

Saint Mary
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Immaculate Conception
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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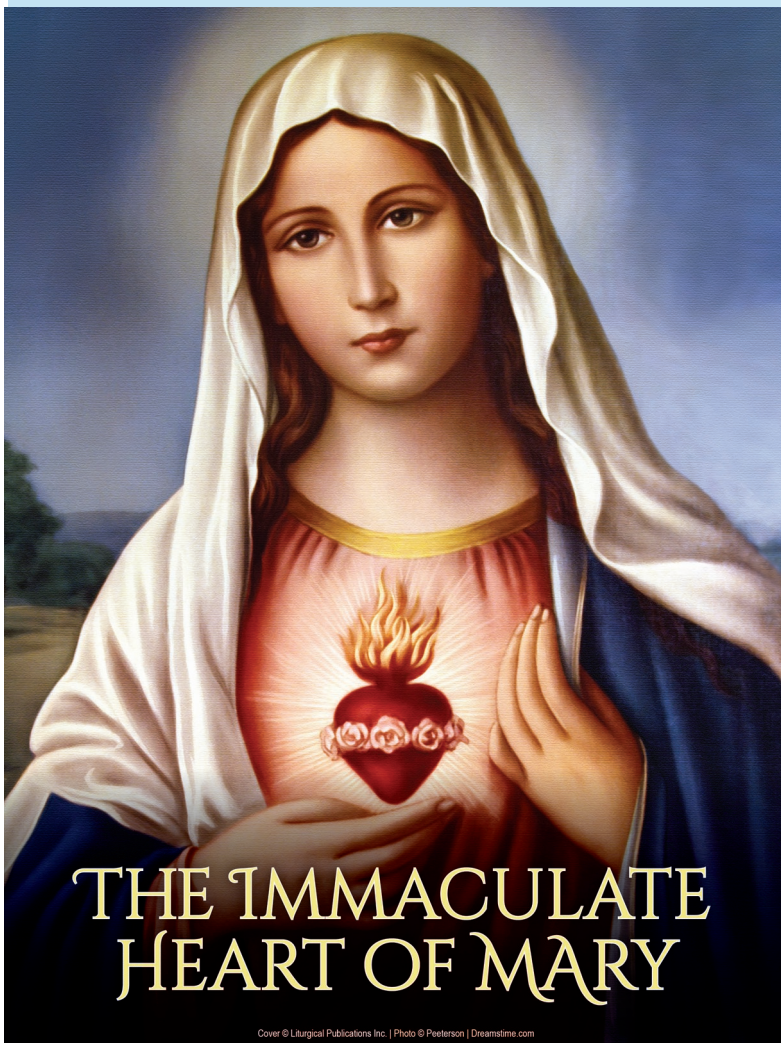
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Solemnity of Immaculate Heart of Mary June 14, 2026



THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

SMC=St. Mary Church, Henry

ICC=Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon

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

Corpus Christi June 13-14

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+K & M Norvaisas
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	Pro Populo
	10:30am	SMC	+Sandy & Russ Ziegler

Weekday Masses:

St. Edward—Chillicothe or St. Louis—Princeton

Mon. June 15 St. Louis 7:00am

Tues. June 16 St. Edward 7:30am or St. Louis 5:15pm

Wed June 17 St. Louis 7:00am or St. Edwards 5:00pm

Thurs. June 18 St. Edward 7:30am or St. Louis 5:15 pm

Fri. June 19 8:00am ICC +Augustyn Sloan

NEXT WEEKEND : June 20-21

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm SMC Robert & Marilyn Bogner

Sunday 8:00am ICC Pro Populo

10:30am SMC +Nikola & Ljubica Lukac

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, June 20, 2026		
Dirk Nauman	Michelle Lacey –Nauman	Smiths
8:00 a.m. – ICC – Sunday, June 21, 2026		
Rodney Feinholz	Stephen Martinek	Hattans
10:30 a.m. – SMC – Sunday, June 21, 2026		
Seth Chambers	Bob Eckert	Volunteer

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.

June 13	Parish Feast Day Celebration (after 4:30 Mass at SM Center)
June 19	Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 12:00-5:00pm at
June 22	IHM Parish Council 6:00pm at IC Hall

***There will be no 7:00 am Masses at the Convent on June 15-17 as Father Bird will be at the Diocesan Convocation on those days!**



O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen. -- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Support

Thank you for your generosity!

	June 7, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Collection	\$4930.	\$175,864.	\$ 210,311.35. (34,447.35)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	\$780.	\$17,312.	\$17,312.
SM Resolution (Orange Envelope)	\$910.	\$ 44,815.	\$62,500. (17,685.)

+JMJ+

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Happy Feast Day- the Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! This past Friday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Bishop Tylka Consecrated the Diocese of Peoria to the Sacred Heart of Jesus! And as we celebrate our Parish Feast day there are a number of our parishioners who are either making their Consecration to Jesus through Mary or renewing it. Join us for our Feast Day Celebration after the 4:30pm Vigil Mass.

Below Pope St. John Paul II, in Chapter III, *Dies Ecclesiae- The Day of the Church*- describes the Sunday Eucharist-the Lord's Day- as a day which is vital for the forming of a community. Within the Parish each family is what is called a 'domestic church'- that is to say- the Church which begins in the family home. Thus, when the families of the Parish gather for Mass, especially on Sundays and Holy Days, parents are teaching their children to take part in the saving mystery of the Church- the Mass.

