

Saint Mary
Church
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Immaculate Conception
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Lacon, IL 61540

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Office: Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm
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309-270-1052 **NEW Email:**
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iccclacon.org

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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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2026



• 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER •

**THAT THEY MIGHT
HAVE LIFE.**

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 25-26

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Michelle Steele
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Sandy Condon
	10:30am	SMC	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Mon. April 27	8:00am	SMC	+John Maubach
Tues. April 28			No Mass
Wed. April 29	5:30pm	ICC	+Gerald Phillips
Thurs. April 30	7:30am	SMC	+Linda & Rich Link
Fri. May 1	8:00am	ICC	+Walter & Opal Bogner
Sat. May 2	8:00am	SMC	+Mary Lou Jason

NEXT WEEKEND : May 2-3

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Barbara Lichter
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+ Pro Populo
	10:30am	SMC	+Sister Anita Pauwels

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, May 2, 2026		
Dirk Nauman	Michelle Lacey-Nauman	James
8:00 a.m. – ICC – Sunday, May 3, 2026		
Rodney Feinholz	Gwen Balensiefen	Larry Uftring
10:30 a.m. – SMC – Sunday, May 3, 2026		
Seth Chambers	Margy Mattern	Jacob

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 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

If hospitalized or homebound, please notify the 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 26 CCD @SMC 9:15-10:15
 April 30 First Friday Prep: Adoration and Confession @SMC 6:00-8:00 pm
 May 1 First Friday Confession @ICC 7:15-7:45am
 Adoration 8:30-10:00am



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

	April 12, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Collection	\$3393.	\$150,780.	\$182,334.30 (31,554.30)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	\$145.	\$15,340	\$15,340
SM Resolution (Orange Envelope)	\$1005.	\$36,930.	\$58,000. (21,070.)

+MJ+

Dear Parishioners,

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

Below St. John Paul II, describes the early Christian teaching regarding the Lord's Day -Sunday- as it is distinguished from the Jewish Sabbath. The Lord's Day, because of the Resurrection of Jesus, began to be seen as the day of the New Creation and was linked to the Cosmic First Day of the Week (day of Creation) as found in Genesis. We recall this newness as often as we recall our baptism, for example when we renewed our Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday and were sprinkled with holy water, as well as each time we enter the Church and sign ourselves with the holy water. 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.

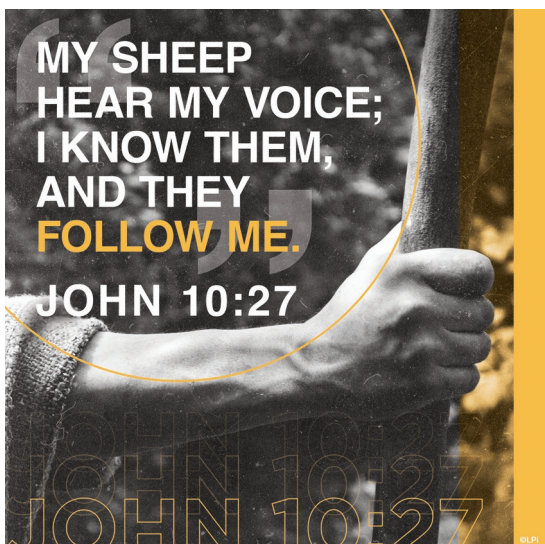
Growing distinction from the Sabbath

23. It was this newness which the catechesis of the first centuries stressed as it sought to show the prominence of Sunday relative to the Jewish Sabbath. It was on the Sabbath that the Jewish people had to gather in the synagogue and to rest in the way prescribed by the Law. The Apostles, and in particular Saint Paul, continued initially to attend the synagogue so that there they might proclaim Jesus Christ, commenting upon "the words of the prophets which are read every Sabbath" (Acts 13:27). Some communities observed the Sabbath while also celebrating Sunday. Soon, however, the two days began to be distinguished ever more clearly, in reaction chiefly to the insistence of those Christians whose origins in Judaism made them inclined to maintain the obligation of the old Law. Saint Ignatius of Antioch writes: "If those who were living in the former state of things have come to a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath but keeping the Lord's Day, the day on which our life has appeared through him and his death ..., that mystery from which we have received our faith and in which we persevere in order to be judged disciples of Christ, our only Master, how could we then live without him, given that the prophets too, as his disciples in the Spirit, awaited him as master?".(21) Saint Augustine notes in turn: "Therefore the Lord too has placed his seal on his day, which is the third after the Passion. In the weekly cycle, however, it is the eighth day after the seventh, that is after the Sabbath, and the first day of the week".(22) The distinction of Sunday from the Jewish Sabbath grew ever stronger in the mind of the Church, even though there have been times in history when, because the obligation of Sunday rest was so emphasized, the Lord's Day tended to become more like the Sabbath. Moreover, there have always been groups within Christianity which observe both the Sabbath and Sunday as "two brother days".(23)

The day of the new creation

24. A comparison of the Christian Sunday with the Old Testament vision of the Sabbath prompted theological insights of great interest. In particular, there emerged the unique connection between the Resurrection and Creation. Christian thought spontaneously linked the Resurrection, which took place on "the first day of the week", with the first day of that cosmic week (cf. Gn 1:1 - 2:4) which shapes the creation story in the Book of Genesis: the day of the creation of light (cf. 1:3-5). This link invited an understanding of the Resurrection as the beginning of a new creation, the first fruits of which is the glorious Christ, "the first born of all creation" (Col 1:15) and "the first born from the dead" (Col 1:18).

