



DIOCESE OF PEORIA

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
415 N. High; Lacon, IL 61540
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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 am-12 noon
SM Henry 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm
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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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
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Lacon Sundays 9:00-10:15 am
Henry Sundays 10:30-11:30 am
Youth Group Coordinator [Henry, IL]
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Youth Group Coordinator [Lacon, IL]
Katie Bogner 309-238-3587



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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

January 1-2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord

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, January 1-2, 2022

Saturday, January 1st—Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

4:00pm SM +Dorothy Leffers [family]

5:30pm IC +Susan Schupp [Altar & Rosary]

Sunday, January 2nd—Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am IC +Ima Jean Schlosser [John & Patsy Doshier]

9:30 am SM +Richard Link [Tom Bogner]

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 3rd—Christmas Weekday—No Mass

Tuesday, January 4th—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30am SM +Sandy Bogner [family]

Wednesday, January 5th—Saint John Neumann, Bishop

5:30pm IC +Wilma Farley [Ron & Cathy Moore]

Thursday, January 6th—Christmas Weekday

8:30am SM +Ralph Turpen [Hallen family]

Friday, January 7th—Christmas Weekday

8:30am IC Vocations [Altar & Rosary]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Weekdays—5 minutes before Mass

Saturdays @ 11:30 am - 12:00 Noon IC Lacon

Saturdays @ 3:15 - 3:45 pm SM Henry

For other arrangements call Fr. John Bosco @ 312-520-9599

- - - NEXT WEEKEND - - -

Lord's Day Masses, January 8-9, 2022

Saturday, January 8th—Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

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

5:30pm IC +Jim Brown [William & Linda Klein]

Sunday, January 9th—Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am IC +Becky Bogner [family]

9:30 am SM +Katy Broshear [Char Nauman]

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021 (as of 12/10/2021)

	Goal	Pledged	Received	Bal to Goal	# of Families
SJT: \$ 23,099	\$ 16,705	\$ 11,165	\$ 6,394	62	
IC: \$ 20,802	\$ 17,885	\$ 12,725	\$ 2,917	57	

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.

Bld. Upkeep Fund/Donations

	Actual	YTD Actual	Budgeted
SJT: Church coping/Center Roof...\$	2,205	\$ 90,053	\$ 86,000
IC: Hall remodeling.....\$	0	\$ 14,745	\$ 47,500

Lay Ministry Schedule

LECTOR	COMMUNION MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 p.m. – SM – Saturday, January 8, 2022		
Dirk Nauman	Michelle Lacey-Nauman	
5:30 p.m. – IC – Saturday, January 8, 2022		
Pete Chirchirillo	Susie McAllister	
8:00 a.m. – IC – Sunday, January 9, 2022		
Lloyd Benz	Katie Bogner	
9:30 a.m. – SM – Sunday, January 9, 2022		
Gina Schlosser	Betty Shearer	



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 Longman (sister of Sandy Moore); Steve Weers; Sharon Murphy; Jean Pillion; Harriet Cowell; Kevin Palm; Lindsey Anderson; Brenda Landers; Brynne Feddericke; Kolton Villiger; Lizzy Robertson; Beth Adams (cousin of Richard Dubois); Janice Maubach; Rob Sloan (brother of Tony & Pat Sloan); Kim Hardy (niece of Sandy Moore); Anna Lukac; Rex Swords; Dennis Dragon; Clifford Harvey; Steve Alvin; Carmen Hank (sil of Becky Palm); Ty, Avery & Taylor Griffin (great-grandchildren of Nedra Bischler); Jerry Shurts (brother of Sharon Murphy); Josephine Swanson (sil of Alice Tyson); John Watkins; Mike Barnes (son of Tom Barnes); Mary Kent; Cindy Judd (daughter of Judy Carson); Judy Murphy; Becky Strong; Ryker Anderson (son of Erika & Ryan Anderson); Parker Waldschmidt (grandson of Leonard & Gay Waldschmidt); Dena Glatz; Richard Mahrt; Jerry Longman; Glenn Federicke; David Sager (father of Renee Streitmatter); Karen Diehl; Rita Buritz; 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.

If hospitalized or homebound, please notify our Parish office 309-246-5145 or Fr. John Bosco 312-520-9599.

Pray for those in a Nursing Home or Homebound:

Kathryn Waldschmidt; Russell Ziegler; Jean Neuhalfen; Tom Barnes; Sandy Carson; Robin Webber; Nancy Reichen; Eleanor Sears; Alice McCully

May they rest in peace: Marlene Gauwitz;

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—December 19, 2021

Thank you for your generosity

	Actual	Budgeted	YTD Actual (25 wks)	YTD Budget (25 wks)
Saint John XXIII—Sunday	\$ 3,584.62	\$ 2,450.00	(+\$1,134.62)	\$ 59,451.05
Immaculate Conception—Sunday	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 1,764.00	(-\$276)	\$ 44,100.00

Jan 1 Happy New Year!

