

**Saint Mary
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401 South Street
Henry, IL 61537



**Immaculate Conception
Church**
412 N. Center Street
Lacon, IL 61540

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Office

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm

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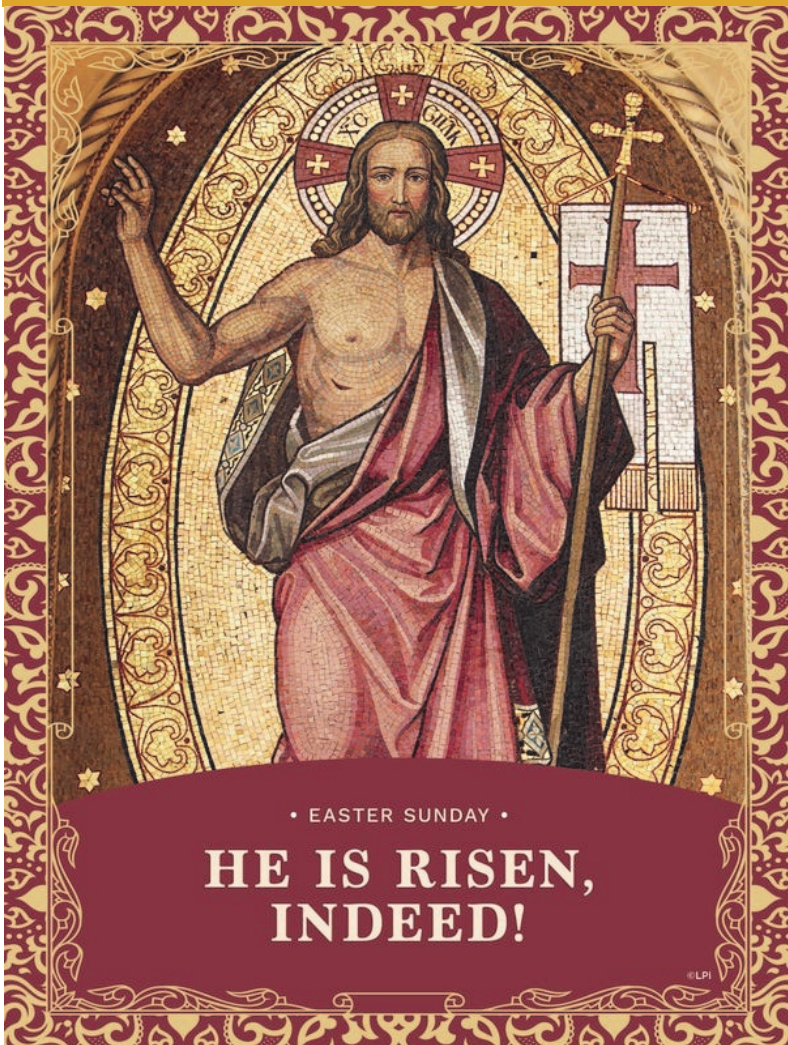
309-238-3394 CCD (Sept-Apr) **Sundays 9:15-10:15am**

St. Mary Center Manager (Henry)

Dawn Glenn: 309-364-2011

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

SMC=St. Mary Church, Henry

ICC=Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon

Pro Populo—Mass for the People of the Parish)

Easter Sunday

Saturday Vigil	8:30pm	SMC	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Rosie Wunder
	10:30am	SMC	Special Intentions

Weekday Masses

Mon. April 6			No Mass
Tues. April 7	8:00am	SMC	+Sandy Ziegler
Wed. April 8	5:30pm	ICC	+Connie Murphy
Thurs. April 9	7:30 am	SMC	+Jim Moore
Fri. April 10	8:00 am	SMC	+Augustyn Sloan

Next Weekend Masses

Sat. April 11	4:30pm	SMC	+Michelle Steele
Sun. April 12	8:00am	ICC	Pro Populo
	10:30am	SMC	+Mary Ann Bogner

NEED A SUNDAY EVENING MASS?