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 day of the Church

35. Therefore, the dies Domini is also the dies Ecclesiae. This is why on the pastoral level the community aspect of the Sunday celebration should be particularly stressed. As I have noted elsewhere, among the many activities of a parish, "none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist". (46) Mindful of this, the Second Vatican Council recalled that efforts must be made to ensure that there is "within the parish, a lively sense of community, in the first place through the community celebration of Sunday Mass". (47) Subsequent liturgical directives made the same point, asking that on Sundays and holy days the Eucharistic celebrations held normally in other churches and chapels be coordinated with the celebration in the parish church, in order "to foster the sense of the Church community, which is nourished and expressed in a particular way by the community celebration on Sunday, whether around the Bishop, especially in the Cathedral, or in the parish assembly, in which the pastor represents the Bishop". (48)

36. The Sunday assembly is the privileged place of unity: it is the setting for the celebration of the *sacramentum unitatis* which profoundly marks the Church as a people gathered "by" and "in" the unity of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (49) For Christian families, the Sunday assembly is one of the most outstanding expressions of their identity and their "ministry" as "domestic churches", (50) when parents share with their children at the one Table of the word and of the Bread of Life. We do well to recall in this regard that it is first of all the parents who must teach their children to participate in Sunday Mass; they are assisted in this by catechists, who are to see to it that initiation into the Mass is made a part of the formation imparted to the children entrusted to their care, explaining the important reasons behind the obligatory nature of the precept. When circumstances suggest it, the celebration of Masses for Children, in keeping with the provisions of the liturgical norms, (51) can also help in this regard.

At Sunday Masses in parishes, insofar as parishes are "Eucharistic communities", (52) it is normal to find different groups, movements, associations and even the smaller religious communities present in the parish. This allows everyone to experience in common what they share most deeply, beyond the particular spiritual paths which, by discernment of Church authority, (53) legitimately distinguish them. This is why on Sunday, the day of gathering, small group Masses are not to be encouraged: it is not only a question of ensuring that parish assemblies are not without the necessary ministry of priests, but also of ensuring that the life and unity of the Church community are fully safeguarded and promoted. (54) Authorization of possible and clearly restricted exceptions to this general guideline will depend upon the wise discernment of the Pastors of the particular Churches, in view of special needs in the area of formation and pastoral care, and keeping in mind the good of individuals or groups — especially the benefits which such exceptions may bring to the entire Christian community.

*¡Viva Cristo Rey!
Father Pica*



IHM 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal May Update

Goal	Pledged	Received	To be Pledged	# of Donors
\$50,457.	\$42,237.50	\$40,477.50	\$8,219.50	86



"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

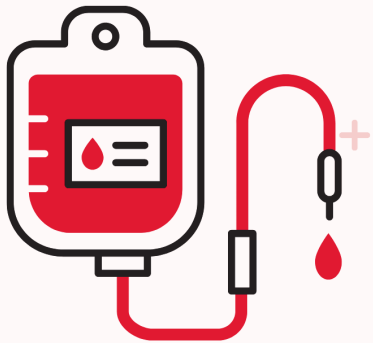


Prayer For Life: Dear Heavenly Father, I thank my Mom and Dad for my birth. I love life, I love living. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Donate your blood to save a life

Friday June 19th



**Immaculate Conception Hall
12PM-5PM**

Pray for:

Joe Klein; John Klein; Sue Weers; Wanda Streitmatter; 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; Avery & Taylor Griffin (great-grandchildren of Nedra Bischler); Jerry Shurts, Ryker Anderson; Kolton Villiger; Parker Waldschmidt (grandson of Leonard & Gay Waldschmidt); Dena Glatz; Glenn Federicke; David Sager (father of Renee Streitmatter); Tom Breen; Vernon Wunder , Cathy Moore, Bonnie Villiger, special intentions; victims of wars & natural disasters

Pray for those in a Nursing Home or Homebound:

Sandy Carson; Rey Guerrero, Wanda Streitmatter, Frances Nevitt, Mary Williams, Sandy Moore, Louis Gries, Ray Daniels, Larry & Val Lord.

May they rest in peace:

For the Repose of the souls of:
Sam Maupin, Laura Collins Ganda
victims of wars & natural disasters



Memorare, Explained

The Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need. "I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother," reads one section of the prayer, which goes on to beseech "the Mother of the Word Incarnate" to receive these petitions with love and mercy.

St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis de Sales were two great devotees of this prayer.

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the text is derived from an older and longer prayer entitled "*Ad sanctitatis tuae pedes, dulcissima Virgo Maria*" ("at your holy feet, most sweet Virgin Mary"). The title "Memorare" is taken from the Latin word for "remember," which begins the prayer. The modern version appears in the 1846 *Raccolta*, a collection of indulgenced prayers.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.





*Those making or renewing their Consecration to Jesus through Mary please come to the 4:30pm Mass for the public recitation of the Prayer of Consecration.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH FEAST DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

ST. MARY CHURCH

4:30PM

Parish Celebration
after Mass in the
St. Mary Center

*AT THE SUNDAY MASSES (JUNE 14)
WE WILL BE OBSERVING OUR
PARISH FEAST DAY.

**Here are two Prayers for Priests to Pray for the Priests of the Diocese of Peoria
while they are at their Clergy Convocation this week.**

Prayer of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially ...).

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

Prayer by Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest,
you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the cross
and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice.
Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests.
Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood
may be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master.
May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience.

Let them be shepherds according to your own heart,
single-minded in service to you and to the Church,
and shining examples of a holy, simple, and joyful life.
Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother
and ours,
draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care
to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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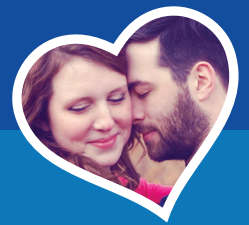


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