

**Saint Mary  
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401 South Street  
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**Immaculate Conception  
Church**  
412 N. Center Street  
Lacon, IL 61540

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

**Parish Office**

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Parish website: iccclacon.org

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

**Pastor: Fr. Michael Pica**

309-270-1052

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**Secretary: Jill Franklin**

**Parish Staff Directory:**

**Director of Religious Education: Christy Beall**

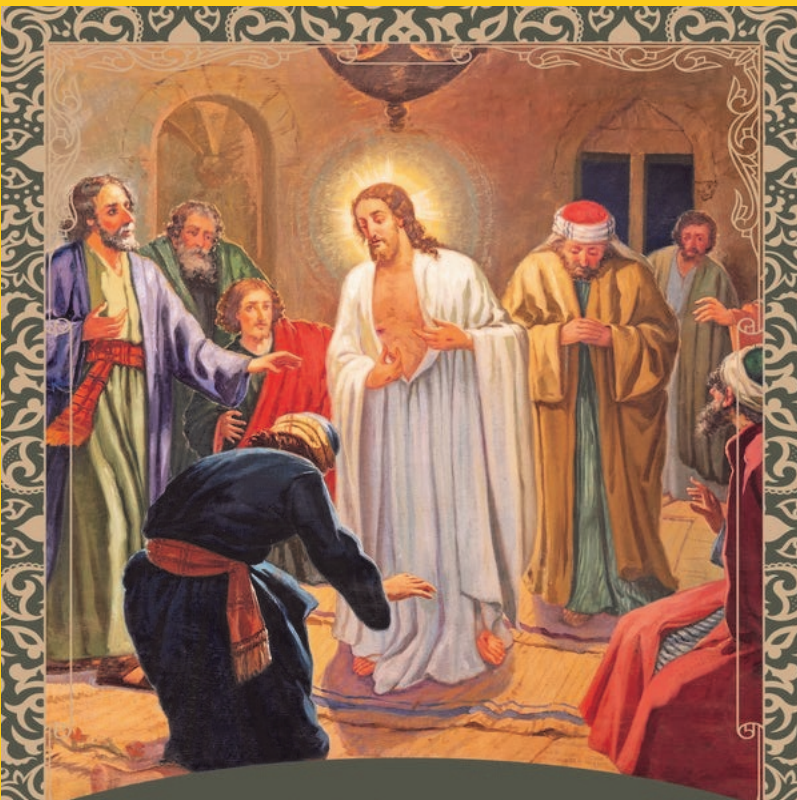
309-238-3394 CCD (Sept-Apr) **Sundays 9:15-10:15am**

**St. Mary Center Manager (Henry)**

Dawn Glenn: 309-364-2011

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 12, 2026



• 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER •

**MY LORD  
AND MY GOD!**

### Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

*SMC=St. Mary Church, Henry*

*ICC=Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon*

*(Pro Populo—Mass for the People of the Parish)*

#### The Sunday of Divine Mercy April 11-12

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Michelle Steele
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	Pro Populo
	10:30am	SMC	+Mary Ann Bogner

#### Weekday Masses

Mon. April 13	8:00am	SMC	+Bill Shearer
Tues. April 14			No Mass
Wed. April 15	5:30pm	ICC	Michael & Laura Bilot
Thurs. April 16	7:30am	SMC	+Joseph Steele
Fri. April 17	8:00am	ICC	+Judy Murphy

#### NEXT WEEKEND : April 18-19

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Robert & Marilyn Bogner
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Marlene Gauwitz
	10:30am	SMC	Pro Populo

#### **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>
<b>4:30 p.m. – SMC – Saturday, April 18, 2026</b>		
Pam Waldschmidt	Rhonda Bogner	Declan & James
<b>8:00 a.m. – ICC – Sunday, April 19, 2026</b>		
Gwen Balensiefen	Stephen Martinek	Larry Uftring
<b>10:30 a.m. – SMC – Sunday, April 19, 2026</b>		
Donna Rowe	Christy Beall	Browns & James

<b><u>Daily Mass:</u></b>	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 Make 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](http://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 12 CCD @SM Center 9:15-10:15pm
- April 12 Hour of Mercy @ SMC 3:00-4:00pm
- April 16 Catholic 101 @ SM Center 6:00-7:15 pm
- April 16 Knights of Columbus @ SM Center 7:00pm
- April 18 First Reconciliation @SM Center 8:30am

**Pray for:**

Joe Klein; John Klein; Sue Weers; Janine Merdian; Jessica Gauwitz; ; Sandy Moore; Beth Breen Bakel; David Dunagan; Phoebe Koehne; Brenda Jones; Michelle Naujalis; Zach Fennell; Shearyl Kanive; Ashley Watkins; Russell Forcum; Romas Naujalis; John Delhotel (bil of Gwen Balensiefen); George “Bud” Lester; Kevin Graden; Louis Gries; Brittany Banister; Elizabeth Parrotte; Carol Mizeur & Linda Mizeur (sister & sil of Fr. Tom); Judy Longman (sister of Sandy Moore); Brenda Landers; Janice Maubach; Rob Sloan; Clifford Harvey; Ty, Jerry Shurts (brother of Sharon Murphy); Ryker Anderson; Kolton Villiger; Luka (5yr old great nephew of Anna Lukac); Dena Glatz; Mary ; Glenn Federicke; David Sager (father of Renee Streitmatter); Tom Breen; Vernon Wunder , Char Nauman, Sharon Jason: special intentions; victims of wars & natural disasters

**Pray for those in a Nursing Home or Homebound:**

Sandy Carson; Rey Guerrero, Bob Kent, Wanda Streitmatter, Frances Nevitt, Mary Williams, Sandy Moore, Louis Gries, Ray Daniels,

**May they rest in peace:** Jerry Shurts  
 victims of wars & natural disasters



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Support**  
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	<b>April 5, 2026</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Collection	\$5,053.	\$143,810.13	\$ 174,346. (30,535.87)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	\$40.	\$ 14,315	\$14,275
SM Resolution (Orange Envelope)	\$130.	\$ 34,065.	\$52,500. (18,435.)