Jan 4 Lacon Knights of Columbus @ Hall 7pm
 Jan 5 IC Altar & Rosary @ Hall 6pm
 Jan 6 SJT Catholic Women's Club @ Center 6pm
 Jan 7 IC First Friday Adoration/Benediction 9-9:30am
 Jan 9 Religious Ed: IC-9:00am/SJT-10:30am
Jan 9 Christmas Decorations come down today
 Jan 16 Religious Ed: IC-9:00am/SJT-10:30am
 Jan 20 Henry Knights of Columbus @ SJ Hall 7pm

Upcoming Events in the Diocese

Jan 8 Pre-Cana Conference, Spalding Pastoral Center, Peoria
 Jan 8 March for Life, Chicago
 Jan 15 Christian Sexuality Workshop, Spalding Pastoral Center

The Catholic Women's Club of St. John XXIII will meet Thursday, January 6 at 6:00pm. All women of the parish are invited. Come and bring your ideas for a fruitful year of helping our parish.

The Lacon/Henry Youth Group kicked off the first week-end of December after a long pause. We plan to meet monthly January through May and invite all students Confirmation class through Senior year to join us. Please contact Amy Lee in Henry (815-875-7295) or Katie Bogner in Lacon (309-238-3587) for more information.

Christmas Flowers In Memory of/In Honor of: St. John XXIII:

Roy Bays, Bernard & Margaret Hodge, Ralph Turpen; Christopher Kavanagh; Ed & Hazel Russell; Larry Williams, Francis & Margaret Nevitt; Deceased family members; James Yanos, John & Rose Yanos, Diana Bligh, Edmund & Bernice Stygar, Richard & Barbara Stygar; Katy Morris Broshears; Lloyd Russell, deceased members of the Mattingly family; Ray & Cecelia Stange; Phyllis Dunagan; Larry & Eric Nauman, Chick & Jeanne McCrosky

**Immaculate Conception:**

Kenneth & Catherine Dickey, George & Shirley Coyle; Harold & Doreen Heilstedt, Ray & Marie Pairan, Matihlda Wherry; George & Libby Vaice, James & Josie Molinero; Phil & Mary Murphy, Evalee Conrad, Jerry Bushong; John W. Moore; Ruth & Walter Rick, Lela & Al Benz, Irene & Jack Rick, Walter Willmann; Paul Streitmatter; Jerry & Doris Fennell, sons: Steven & Matthew, daughters-in-law: Joyce & Catherine, 6 grandchildren; Mary Marini, Joseph Marini, Mamie Reinsch, Steve Reinsch; Jim & Mary Joyce family, Amos & Leatha Tomasson, Maude Hanley, Alex McAllister; Morse Strong; Leonard Waldschmidt, Sr., Stanley & Carlene Daniels

**The Rose and Candle:**

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

Unless liberty is devoted to the defense of life, neither life nor liberty can survive. Without life, nothing else matters. Support and join pro-life today.

*From Your Pastor***Epiphany of the Lord**

Though Jerusalem had been laid waste by the invading Babylonian army and the Israelites were just beginning to return there, in the first reading (Isaiah 60: 1-6), Isaiah foresaw the day when the Jerusalem would draw people and riches from near and far. The psalmist (Psalm 72) proclaims that all nations will adore God, for justice and peace will flower throughout the land. In the second reading (Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6), Paul says that people of every nation are members of the same body of Christ as those who heard the Gospel from Jesus directly. In the Gospel (Mt. 2: 1-12), the Magi aware of the significance of the blessed star, traveled from distant lands to reach Bethlehem. They were the first people outside the immediate area to come and greet the new born King. Today we gather thousands of miles from Jerusalem and Bethlehem, not to mention over two thousand years from the holy event. Yet we too are drawn by our faith to his holy place to seek out the Son of God and do him homage. Let us in turn make Christ manifest to others wherever we go.

HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR

As we begin the New Year 2022, let us give thanks to God for all the blessings and protection received in 2021 and make resolutions for the New Year. Let us also pray for peace and harmony in our nation and the whole world.

Christmas season is a time of gift sharing; it will end on Sunday January 9, 2022 on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. May we share our blessings with our church and with each other. As we share the gifts, may we think of the gifts we can share with our church in view of the church projects that we are undertaking. In Henry, we are looking forward to the improvement of the Church windows. In Lacon, we look forward to the remodeling of the Parish Center. Christmas offering envelopes are in our home package envelopes.

THANKS TO MANY

I want to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to all who helped decorate the Churches. Many of you worked together to make our churches beautiful. I also thank all who made our Christmas liturgical celebrations prayerful: Parish staff, musicians, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, ushers, money counters and all those who worked behind the scenes.

END OF CHRISTMAS SEASON**& TAKING DOWN OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

The Christmas season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 9, 2022. So the decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 9 after the morning masses. This year the Christmas season has been very short. We have not had many days to enjoy the beauty of our Christmas lights.

THANKS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Thanks so much for the Christmas cards and gifts sent to me personally. The monetary gifts will be shared with my mom whom I had looked to visit and others will be used in assisting some students that I am supporting in their tuition costs. Thank you!!

BEING AWAY

Fr. John Bosco will have some days off; effective Wednesday, January 5 through January 10, 2022. In the week of January 3, 2022, Fr. Mike Schaab will preside over at all the masses. If you need a priest for any reason, contact the parish office.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. John Bosco Mujuni

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