

**Saint Mary
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**Immaculate Conception
Church**
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time June 28, 2026

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary time June 27-28

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	Leonard Balensiefen Family
	10:30am	SMC	+Robert Damm

Weekday Masses

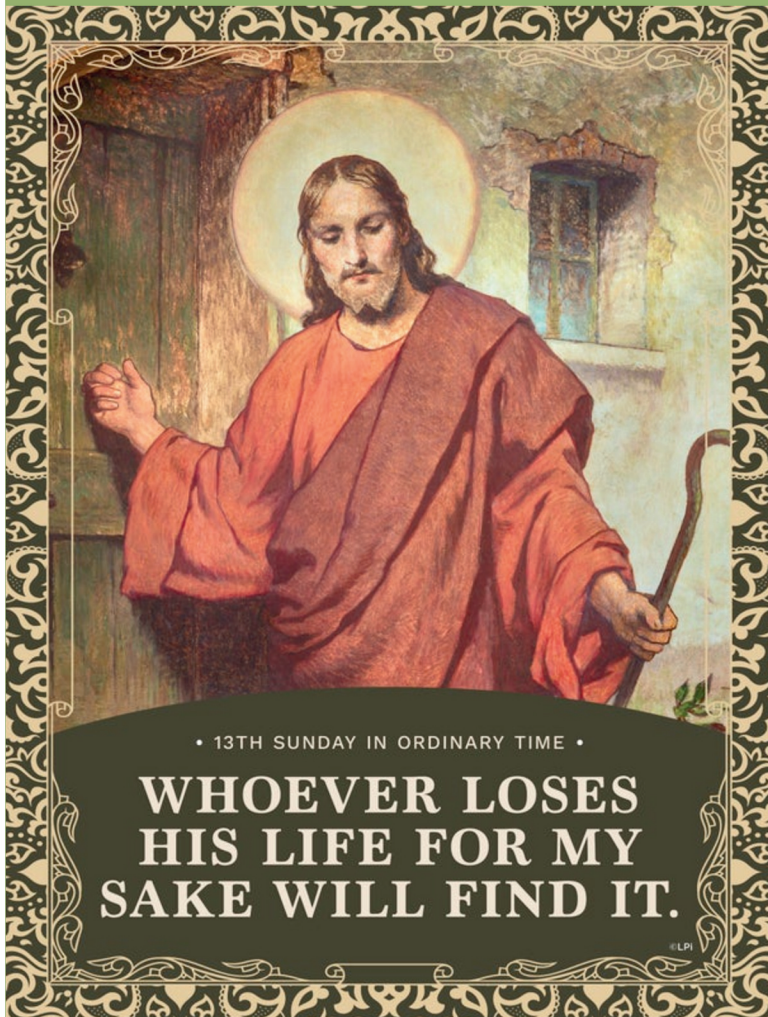
Mon. June 29	8:00am	SMC	+John & Colleen Lacey
Tues. June 30			No Mass
Wed. July 1	5:30pm	ICC	+Judy Murphy
Thurs. July 2	7:30am	SMC	+Larry Schmitt
Fri. July 3	8:00am	ICC	+Gerald Phillips
Sat. July 4	8:00am	SMC	+Jerry Shurts

NEXT WEEKEND : July 4-5

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Julia & Anthony Ivanauskos
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Frances & Mary Merdian
	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 July 5-6

<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday July 4, 2026		
Alicia Aguire	Father Pica	Smiths & James
8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, July 5, 2026		
Gwen Balensiefen	Stephen Martinek	Hattans
10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, July 5, 2026		
Seth Chambers	Margy Mattern	Browns & Mikey

Daily Mass: 6:30am at the Convent in Lacon (Monday-Friday)
7:00am at the Convent in Lacon (Saturday)

Sacraments 11:00am at the Lacon Nursing/Rehab (Sunday)

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 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

Looking Ahead at IHM Parish

July 1	1 st Friday Preparation: Confession (Wednesday) 4:15-5:15pm @ ICC <i>*No Adoration and Confession Thursday, July 2</i>
July 3	1 st Friday Mass and Adoration 8:00-9:00am <i>*No Confession before Mass on Friday</i>
July 4	1 st Saturday Mass 8:00am @ SMC

**The Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary**

- (1) "I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- (2) I will establish peace in their homes.
- (3) I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- (4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- (5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- (6) Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- (7) Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- (8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- (9) I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
- (10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- (11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- (12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

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	June 14, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Collection	\$3810	\$161,143	\$218,303.65 (57,160.62)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	\$210	\$15,810	\$15,810
SM Resolution (Orange Envelope)	\$1600	\$41,510	\$65,000 (23,490)

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Below Pope St. John Paul II, in Chapter III, *Dies Ecclesiae- The Day of the Church*- enters into an explanation of the Liturgy of the Word within Sunday Mass, which applies by extension to weekday Masses. The Liturgy of the Word is intimately united to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In hearing the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass the lay faithful are called to have a life that is inspired by the Word of God. One who is familiar with the Word of God, or even steeped in the Word of God, may be more attentive to their *heart stirring within them*, so that when the the Word of God is Proclamation at Mass it is understood that God is speaking with- He is in dialogue with- His People. So, the more time you spend with the Word of God, you will find that you will be more receptive to His promptings. 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 table of the word

