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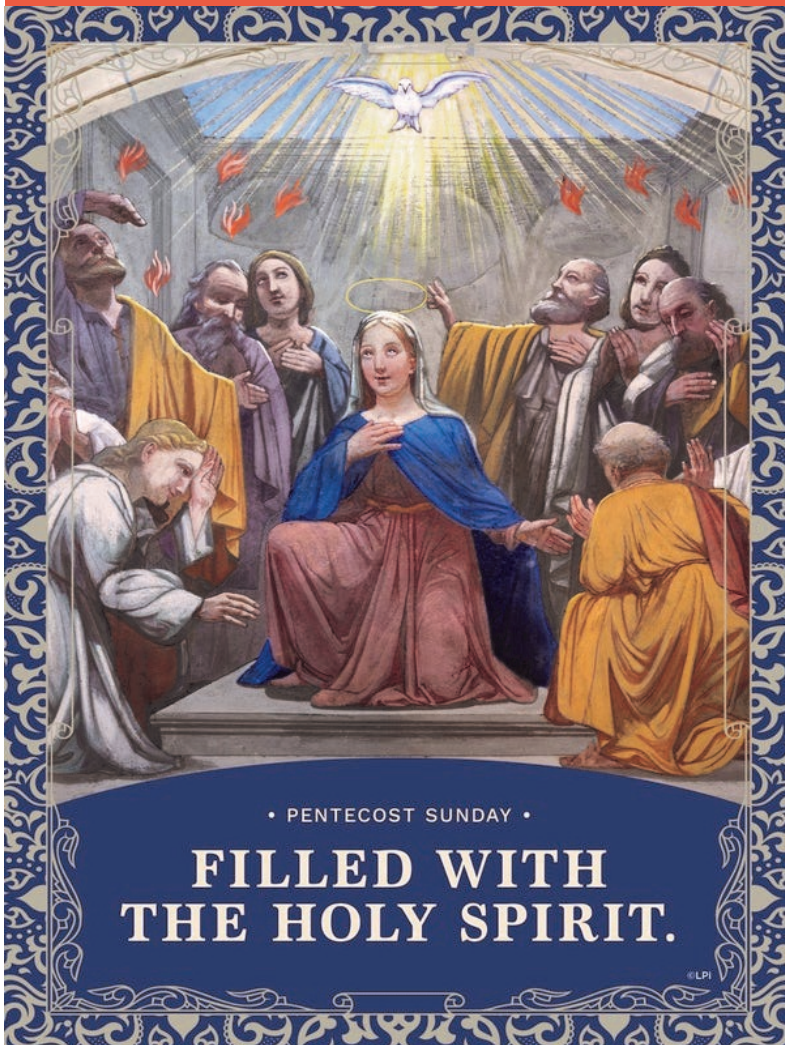
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Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026



• PENTECOST SUNDAY •
**FILLED WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

SMC=St. Mary Church, Henry
ICC=Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon
(Pro Populo—Mass for the People of the Parish)

Pentecost Sunday May 23-24

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+ Mike Bogner
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+ Rosie Wunder
	10:30am	SMC	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Mon. May 25	8:00am	SMC	Elise Schexnayder
Tues. May 26			No Mass
Wed. May 27	5:30pm	ICC	+Judy Murphy
Thurs. May 28	7:30am	SMC	D & E Kripas family
Fri. May 29	8:00am	ICC	+ Rowena Vincent

NEXT WEEKEND : May 30-31

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+ Joy Wunder
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	Pro Populo
	10:30am	SMC	+ Cameron Hedlund

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 30, 2026		
Dirk Nauman	Michelle Lacey– Nauman	James
8:00 a.m. – ICC – Sunday, May 31,, 2026		
Rodney Feinholz	Liz Nunley	Larry
10:30 a.m. – SMC – Sunday May 31,, 2026		
Seth Chambers	Margy Mattern	Mikey

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 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.

May 25 **8 am Memorial Day Mass @ Calvary Cemetery** (weather permitting). If inclement weather Mass will be at SMC. Memorial Day Breakfast @ SM Center (after Mass).

June 6th Pray like St. Joseph Day of Reflection Cancelled

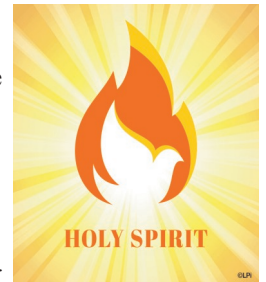
Pentecost

Question:

Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

Answer:

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus’ ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or “Pentecost” in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.



It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.



IHM 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal
April Update

Goal	Pledged	Received	To be Pledged	# of Donors
\$50,457.	\$42,037.50	\$39,802.50	\$8,419.50	86

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

	May 17, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Collection	\$3334.	\$165,519.	\$198,322.90. (32,803.90)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	\$125.	\$16,465.	\$16,465.
SM Resolution (Orange Envelope)	\$2175.	\$42,375.	\$60,000. (17,625.)

+JMJ+

Dear Parishioners, *Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!)*
Happy Solemnity of Pentecost, and may the Holy Spirit descend upon us and enkindle us with the fire of Divine Love! As a reminder I am away this weekend helping with Ordinations- and serving as an MC for Father Blake Miller's first Mass at Holy Trinity in Bloomington. Have a blessed Pentecost Sunday!

Below Pope St. John Paul II, begins Chapter III, *Dies Ecclesiae- The Day of the Church*- speaking about the Eucharistic Assembly as the Heart of Sunday. The promise of the Lord: *I am with you always, to the end of the age (Mt. 28:20)*, is just as necessary now as it was when Our Lord Ascended to the right hand of God the Father. His promise of being with us always recalls also the promise that whenever two or three gather in His name, there He is in the midst of them. This is the unity that we participate in and experience when we gather on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation- rejoicing in the presence of the Lord- and be united as the Mystical Body of Christ on earth!

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 presence of the Risen Lord

31. "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). This promise of Christ never ceases to resound in the Church as the fertile secret of her life and the wellspring of her hope. As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only the remembrance of a past event: it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people.

For this presence to be properly proclaimed and lived, it is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and Resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God.(38) It is important therefore that they come together to express fully the very identity of the Church, the ekklesia, the assembly called together by the Risen Lord who offered his life "to reunite the scattered children of God" (Jn 11:52). They have become "one" in Christ (cf. Gal 3:28) through the gift of the Spirit. This unity becomes visible when Christians gather together: it is then that they come to know vividly and to testify to the world that they are the people redeemed, drawn "from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev 5:9). The assembly of Christ's disciples embodies from age to age the image of the first Christian community which Luke gives as an example in the Acts of the Apostles, when he recounts that the first baptized believers "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (2:42).

¡Viva Cristo Rey!
 Father Pica



Save the Date!

June 7, 2026
 (More details to come)

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 Procession

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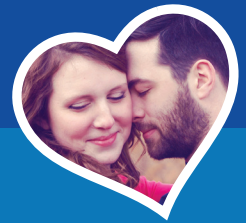


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