+JMJ+

Dear Parishioners,

*Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

Below St. John Paul II, highlights the bond between Easter Sunday and how it is celebrated each Sunday. The Resurrection is celebrated every Sunday because it gives the true meaning to the Lord's Day. (I have underlined specific sections that I would like to highlight for you.) From *Dies Domini (1998)*- an Apostolic Letter to the Bishops, Clergy, and Faithful of the Catholic Church on Keeping the Lord's Day Holy- Pope St. John Paul II.

### The weekly Easter

19. "We celebrate Sunday because of the venerable Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we do so not only at Easter but also at each turning of the week": so wrote Pope Innocent I at the beginning of the fifth century,(15) testifying to an already well established practice which had evolved from the early years after the Lord's Resurrection. Saint Basil speaks of "holy Sunday, honored by the Lord's Resurrection, the first fruits of all the other days";(16) and Saint Augustine calls Sunday "a sacrament of Easter".(17)

The intimate bond between Sunday and the Resurrection of the Lord is strongly emphasized by all the Churches of East and West. In the tradition of the Eastern Churches in particular, every Sunday is the anastásimos hemèra, the day of Resurrection,(18) and this is why it stands at the heart of all worship.

In the light of this constant and universal tradition, it is clear that, although the Lord's Day is rooted in the very work of creation and even more in the mystery of the biblical "rest" of God, it is nonetheless to the Resurrection of Christ that we must look in order to understand fully the Lord's Day. This is what the Christian Sunday does, leading the faithful each week to ponder and live the event of Easter, true source of the world's salvation.

20. According to the common witness of the Gospels, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead took place on "the first day after the Sabbath" (Mk 16:2,9; Lk 24:1; Jn 20:1). On the same day, the Risen Lord appeared to the two disciples of Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35) and to the eleven Apostles gathered together (cf. Lk 24:36; Jn 20:19). A week later — as the Gospel of John recounts (cf. 20:26) — the disciples were gathered together once again, when Jesus appeared to them and made himself known to Thomas by showing him the signs of his Passion. The day of Pentecost — the first day of the eighth week after the Jewish Passover (cf. Acts 2:1), when the promise made by Jesus to the Apostles after the Resurrection was fulfilled by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (cf. Lk 24:49; Acts 1:4-5) — also fell on a Sunday. This was the day of the first proclamation and the first baptisms: Peter announced to the assembled crowd that Christ was risen and "those who received his word were baptized" (Acts 2:41). This was the epiphany of the Church, revealed as the people into which are gathered in unity, beyond all their differences, the scattered children of God.

*¡Viva Cristo Rey!**Father Pica*

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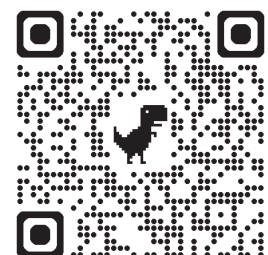
**LAURETTA FROELICH**  
 ESM Chicago Campus

**Schedule:**  
 Each day begins with praise and worship.  
 Friday, May 1 5:30pm - 9:30pm  
 Saturday, May 2 9:00am - 9:00pm

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Prayer For Life: Dear Heavenly Father, I thank my Mom and Dad for my birth. I love life, I love living. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

*IHM Parish Youth Fellowship*

**THE SEARCH**  
FROM FORMED.ORG

*What is the meaning of life?*

*Faith* APRIL 19 @ 4-5:15 PM @ ST MARY CENTER *Free*  
\*3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



St. Joseph Men’s Group

Saturday April 11  
Saturday April 25  
7:00-8:00am

St. Mary Center

Easter Flowers In Memory of/Honor of:

Morse Strong, 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 and Margret Hodge, Ralph Turpen, Virgil and Grace Bogner, Deceased members of the Geleziunas Family, Sharon Benz, Sandy Condon, Leonard and Katherine Waldschmidt, Stan and Carlene Daniels, and John Moore.

**Catholic 101:**  
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Monthly Sessions  
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6:00 - 7:15pm  
@ St. Mary Center

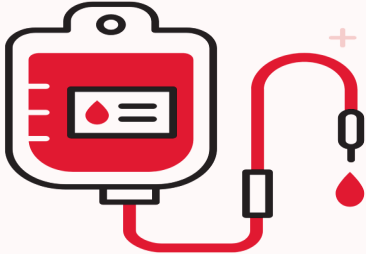


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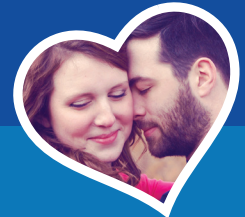


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