katie 309-238-3587

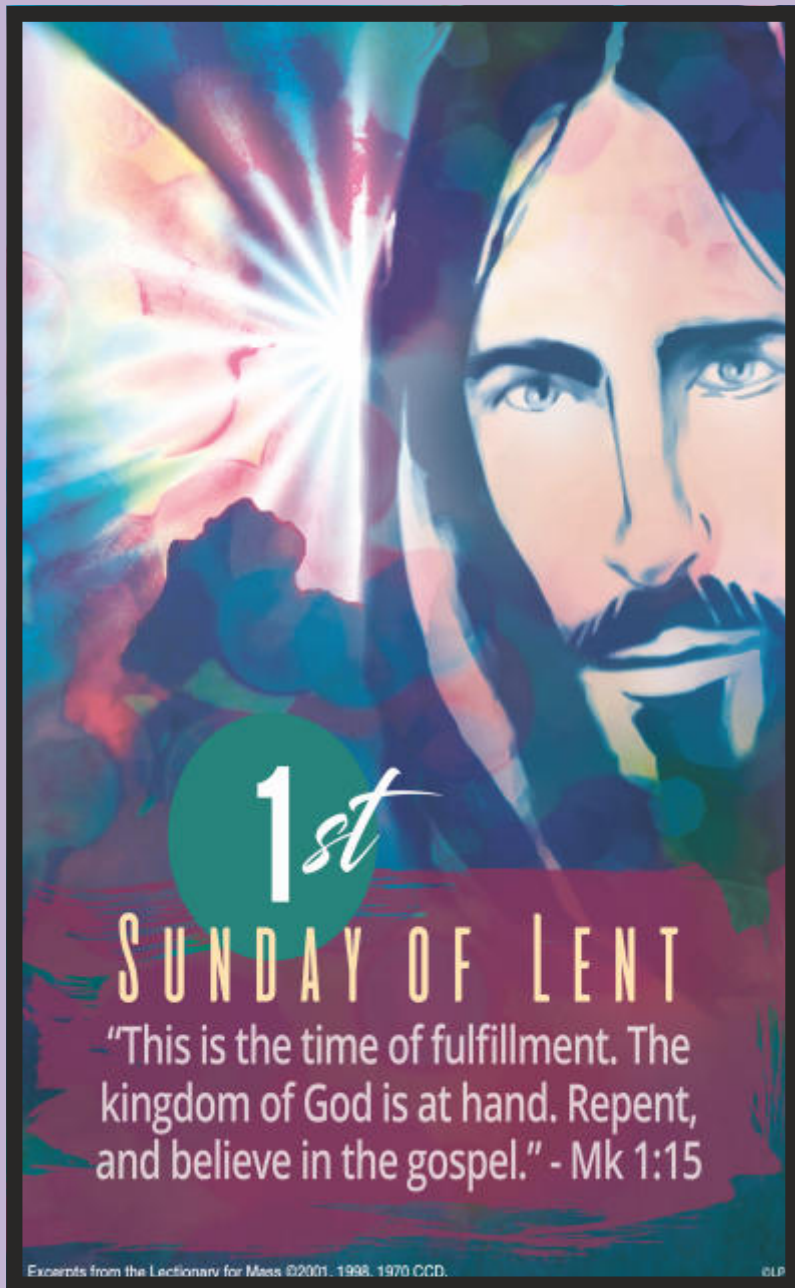
Christian Stewardship

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.



February 20-21 , 2021 First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

Lord's Day Masses, February 20-21, 2021

Saturday, February 20th—Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm SM +John & Colleen Lacey
[Lacey-Nauman family]

5:30 pm IC +Doreen Heilstedt [girls]

Sunday, February 21st—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am IC +Walter Rick [Larry & Myra Uftring]

9:30 am SM +Norman Sendelbach
[Evelyn & Bob Neuhalfen]

Weekday Masses

Monday, February 22nd—the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
No Mass

Tuesday, February 23rd—Lenten Weekday
8:30am SM +Janice Baldwin [Cheryl Baldwin]

Wednesday, February 24th—Lenten Weekday
5:30pm IC +Ray & Alma Uftring [Larry & Myra Uftring]

