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

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The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 26, 2026

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 25-26

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

Weekday Masses

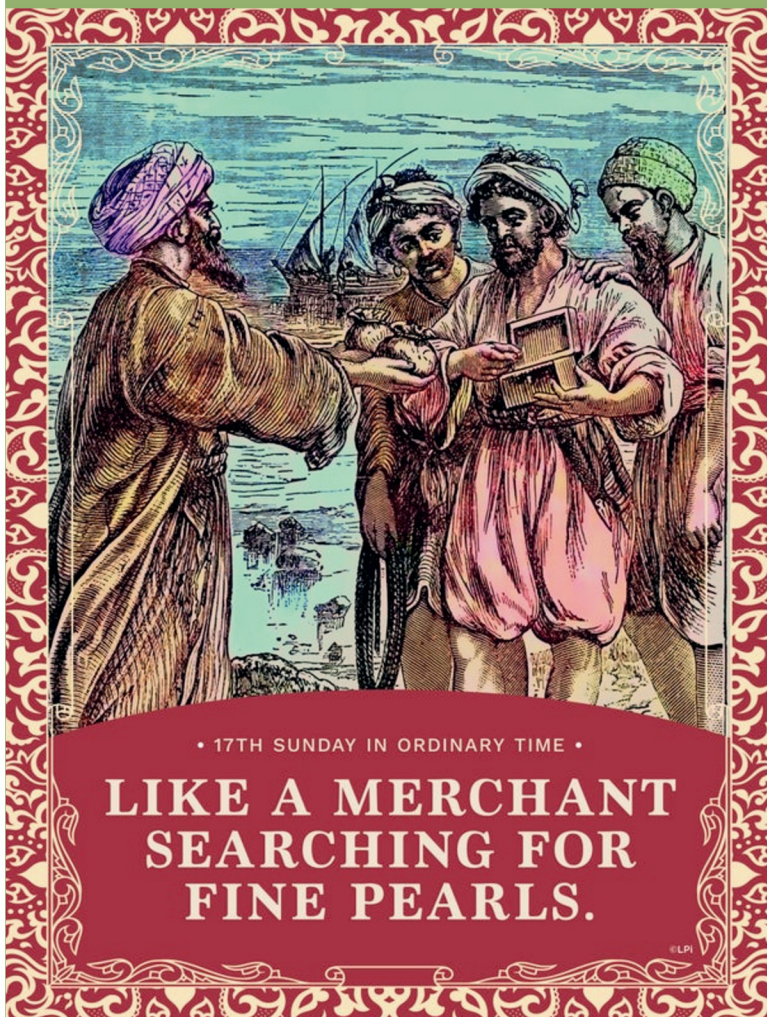
Mon. July 27	8:00am	SMC	+Jim Mattingly
Tues. July 28			No Mass
Wed. July 29	5:30pm	ICC	+Katie Webster
Thurs. July 30	7:30am	SMC	Special Intentions
Fri. July 31	8:00am	ICC	+Gloria McIntosh
Sat. Aug. 1	8:00am	SMC	+Sister Cecelia Mattingly

NEXT WEEKEND August 1-2

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Terese Keller
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Marlene Gauwitz
	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 Aug. 1-2**Lector****EMHC****Altar Server****4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday Aug.1, 2026**

Dirk Nauman Michelle Lacey- Nauman James

8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026

Rodney Feinholz Gwen Balensiefen Larry

10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, Aug. 2, 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 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.

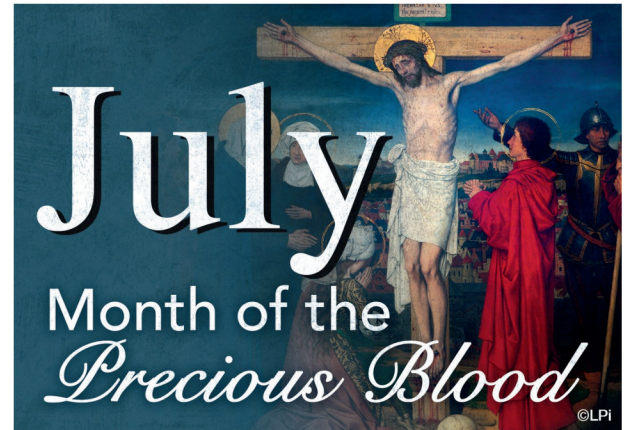
Online bulletin: www.parishesonline.com

*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

Aug. 1	1 st Sat. Mass @ SMC 8:00am
Aug. 2	CCD Registration begins
Aug. 5	Mary's Heart Meeting @ IC Hall 6:00pm
Aug. 6/7	1 st Friday Preparation: Adoration & Confession
Aug. 14	Family Game Night @ SM Center 6:00pm
Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Not a Holy Day of Obligation



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.

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***New to Immaculate Heart of
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or monthly online giving. Use the
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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Support

Thank you for your generosity!

