



# 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

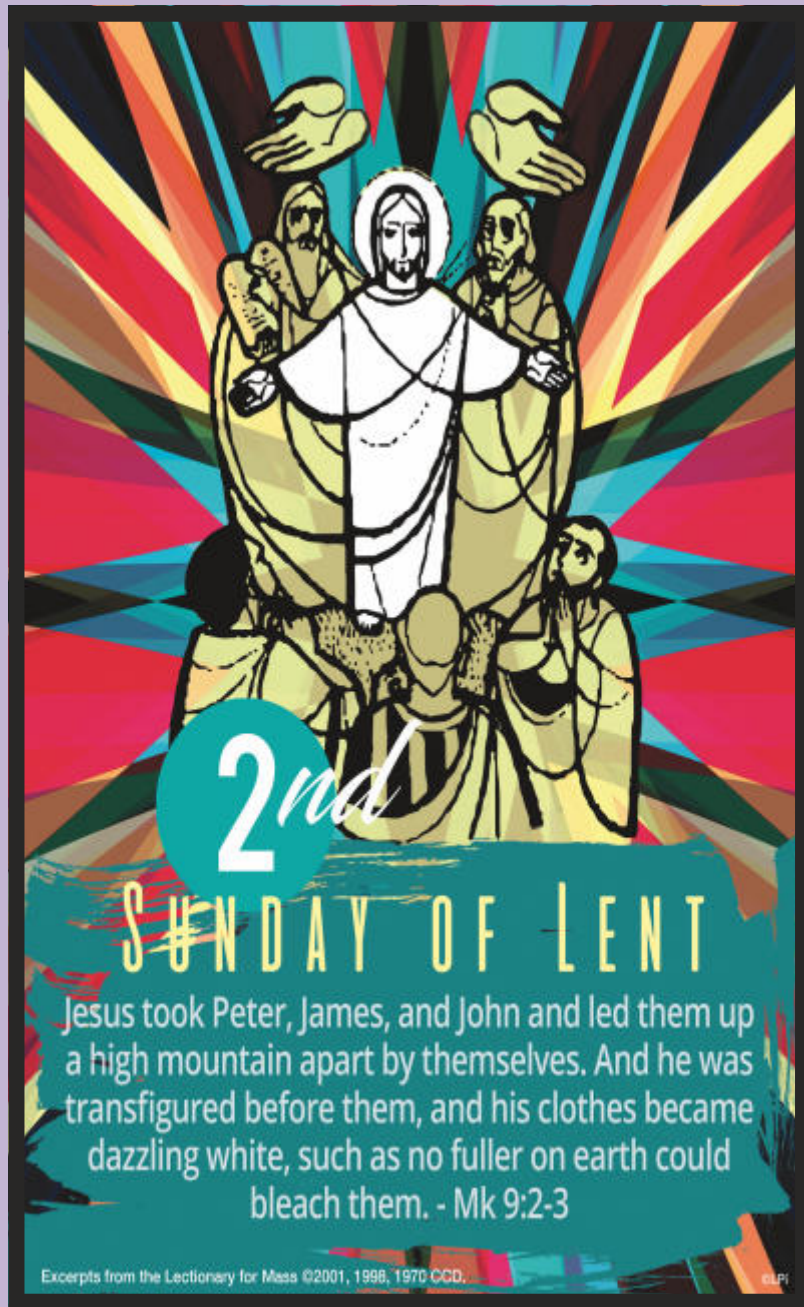
## Christian Stewardship

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.



# February 27-28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

# Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

## 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]

## Weekday Masses

Monday, March 1st—Lenten Weekday-No Mass

Tuesday, March 2nd—Lenten Weekday

8:30am SM +Judy Schmitt [Gerald Schmitt]

Wednesday, March 3rd—Lenten Weekday

5:30pm IC +deceased members of the

McDonald & Spellious families [estate]

Thursday, March 4th—Lenten Weekday

8:30 am SM All Souls Day Intentions

Friday, March 5th—Lenten Weekday

8:30 am IC Vocations [Altar & Rosary]