Thursday, February 25th—Lenten Weekday
8:30 am SM +Mary Steele [Tom Bogner]

Friday, February 26th—Lenten Weekday
8:30 am IC +George Jason [Ernie & Pam Waldschmidt]

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 27-28, 2021

Saturday, February 27th—Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm SM +Theresa Maubach [Charles Owens]

5:30 pm IC +Alex McAllister [family]

Sunday, February 28th—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am IC +Bob Miller [Kay Wilson]

9:30 am SM +Elizabeth Sutton [Gene & Carolyn Bogner]

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...	\$ 190	\$26,052	\$80,000
IC: Church boiler.....	\$ 165	\$22,145	\$22,000

Lay Ministry Schedule

LECTOR	COMMUNION MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, February 27, 2021		
Greg Bogner	Betty Shearer	
5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, February 27, 2021		
William Klein	Phil Fennell	
8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, February 28, 2021		
Katie Bogner	Cathy Moore	
9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, February 28, 2021		
Susan Real	Bob Eckert	



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

Pray for the Sick/injured/hospitalized:

Lizzy Robertson; 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 Tomason; 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; 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: James Brown; 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—February 14, 2021

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD Actual (33 wks)	YTD Budget (33 wks)
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 1,660.00	\$ 2,430.00 (-\$770)	\$ 71,855.70	\$ 80,190.00
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 1,720.00 (+\$110)	\$ 57,493.10	\$ 56,760.00

Thank you for your generosity



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.

Did you know that you can place a message atop a page of our diocesan newspaper, **The Catholic Post**? Your special message will be seen in 10,000 Catholic households! Through a page sponsorship, you may memorialize a deceased loved one, give thanks for blessings such as a new grandchild or a marriage anniversary, etc. A page sponsorship of \$100 is one suggested level of giving in **The Catholic Post's** subscription drive now underway on the theme of "RENEW: Hope...Faith...Unity." Contribute instantly via credit or debit card anytime online at thecatholicpost.com or by calling (309) 671-1550 during business hours. You may also send a check to **The Catholic Post**, PO Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656. The regular subscription rate remains at \$30.

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

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

First Sunday of Lent

The readings of this Sunday revolve around the covenant God established with all humanity, with all of us. It began with just a few people taking refuge on the ark (Genesis 9: 8-15), but after the flood, Noah and his family were all of humanity. The first Letter of Peter 3: 18-22, identifies baptism as a sign of that covenant, saving us as the ark had saved Noah. Jesus, God's new covenant with humanity, calls us to repentance and faith, as Jesus proclaimed, "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). May we heed that call and renew our covenant with God during the forty days of this Lenten period.

"WORD AMONG US"

These books are on tables at the back of the churches for journey through Lent. They have daily meditations and other spiritual readings in them. Please use them.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

IC: Wednesdays 5:00pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm

SJT: Thursdays at 8:00am followed by Mass at 8:30am

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING LENT

It will be administered during the usual scheduled times: Saturdays 11:30am – 12:00 Noon @ Immaculate Conception in Church and 3:00pm- 3:45pm at St. John XXIII Parish Rectory. Plan accordingly.

ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

In our two Parishes there are programs we can support, namely St. John XXIII Outreach for the Senior Meals, Fr. Art Meyer Faith Outreach and some projects in our Parishes. Appeal envelopes are in your home packages or you can put the donation in any envelope and name it the program you wish to support.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. John Bosco Mujuni

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2020 (as of 02/01/2021)

	Goal	Pledged	Received	Bal to Goal	# of Families
SJT:	\$ 23,849	\$ 22,365	\$ 18,865	\$ 4,984	74
IC:	\$ 19,398	\$ 21,165	\$ 18,665	\$ 733	68

The Rose and Candle:

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

"A Christian can never conform to a law which is in itself immoral, and such is the case of a law which would admit in principle the licitly of abortion. Nor can a Christian take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it ... On the contrary, it is the task of law to pursue reform of society and conditions of life in all its milieu, starting with the most deprived, so that always and everywhere it may be possible to give every child coming into this world a welcome worthy of a person." - Holy See (1974)





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