



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

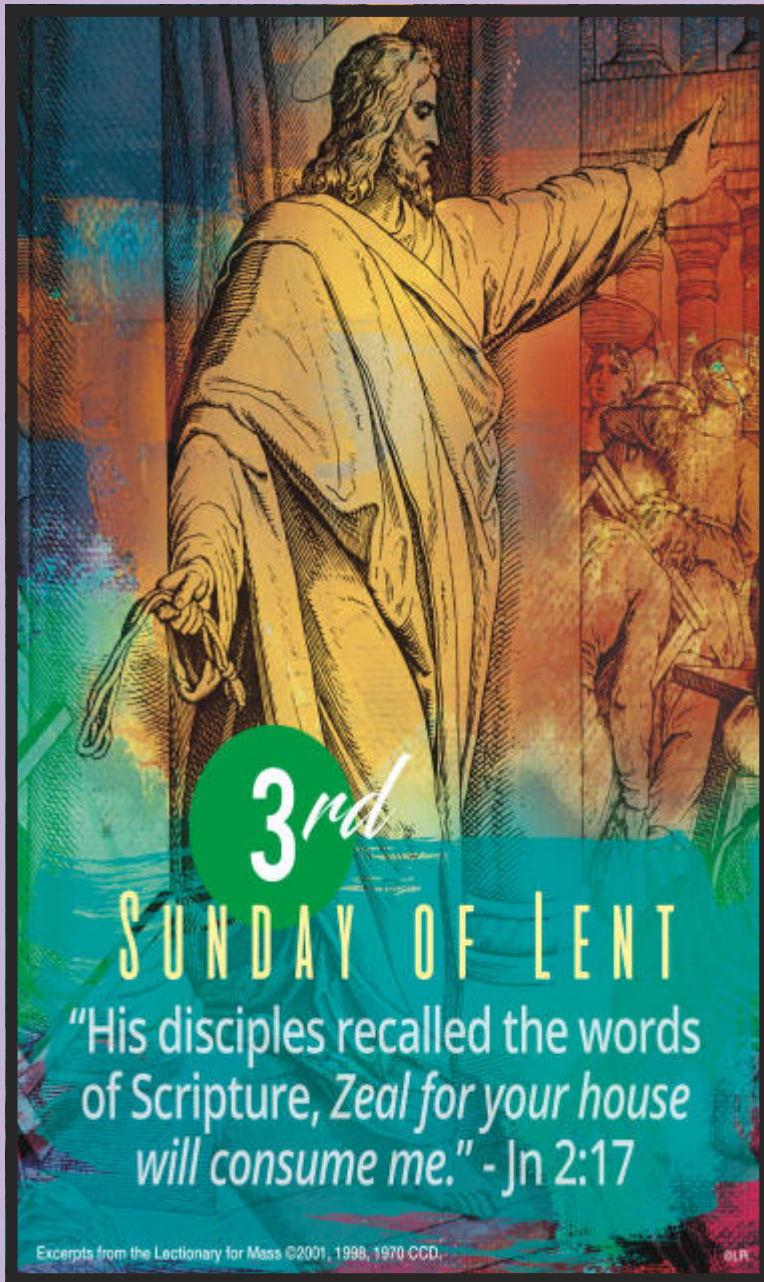
Christian Stewardship

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.



March 6-7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

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]

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 8th—Lenten Weekday-No Mass

Tuesday, March 9th—Lenten Weekday

8:30am SM +Eric Nauman [family]

Wednesday, March 10th—Lenten Weekday

5:30pm IC +Uncle Festo [Larry & Myra Uftring]

Thursday, March 11th—Lenten Weekday

8:30 am SM +David Mattern [Kenneth Villiger]

Friday, March 12th—Lenten Weekday

8:30 am IC +Patricia Snider [estate]

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 13-14, 2021

Saturday, March 13th—Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm SM +Sandy Bogner [family]

5:30 pm IC +Jim Augustyn [family]

Sunday, March 14th—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am IC +George Jason [Larry & Myra Uftring]

9:30 am SM +Richard Link [Tom 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...	\$1,655	\$35,373	\$80,000
IC: Hall remodeling.....	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$47,500

Lay Ministry Schedule

LECTOR	COMMUNION MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, March 13, 2021		
Charles Owens	Rhonda Bogner	
5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, March 13, 2021		
Pete Chirchirillo	Susie McAllister	
8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, March 14, 2021		
Dan Coyle	Katie Bogner	
9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, March 14, 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:

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 28, 2021

Thank you for your generosity

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD Actual (35 wks)	YTD Budget (35 wks)
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 3,157.00	\$ 2,430.00 (+\$727)	\$ 77,437.70	\$ 85,050.00
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 2,133.00	\$ 1,720.00 (+\$413)	\$ 30,997.10	\$ 60,200.00



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.

Immaculate Conception Cemetery Maintenance

We need someone to do the mowing of Immaculate Conception Cemetery and the old 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 volunteers of 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 309-246-4050 and leave a message before March 13. Meal pick up will begin at Noon. There is a limit of 4 meals per reservation. Limited delivery of meals if needed is possible.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The weekend of March 13-14, 2021 is the annual time to support the Catholic Relief Services. Your support through this collection serves Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. In November 2019, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops were informed of the experience and challenges of chaplains who serve in the maritime world, serving sailors, fishers, harbor workers and their families. When you give, you help to support this valuable ministry. Appeal envelopes are in your home packages. Some are at the entrances of the Church. If you are writing a check, make it payable to your Parish and on memo write Catholic Relief Services.

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

Third Sunday of Lent

In our Parish of St. John XXIII, we have RCIA candidate who will receive the Easter Sacraments. On this Third Sunday, there is the rite of "First Scrutiny". We shall therefore use readings of First Scrutiny as indicated in our Worship Resource books (Exodus 17: 3-7, Romans 5; 1-2, 5-8 and John 4: 5-42). In these readings water takes center stage. The Chosen People grew thirsty in the desert and the Lord provided water from the rock in Horeb. The Psalmist in Psalm 95 recalled this event to urge us not to harden our hearts as the Chosen People did. In the Second reading, St. Paul alludes to the promises we made at Baptism, which we specifically renew at Easter, declaring our faith, which saves us. In the Gospel, a thirsty Samaritan Woman realized that in Jesus she had received living water that leads to eternal life. As we journey in the third Sunday of Lent, let us quench our thirst with God's word and ask for God's grace through waters of eternal life, to be cleansed of our sinfulness and weaknesses.

**POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMED 12/8/2020 – 12/8/2021
"YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"**

With the Apostolic Letter "*Patris Corde*" -"With a Father's Heart", Pope Francis recalling the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church; and to mark this occasion, the Holy Father proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Holy Father wrote this Apostolic Letter against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation". You can get a full text of the letter by Google search of Apostolic letter "*Patris Corde*" of the holy father Pope Francis".

As a parish we shall honor this declaration beginning with the Feast of St. Joseph's on March 19, with two Masses: 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon and 5:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church, Henry.

As the cases of COVID-19 keep lowering, I am asking for suggestions from various groups in our Parishes (Knights of Columbus, Women's groups, Altar and Rosary, Youth group, Religious Directors, Parish Council) to start thinking of some events we can have in the course of the year in honor of St. Joseph' so that once we are able to gather in the normal way, we can celebrate St. Joseph more honorably.

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.

Abortion kills so that someone might live differently. When vice is bold, that is not the time for virtue to be timid. Fight to end abortion and euthanasia.





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