

**Saint Mary
Church**
401 South Street
Henry, IL 61537



**Immaculate Conception
Church**
412 N. Center Street
Lacon, IL 61540

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm*
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The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 12, 2026



• 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •
**AS HE SOWED,
SOME SEED FELL.**

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 July 11-12

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

Weekday Masses

Mon. July 13	8:00am	SMC	Special Intention
Tues. July 14			No Mass
Wed. July 15	5:30pm	ICC	+Becky Bogner
Thurs. July 16	7:30am	SMC	+Dorothy Tuttle
Fri. July 17	8:00am	ICC	+Silvio Capponi Family

NEXT WEEKEND July 18-19

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Howie Heilstedt
	10:30am	SMC	+Miho & Dragica Staresinic

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 18-19**Lector****EMHC****Altar Server****4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday July 18, 2026**

Betty Shearer Father Pica James

8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, July 19, 2026

Gwen Balensiefen Father Pica Hattans

10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, July 19, 2026

Donna Rowe Amy Anderson 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 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.

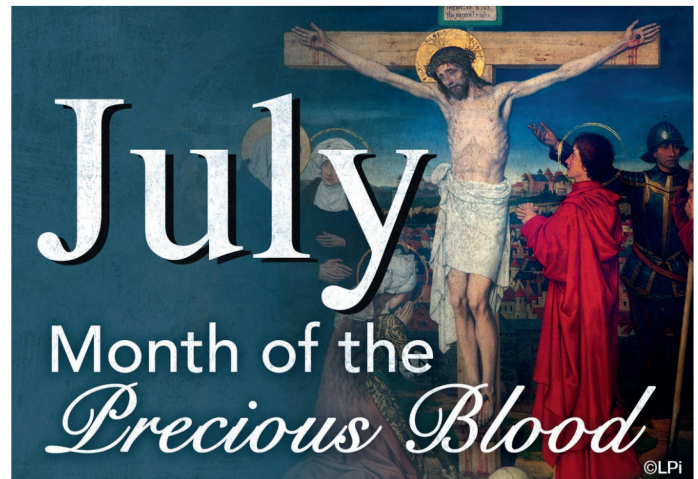
Online bulletin: www.parishesonline.com

*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 15	Lacon K of C @IC Hall 6:30pm
July 16	Henry K of C @ SM Center 7:00pm
July 20	IHM Parish Council IC Hall 6:00pm
July 24	Faith & Family Night at Peoria Chiefs Game (Dozer Park, Peoria) 7:05 pm



Let us pray, - Almighty and eternal God, you have appointed your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we honor, worship and adore Thee. Heal the wounds our souls and wash away the sins of the whole world. O Precious Blood, have mercy. Amen.

***Online Giving!***

New to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish!

Give Online now, or set up weekly or monthly online giving. Use the QR Code with your phone!

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

	July 5, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Collection	\$4,718	\$4,718	3,808 (\$910)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	\$800	\$800	\$231 (\$569)
Capital Campaign @ SMC (Orange Env.)	\$815	\$815	\$1,923 (\$1,108)

+MJ+

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*- helps us enrich and deepen our understanding of the communal character of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the medicine of the Divine Physician and so Our Mother the Church recommends the faithful to receive the Eucharist, so long as the faithful are properly disposed- that means that one is not aware of any grave sin. The Eucharist is intimately connected to the Mass, which sends the faithful back into the world- to share the Gospel- *Go, forth, the Mass is ended*- the dismissal at Mass- sends the faithful out to Evangelize- that is to share the Good News of the Gospel in your daily life.

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.