25. In effect, Sunday is the day above all other days which summons Christians to remember the salvation which was given to them in baptism and which has made them new in Christ. "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead" (Col 2:12; cf. Rom 6:4-6). The liturgy underscores this baptismal dimension of Sunday, both in calling for the celebration of baptisms — as well as at the Easter Vigil — on the day of the week "when the Church commemorates the Lord's Resurrection",(24) and in suggesting as an appropriate penitential rite at the start of Mass the sprinkling of holy water, which recalls the moment of Baptism in which all Christian life is born.(25)



¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Father Pica



“The most important person on earth is a mother... She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling place for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body.”~ Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty



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 Updates

• **Call for Nominations for IHM Parish Council**

Katie Bogner and Josie Hall are concluding their terms on the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council. Fr. Pica is now accepting nominations for two new council members who will serve three-year terms beginning this summer. You may nominate yourself or another parish member. Please email nominations to the Parish Office at our **new Parish email:** parishoffice@ihmcatholic.church Nominations are due by May 1, 2026. Thank you, Katie and Josie for your service to the parish!

• **Thank you**

Thank you to those who help decorate the outside and inside of the Churches with flowers, the arrangements are beautiful and give Glory to God. If you are interested in helping please reach out to the parish with the **new Parish email:** parishoffice@ihmcatholic.church



Pray Like St. Joseph A Day of Reflection for All Fathers

*Learning to trust God in the
silence*

Father Pica - Retreat Master

6 June, 2026 – 10:00 AM - 2:30 pm

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8508 county rd 100 north , Magnolia, IL

Cost \$35.00

RSVP Here



What to Expect:

Join us for a peaceful and prayerful day inspired by St. Joseph, a man of deep faith, quiet obedience, and unwavering trust in God.

Contact Sister Clare Key, DSW (309) 218-3714
for more information

Year of St. Francis (of Assisi)

January 10, 2026 - January 10, 2027

In honor of the Year of St. Francis,
announced by Pope Leo XIV,
you may receive a Plenary Indulgence by:

- visiting any Franciscan Conventual church (meaning, a parish run by Franciscan Friars) or place of worship in any part of the world named after St. Francis or directly connected to him for any reason,
- spending some time in prayer,
- concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St Clare, and all the saints of the Franciscan Family.

Usual conditions for a plenary indulgence:
sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion,
and the prayer intentions of the Holy Father, with a heart
detached from sin. It may also be applied as a gift of
restitution for someone who has died.



Franciscan Churches in the Diocese of Peoria

(alphabetical by city)

- St. John the Baptist (Lostant, IL)
- St. Patrick (Minonk, IL)
- OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Chapel (Peoria, IL)
- Sacred Heart (Rock Island, IL)
- St. Mary (Rock Island, IL)
- St. Pius X (Rock Island, IL)
- St. Ann (Toluca, IL)
- St. Mary (Wenona, IL)



Meet Our Seminarians



Brady Depoorter

Parish:
Christ the King,
Moline

Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Seminary:
Class of 2030

Why did you become a seminarian?

I actually started the application process to the seminary 10 years ago, but it wasn't God's time. Throughout these past years I became a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant), then an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), and eventually a paramedic. At each stage I always felt called to do more for the people I was serving. At the same time, I began to hear God's voice continually asking me to try out seminary again. One day, while in adoration, I realized this desire to do more for the people I served was not only to help them physically, but also to help them on a deeper level, the spiritual level. My calling is to grow the kingdom of God and to help Jesus save souls! I told God that I was finally willing to give seminary a try.



Jared Hernandez

Parish:
St. Mary, Moline

Immaculate Heart
of Mary Seminary:
Class of 2031

Why did you become a seminarian?

In my youth, on one Saturday night in adoration, I urged Jesus to reveal his plans for my life. Towards the end of the hour, in the silence, I felt Jesus say to me, "priesthood." Then, in the pandemic of 2020, I surrendered my will to God and received many graces. One of those graces was the freedom to enter seminary and I am now on the path to become the person God created me to be.

BACCALAUREATE

A service to bid farewell
and celebrate the graduates.
Rev. Will Meachum preaching

**First Friday
Preparation**



The Henry-Senachwine High School
Class of 2026 are invited with their
families to breakfast and
Bacchalaureate.



 **May 16, 2026**

 **8:30 AM**

Hosted by Ministers
of Henry
Location -
First Presbyterian Church
511 Wirt Street
Henry



Adoration + Confession

Thurs., April 30
6:00-8:00pm at SMC
(Adoration & Conf.)

Friday, May 1
7:15-7:45am at ICC
(Confession)
8:30-10:00am at ICC
(Adoration)



**First Saturday
Mass
May 2
8:00am SMC**



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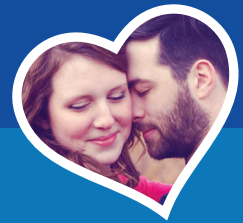


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