5:00pm at St. Thomas, 904 E. Lake Ave, Peoria Heights
5:30pm at Queen of the Holy Rosary, 529 4th St, LaSalle
7:30pm at St. Philomena, 1000 W. Albany, Peoria

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC Minister</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
4:30 pm. – SMC – Saturday, April 11, 2026		
Greg Bogner	Rhonda Bogner	Declan & James
8:00 a.m. – ICC – Sunday, April 12, 2026		
Myra Uftring	Stephen Martinek	Larry Uftring
10:30 a.m. – SMC – Sunday, April 12, 2026		
Nick Mattern	Christy Beall	Browns & James

Daily Mass: 6:30am at the Convent in Lacon (Monday-Friday)
 7:00am at the Convent in Lacon (Saturday)
 11:00am at the Lacon Nursing/Rehab (Sunday)

Sacraments

Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance to schedule the Baptism preparation. Both parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism.

Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office at least eight months in advance to schedule the wedding and begin the marriage preparation program.

Confessions:

Wednesdays: ICC Lacon 4:15pm-5:15pm
 Saturdays: SMC Henry 3:15pm-4:15pm
 Thursday before First Friday:
 SMC Henry 6:00pm-8:00pm
 First Friday: ICC Lacon 7:15am-7:45am

Other times by appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule. If admitted to the hospital, please be sure at check-in to register your faith and your parish. In case of medical emergency, please call Fr. Pica at any time and follow automated directions for emergency calls.

Christian Stewardship

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is a family of families. And as a Parish Family we are asked to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has given each of us. Please share your faith and prayers, your time, your talents, and your treasures as we seek to faithfully live the Gospel; *to Go and Mike Disciples of All Nations.*

Are you New or Just Visiting? Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish! We are glad you are here with us. I hope to personally welcome you after Mass if you are able to say hi! May God reward you! ~ Father Pica

Bulletin Deadline: Submit items in writing or email by noon on Monday at the Parish Office in Lacon, IL.

Online bulletin: www.parishesonline.com

If hospitalized or homebound, please notify our Parish office 309-246-5145 or Fr. Pica 309-270-1052.

PRAYER LINE: If you have a need for special prayer, please contact the Office at 309-246-5145.

- April 8. Mary’s Heart Meeting @ IC Rectory 6:00pm
- April 8. Knights of Columbus BINGO @ IC Hall 6:00pm
- April 9. Catholic 101 @ SM Center 6:00-7:15pm
- April 11. St. Joseph Men’s Group @SM Center 7:00-8:00am
- April 12. Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3:00-4:00pm @ SMC



Easter Flower Offering

In Memory of:

Jerry Mooberry, Flora Bohm, Leo Bohm, Loyal Bohm, Marlene Gauwitz, Harold and Doreen Heilstedt, Sister Anita, Lloyd Russell, Bill Russell, Ed and Hazel Russell, Francis and Mary Merdian, Roy Bays, Bernard & Margret Hodge, Ralph Turpen, Virgil & Grace Bogner, Deceased Members of the Geleziunas Family, Sharon Benz, Sandy Condon, Leonard and Katherine Waldschmidt, Stan & Carlene Daniels, John W. Moore



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Support
Thank you for your generosity!

	Mar. 29, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Collection	\$2,821.	\$137,783.13	\$170,349.85 (32,566.72)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	\$60.	\$14,175	\$14,235
SM Resolution (Orange Envelope)	\$320.	\$30,720.	\$51,250. (20,530.)

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Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!)

Happy Easter, or as my Grandma Pica would say: Buona Pasqua!, to each of you and I hope that today and throughout this Easter Season you experience anew the Love of God the Father for you! First, thank you to all who helped with the Paschal Triduum, the Sacristans, the Servers, and to you that came and prayed throughout the Triduum in the Church- in the Garden on Thursday evening, Friday for the Stations, those praying before the Crucifix, and those who joined for Morning Prayer. Also, congratulations to Emma Neuhalfen on being fully initiated into the Catholic Faith and Ryder Miller on being Baptized and receiving your First Holy Communion! Oh what an exciting time for you both!

As we enter into the Easter Season- may we be reminded of the Good News of the Gospel (the following is from *Making Missionary Disciples* by Curtis Martin, pp.46-48):

The good news: You were created to be amazing! As St.

Catherine of Siena put it, “If you are what you were meant to be, you would set the world on fire.”

The bad news: You are not who you were meant to

be. Sin has wounded you and separated you from God. Our problem is actually one far worse than we might have imagined... When we fell:

The fall was *universal*: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

The fall was *severe*: “For the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)

The fall created a chasm so great that no human could bridge it even with the best efforts.