Easter banquet and fraternal gathering

44. The communal character of the Eucharist emerges in a special way when it is seen as the Easter banquet, in which Christ himself becomes our nourishment. In fact, "for this purpose Christ entrusted to the Church this sacrifice: so that the faithful might share in it, both spiritually, in faith and charity, and sacramentally, in the banquet of Holy Communion." Sharing in the Lord's Supper is always communion with Christ, who offers himself for us in sacrifice to the Father".(72) This is why the Church recommends that the faithful receive communion when they take part in the Eucharist, provided that they are properly disposed and, if aware of grave sin, have received God's pardon in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.(73) in the spirit of what Saint Paul writes to the community at Corinth (cf. 1 Cor 11:27-32). Obviously, the invitation to Eucharistic communion is more insistent in the case of Mass on Sundays and holy days.

It is also important to be ever mindful that communion with Christ is deeply tied to communion with our brothers and sisters. The Sunday Eucharistic gathering is an *experience of brotherhood*, which the celebration should demonstrate clearly, while ever respecting the nature of the liturgical action. All this will be helped by gestures of welcome and by the tone of prayer, alert to the needs of all in the community. The sign of peace — in the Roman Rite significantly placed before Eucharistic communion — is a particularly expressive gesture which the faithful are invited to make as a manifestation of the People of God's acceptance of all that has been accomplished in the celebration(74) and of the commitment to mutual love which is made in sharing the one bread, with the demanding words of Christ in mind: "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:23-24).

From Mass to "mission"

45. Receiving the Bread of Life, the disciples of Christ ready themselves to undertake with the strength of the Risen Lord and his Spirit the tasks which await them in their ordinary life. For the faithful who have understood the meaning of what they have done, the Eucharistic celebration does not stop at the church door. Like the first witnesses of the Resurrection, Christians who gather each Sunday to experience and proclaim the presence of the Risen Lord are called to evangelize and bear witness in their daily lives. Given this, the Prayer after Communion and the Concluding Rite — the Final Blessing and the Dismissal — need to be better valued and appreciated, so that all who have shared in the Eucharist may come to a deeper sense of the responsibility which is entrusted to them. Once the assembly disperses, Christ's disciples return to their everyday surroundings with the commitment to make their whole life a gift, a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God (cf. Rom 12:1). They feel indebted to their brothers and sisters because of what they have received in the celebration, not unlike the disciples of Emmaus who, once they had recognized the Risen Christ "in the breaking of the bread" (cf. Lk 24:30-32), felt the need to return immediately to share with their brothers and sisters the joy of meeting the Lord (cf. Lk 24:33-35).

Catholic 101:

Come and learn more about
the Catholic Faith

July 9
July 16
6:00 - 7:15 pm
@ St. Mary Center



¡Viva Cristo Rey!
Father Pica

IHM Parish Youth Fellowship

THE SEARCH

FROM FORMED.ORG

What is the meaning of life?

@ ST MARY CENTER

JULY 26 @ 4-5:15 PM

Faith
Fun

YOU'RE INVITED TO A MARIAN CONFERENCE

A Day of Faith, Mercy & Inspiration

THEME:

*"Fear is Useless,
What is Needed is Trust."*



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
AUGUST 15, 2026

8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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FATHER CHRIS ALAR

National Provincial
Superior of the
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Divine Mercy in
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(via: recorded video)



LIZ KELLY STANCHINA

Community Leader for
the Women's Foundation
at Bishop Barron's
Word on Fire Institute,
and internationally
recognized and award
winning author/co-author
of more than a dozen books.



FATHER DAN REEHIL

Priest and Exorcist
for the Diocese of
Nashville,
Tennessee
(via: recorded video)



CHRISTINE WATKINS

Founder of
Queen of Peace Media
(via: recorded video)

WHAT TO EXPECT



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TESTIMONY ON THE
POWER OF THE ROSARY
AND THE CHAPLET OF
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Prayer Line

Please Pray for:

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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.

For the Repose of the souls of: Karol Real; Joseph Mattingly; victims of wars & natural disasters



Join IHM Parish for
Faith & Family Night
with the Peoria Chiefs
Friday, July 24, 2026
Dozer Park, Peoria

Peoria Chiefs v. W. Michigan
Whitecaps

Gates open: 5:30 pm

First pitch: 7:05 pm

Seats in Section 103

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