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Immaculate Conception
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Office

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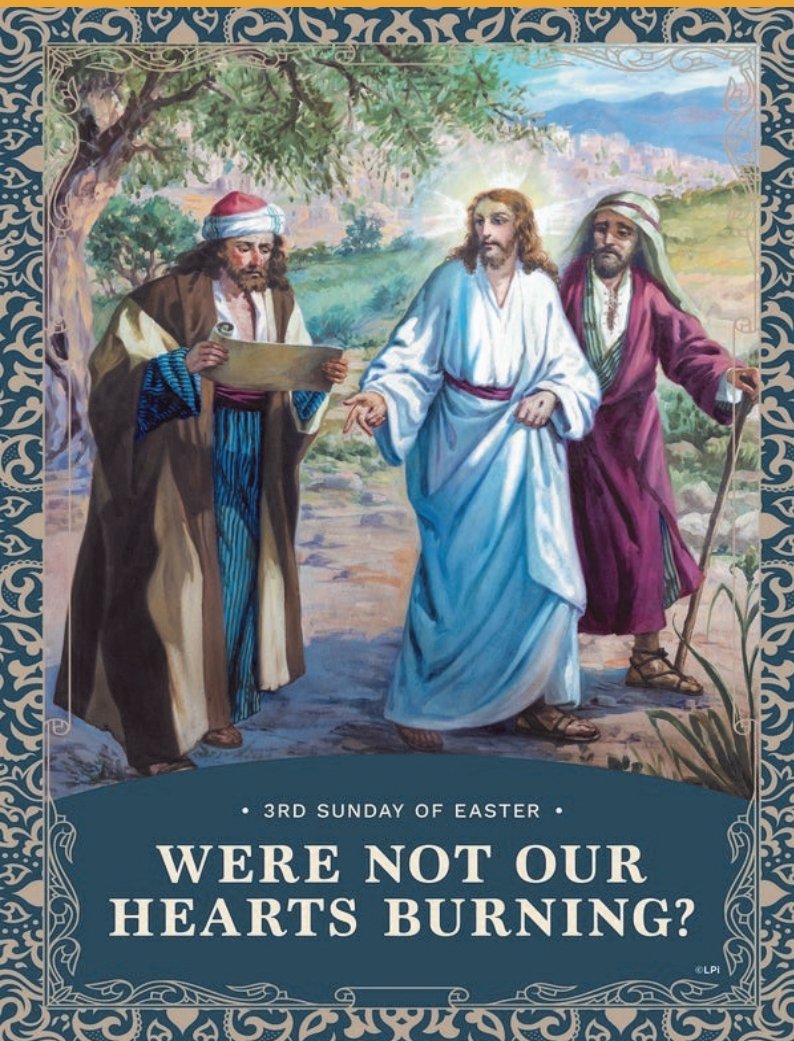
309-238-3394 CCD (Sept-Apr) **Sundays 9:15-10:15am**

St. Mary Center Manager (Henry)

Dawn Glenn: 309-364-2011

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026



• 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER •

**WERE NOT OUR
HEARTS BURNING?**

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

SMC=St. Mary Church, Henry

ICC=Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon

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

The Third Sunday of Easter April 18-19

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

Weekday Masses

Mon. April 13	8:00am	SMC	+Kelly Shearer
Tues. April 14			No Mass
Wed. April 15	5:30pm	ICC	+Phyllis Bade
Thurs. April 16	7:30am	SMC	+Betty Clinton
Fri. April 17	8:00am	ICC	+Germaine Paolucci

NEXT WEEKEND : April 25-26

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Michelle Steele
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Sandy Condon
	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>
4:30 p.m. – SMC – Saturday, April 25, 2026		
Coleen Bogner	Betty Shearer	James
8:00 a.m. – ICC – Sunday, April 26, 2026		
Katie Bogner	Liz Nunley	Larry Uftring
10:30 a.m. – SMC – Sunday, April 26, 2026		
Alicia Aguire	Bob Eckert	Elijah

<u>Daily Mass:</u>	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 19 CCD Family Day @SM Center 9:15-10:15pm
- April 19 IHM Youth Group @ SM Center 4-5:15 pm
- April 20 IHM Parish Council Meeting @IC Hall 6-7:30 pm
- April 25 St. Joseph Men’s Group @ SM Center 7-8am



Come Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, body and soul to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant is listening." Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Support

Thank you for your generosity!

	April 12, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Collection	3577.	\$147,387.13	\$ 178,342.15 (30,955.02)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	880.	\$ 15,195.	\$15,195.
SM Resolution (Orange Envelope)	1860.	\$ 35,925.	\$53,750. (17,825)

+MJ+

Dear Parishioners,

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

Below St. John Paul II, describes how the first day of the week, that is the day after the Sabbath -Sunday- became the Lord's Day as recorded in history. In early Christian times it was difficult for the Christians to gather, and yet observing the Lord's Day became part of the weekly rhythm of life for the early Christians. 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.

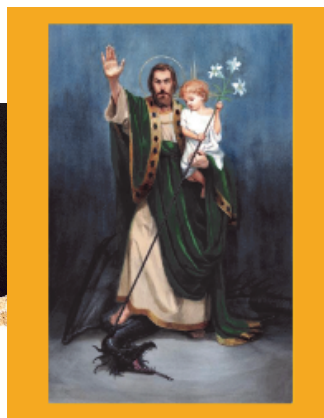
The first day of the week

21. It was for this reason that, from Apostolic times, "the first day after the Sabbath", the first day of the week, began to shape the rhythm of life for Christ's disciples (cf. 1 Cor 16:2). "The first day after the Sabbath" was also the day upon which the faithful of Troas were gathered "for the breaking of bread", when Paul bade them farewell and miraculously restored the young Eutychus to life (cf. Acts 20:7-12). The Book of Revelation gives evidence of the practice of calling the first day of the week "the Lord's Day" (1:10). This would now be a characteristic distinguishing Christians from the world around them. As early as the beginning of the second century, it was noted by Pliny the Younger, governor of Bithynia, in his report on the Christian practice "of gathering together on a set day before sunrise and singing among themselves a hymn to Christ as to a god".(19) And when Christians spoke of the "Lord's Day", they did so giving to this term the full sense of the Easter proclamation: "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil 2:11; cf. Acts 2:36; 1 Cor 12:3). Thus Christ was given the same title which the Septuagint used to translate what in the revelation of the Old Testament was the unutterable name of God: YHWH.

22. In those early Christian times, the weekly rhythm of days was generally not part of life in the regions where the Gospel spread, and the festive days of the Greek and Roman calendars did not coincide with the Christian Sunday. For Christians, therefore, it was very difficult to observe the Lord's Day on a set day each week. This explains why the faithful had to gather before sunrise.(20) Yet fidelity to the weekly rhythm became the norm, since it was based upon the New Testament and was tied to Old Testament revelation. This is eagerly underscored by the Apologists and the Fathers of the Church in their writings and preaching where, in speaking of the Paschal Mystery, they use the same Scriptural texts which, according to the witness of Saint Luke (cf. 24:27, 44-47), the Risen Christ himself would have explained to the disciples. In the light of these texts, the celebration of the day of the Resurrection acquired a doctrinal and symbolic value capable of expressing the entire Christian mystery in all its newness.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Father Pica



St. Joseph Men's Group
Saturday April 25
7:00-8:00am
St. Mary Center

IHM 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal
April Update

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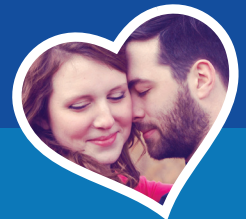


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