39. As in every Eucharistic celebration, the Risen Lord is encountered in the Sunday assembly at the twofold table of the word and of the Bread of Life. The table of the word offers the same understanding of the history of salvation and especially of the Paschal Mystery which the Risen Jesus himself gave to his disciples: it is Christ who speaks, present as he is in his word "when Sacred Scripture is read in the Church".(60) At the table of the Bread of Life, the Risen Lord becomes really, substantially and enduringly present through the memorial of his Passion and Resurrection, and the Bread of Life is offered as a pledge of future glory. The Second Vatican Council recalled that "the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are so closely joined together that they form a single act of worship".(61) The Council also urged that "the table of the word of God be more lavishly prepared for the faithful, opening to them more abundantly the treasures of the Bible".(62) It then decreed that, in Masses of Sunday and holy days of obligation, the homily should not be omitted except for serious reasons.(63) These timely decrees were faithfully embodied in the liturgical reform, about which Paul VI wrote, commenting upon the richer offering of biblical readings on Sunday and holy days: "All this has been decreed so as to foster more and more in the faithful 'that hunger for hearing the word of the Lord' (Am 8:11) which, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, spurs the People of the New Covenant on towards the perfect unity of the Church".(64)

40. In considering the Sunday Eucharist more than thirty years after the Council, we need to assess how well the word of God is being proclaimed and how effectively the People of God have grown in knowledge and love of Sacred Scripture.(65) There are two aspects of this — that of *celebration* and that of *personal appropriation* — and they are very closely related. At the level of celebration, the fact that the Council made it possible to proclaim the word of God in the language of the community taking part in the celebration must awaken a new sense of responsibility towards the word, allowing "the distinctive character of the sacred text" to shine forth "even in the mode of reading or singing".(66) At the level of personal appropriation, the hearing of the word of God proclaimed must be well prepared in the souls of the faithful by an apt knowledge of Scripture and, where pastorally possible, by special initiatives designed to deepen understanding of the biblical readings, particularly those used on Sundays and holy days. If Christian individuals and families are not regularly drawing new life from the reading of the sacred text in a spirit of prayer and docility to the Church's interpretation,(67) then it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect. This is the value of initiatives in parish communities which bring together during the week those who take part in the Eucharist — priest, ministers and faithful(68) — in order to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed. The objective sought here is that the entire celebration — praying, singing, listening, and not just the preaching — should express in some way the theme of the Sunday liturgy, so that all those taking part may be penetrated more powerfully by it. Clearly, much depends on those who exercise the ministry of the word. It is their duty to prepare the reflection on the word of the Lord by prayer and study of the sacred text, so that they may then express its contents faithfully and apply them to people's concerns and to their daily lives.

First Friday Preparation



*¡Viva Cristo Rey!
Father Pica*

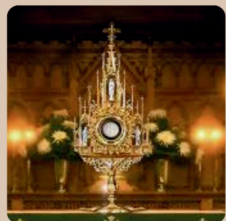
Adoration + Confession

Wed, July 1

4:15-5:15am at ICC
(Confession)

Fri, July 3

8:30-9:00am at ICC
(Adoration)



First Saturday
Mass
July 4
8:00am SMC





Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

June 18, 2026

**Tickets for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen
Available Next Week (the week of June 22, 2026)**
From Bishop Louis Tylka, Diocese of Peoria

"It is with profound joy and gratitude that I share that tickets for the Mass of Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, as well as many of the events surrounding this historic celebration, will become available during the week of June 22, 2026, through the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation website at celebratesheen.com.

The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen is a historic moment for the Diocese of Peoria, and the Church throughout the United States and around the world. The Mass of Beatification will take place on September 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Dome will open early for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, providing pilgrims with an opportunity to prepare spiritually for this sacred celebration. Beginning later that morning, a special pre-Beatification program will feature a variety of Catholic speakers and musicians.

While the Beatification Mass will be the centerpiece of these celebrations, it is only one part of what I hope will be a transformative pilgrimage experience for countless people. From September 15–26, 2026, pilgrims will have the opportunity to participate in a rich series of prayerful, educational, and celebratory events, including Holy Hours, Masses of Thanksgiving, visits to Archbishop Sheen's tomb, and the inaugural Sheen Awards in Peoria, Illinois.

Together, these events form the official [Sheen Pilgrimage](#)—an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of one of the Church's greatest evangelizers while reflecting on his life, legacy, and missionary witness.

As tickets become available, I encourage everyone to begin considering how they can make this historic moment meaningful in their own lives. I invite you to review the schedule, prayerfully discern which events you would like to attend, and begin planning your pilgrimage now.

Parish Feast Day Celebration



Clergy Convocation



At the end of our Clergy Convocation we gathered for a picture at the conclusion of Mass! It was an enjoyable four days together and a great blessing for us to be together- Thank you for supporting us with your prayers! ~Can you spot Father Pica?



On Tuesday evening, we had a free evening to get dinner on our own, so I went out with three brother priests to a Thai Restaurant and then afterwards we went to Kilwin's for some Ice Cream, and there ended up being about 20 of us that showed up for some Ice Cream when we were there. I bought some fudge too- and since Father's Day was approaching, that became my Father's Day gift to my Dad! Outside of Kilwin's we encountered a young man riding a Penny-Farthing, and we all enjoyed watching him ride and we asked him a number of questions. Though I am not in the picture, I was one of the ones inquiring about the Penny-farthing!

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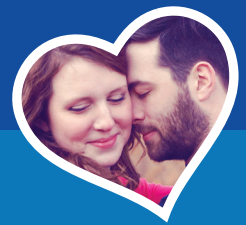


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