9:00-9:30am IC First Friday Adoration/Benediction

## 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, March 6-7, 2021

Saturday, March 6th—Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm SM +Jim Klein [Tom & Linda Shaffer]

5:30 pm IC +Betty Robbins [Debbie & Michael Palkovic]

Sunday, March 7th—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am IC +Ima Jean Schlosser [Ronald Bjerke]

9:30 am SM +Amanda Condit [Julie & Dave Durdell]

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...	\$7,666.91	\$33,718.91	\$80,000
IC: Church boiler.....	\$ 210	\$22,355	\$22,000

## Lay Ministry Schedule

LECTOR	COMMUNION MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, March 6, 2021</b>		
Colleen Bogner	Pam Waldschmidt	
<b>5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, March 6, 2021</b>		
Marian Bohm	Todd McAllister	
<b>8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, March 7, 2021</b>		
Lloyd Benz	Ron Moore	
<b>9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, March 7, 2021</b>		
Doug Clinton	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:

Lizzy Robertson; John Monier; Sharon Benz; Melissa Duncan (niece of Richard Dubois); Katie Grumbine; Tom Miller; 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; 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: 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 21, 2021

	Actual	Budgeted	
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 2,425.00	\$ 2,430.00	(-\$5)
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 1,371.00	\$ 1,720.00	(-\$349)

## Thank you for your generosity

	YTD Actual (34 wks)	YTD Budget (34 wks)
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 74,280.70	\$ 82,620.00
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 58,864.10	\$ 58,480.00



**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:**

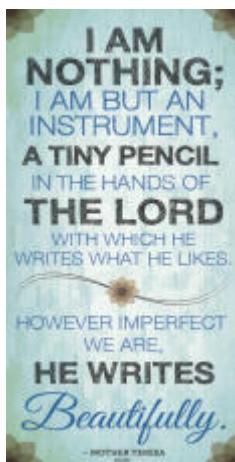
- Do you have a fever or flu-like symptoms? Have you recently traveled out of the country? Have you been exposed to someone with COVID-19? Those who show signs of risk should **not** enter the church and should stay at home.
- Those who are vulnerable to infection or uncomfortable to gather in large 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

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**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. ©LPi



*From Your Pastor*

**Second Sunday of Lent**

In today's difficult first reading, where Abraham is tested to offer his only son Isaac, Abraham proves his faithfulness to God, trusting the Lord completely, unlike Adam and Eve, who had turned away. Consequently God blesses Abraham with descendants too numerous to count. Each of us is one. Instead of Isaac, Jesus God's only Son was offered for us and now intercedes for us. In the Gospel as Jesus was transfigured, God's voice from the heavens directed Peter, James and John, Jesus' closest disciples, to listen to Jesus. In this season of Lent, amidst tough tests and challenges we are also reminded to listen to Jesus. Let us reflect on how Jesus is speaking to us today as we pray, as we hear God's word, as we celebrate the Eucharist celebration in memory of what Jesus has done for us. Let us listen to him!

**"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;  
St. John XXIII: Thursdays at 8:00am followed by Mass at 8:30am

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING LENT**

It will be administered during the usual scheduled times: Saturdays 11:30 am – 12:00 Noon @ Immaculate Conception in Church and 3:00 pm- 3:45 pm 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, Food Pantry and some projects in our Parishes. Put the donation in any envelope and state what it is designated for.

*Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Fr. John Bosco Mujuni*

**Immaculate Conception Cemetery Maintenance:** We need someone to do the mowing of Immaculate Conception Cemetery. It is a paid job. If you know someone who can do it, he or she should contact the Parish Office at 309-246-5145.

**The Lacon Area Community Center will provide a St. Patrick's Meal on Saturday, March 13 at Noon of Corned Beef & Cabbage with sides. If you would like to receive this FREE meal call 309-246-4959 and leave a message. Meal pick up will begin at Noon. There is a limit of 4 meals per reservation. Limited delivery of meals if needed is possible.**

**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.

"If a physician presumes to take into consideration in his work whether life has value or not, the consequences are boundless and the physician becomes the most dangerous man in the state."-Dr. Christoph Hufeland, Germany, 1762-1836





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