Though St. Catherine of Siena, we are reminded that: *...the road was broken by the sin and disobedience of Adam, in such a way that no one could arrive at Eternal Life.*” (From the Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena)

The even better news: While we were unable to save ourselves, “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Turning to St. Catherine, Pope Benedict XVI explained that “...she describes Christ, with an unusual image, as a bridge flung between Heaven and earth.” (General Audience, 24 November 2010). The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is God’s only remedy for our sin (cf. Acts 4:12).

Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead for you so that you can become who you were meant to be. [Seeing] what Jesus went through for each of us, two fundamental truths come to light:

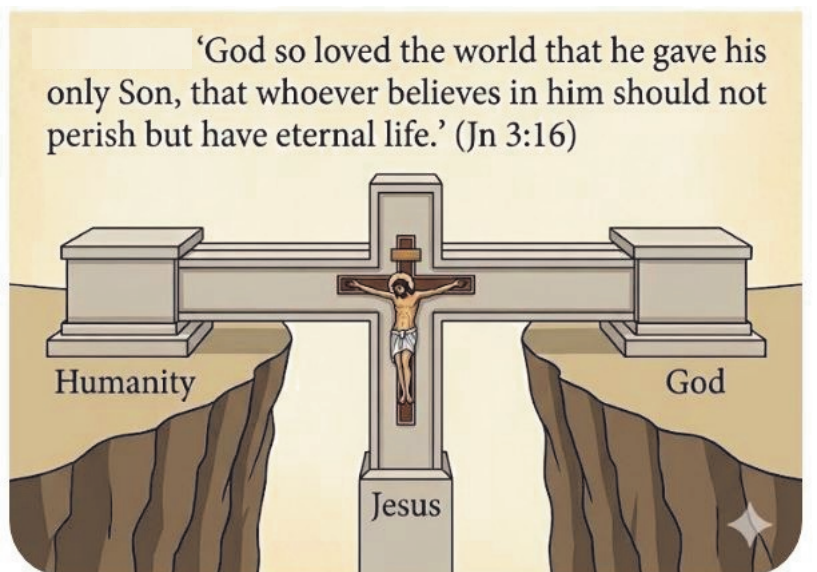
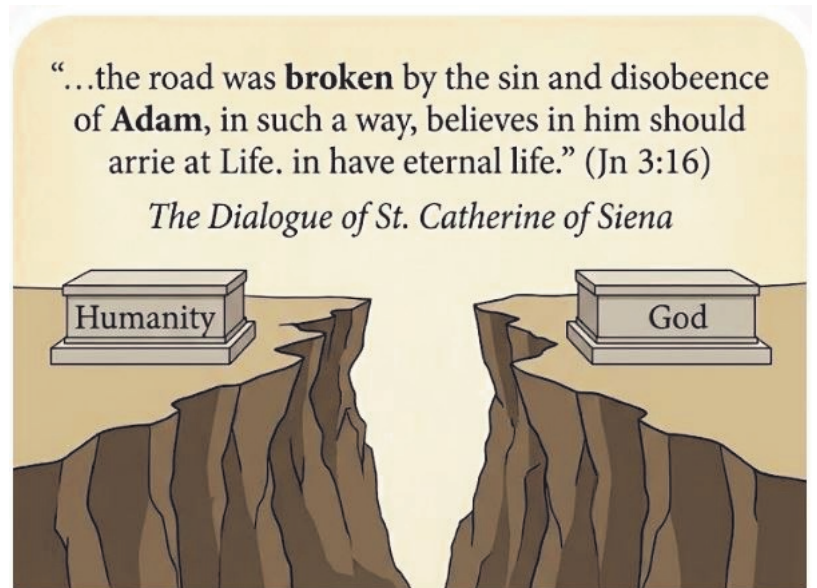
One: If that is what it took to save us, we must have been in pretty bad shape.

Two: If that is what it took to save us, Jesus must think we are worth the effort!

Come Holy Spirit, help each of us to receive anew these truths! Come Holy Spirit and renew our minds and our hearts with these truths and help each of us to live in the freedom of the Father’s Love.

Happy Easter!

*¡Viva Cristo Rey!
Father Pica*



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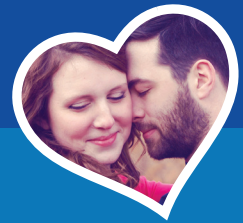


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