	July 19, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection	\$2,675	\$10,549	\$12,115
[Weekly Budget: \$4,038]			-\$1,566
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$210	\$1,155	\$692
[Weekly Budget: \$231]			\$463
Capital Campaign	\$1,150	\$2,415	\$5,769
[Orange Env. Bdgt. \$1,923]			-\$3,354

+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*- continues his treatment of the Sunday Obligation and how it has become Universal Ecclesial Law- to which all Catholics are obliged to follow save falling into grave and often mortal sin. The responsibility to catechize and teach the faithful regarding the Sunday Obligation, also Holy Days of Obligation, is first and foremost the responsibility of the Bishop, and it is shared by the pastors of Parishes. This is why you often hear me speak about the Obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day Mass (Holy Days of Obligation).

So, do we ever get a break from Mass? Well, to answer this question let me ask: Are you ever not a Beloved Child of the Father? Is there a break from our or your call to be holy in this life? The answer to both is: No! And so, no, there are no breaks from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation- and if one does not have a grave reason for missing Mass on Sundays and/or Holy Days of Obligation, then one falls into grave sin, if not Mortal Sin, and thus is in need of making a good confession, before presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion.

Also, you may notice that in our Bulletin, we always have a few Sunday Evening Masses listed, well, that is to help you, the faithful, to know that there are Sunday Evening Masses that are available- especially for those who are in need of a Sunday Evening Mass option from time to time. Furthermore, I am in the rotation of priests scheduled to celebrate the 5:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary in LaSalle- for the reasons Pope St. John Paul II states below!

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 Sunday obligation (cont.)

48. Today, as in the heroic times of the beginning, many who wish to live in accord with the demands of their faith are being faced with difficult situations in various parts of the world. They live in surroundings which are sometimes decidedly hostile and at other times — more frequently in fact — indifferent and unresponsive to the Gospel message. If believers are not to be overwhelmed, they must be able to count on the support of the Christian community. This is why they must be convinced that it is crucially important for the life of faith that they should come together with others on Sundays to celebrate the Passover of the Lord in the sacrament of the New Covenant. It is the special responsibility of the Bishops, therefore, "to ensure that Sunday is appreciated by all the faithful, kept holy and celebrated as truly 'the Lord's Day', on which the Church comes together to renew the remembrance of the Easter mystery in hearing the word of God, in offering the sacrifice of the Lord, in keeping the day holy by means of prayer, works of charity and abstention from work". (84)

49. Because the faithful are obliged to attend Mass unless there is a grave impediment, Pastors have the corresponding duty to offer to everyone the real possibility of fulfilling the precept. The provisions of Church law move in this direction, as for example in the faculty granted to priests, with the prior authorization of the diocesan Bishop, to celebrate more than one Mass on Sundays and holy days. (85) the institution of evening Masses (86) and the provision which allows the obligation to be fulfilled from Saturday evening onwards, starting at the time of First Vespers of Sunday. (87) From a liturgical point of view, in fact, holy days begin with First Vespers. (88) Consequently, the liturgy of what is sometimes called the "Vigil Mass" is in effect the "festive" Mass of Sunday, at which the celebrant is required to preach the homily and recite the Prayer of the Faithful.

Moreover, Pastors should remind the faithful that when they are away from home on Sundays they are to take care to attend Mass wherever they may be, enriching the local community with their personal witness. At the same time, these communities should show a warm sense of welcome to visiting brothers and sisters, especially in places which attract many tourists and pilgrims, for whom it will often be necessary to provide special religious assistance. (89)



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Saturday, August 15

HOLY DAY MASSES
*NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ST. MARY CHURCH
8:00AM *

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
12:00PM *

*Social after each Mass
in SM Center & IC Hall
respectively

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Father Pica

Meet Our Seminarians



Brennen O'Keeffe

Seminary: Mundelein Seminary: Entered 2024, Class of 2031

Why did you become a seminarian?

As long as I can remember, I have had a desire to do something great with my life. The majority of my life, I have spent chasing greatness in sports and music. While I continue to love both, the pursuit has left me restless and unfulfilled. During my time in college, I began to grow in my relationship with God through daily Mass and adoration. It was in these moments of deep prayer and silence that the Lord filled me with peace and joy, showing me that true greatness is to do His will. So after graduating, I discerned it was God's will for me to enter seminary.

What did you do before seminary?

Graduated from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. I was pursuing a career in the music industry as a songwriter.

An interesting fact about you:

I am featured in a country music video with over one million views on YouTube.



Jared Hernandez

Seminary: Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary: Entered 2023, 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.

What did you do before seminary?

I attended Alleman Catholic High School in Rock Island. I was also an altar server for Spanish Masses at St. Mary's Moline.

An interesting fact about you:

I grew up playing the trumpet and soccer. I speak Spanish, and I like watching the Chosen series.

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*



IHM 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

June Update

Goal	Pledged	Received	To be Pledged	# of Donors
\$50,457	\$42,837.50	\$41,552.50	\$7,619.50	87

You are invited to a family game night!

Fun • Laughter • Community

Friday, August 14th @ 6pm at the St. Mary Center

What will it be like?

- Assorted board games
- Card games
- Bags/Cornhole
- Pizza, snacks, and refreshments

Great for people of all ages--invite your friends and family, and join us for a fun night of fellowship and friendly competition!



8/27/26

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF Fulton Sheen

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND 5:30-7:00 P.M.

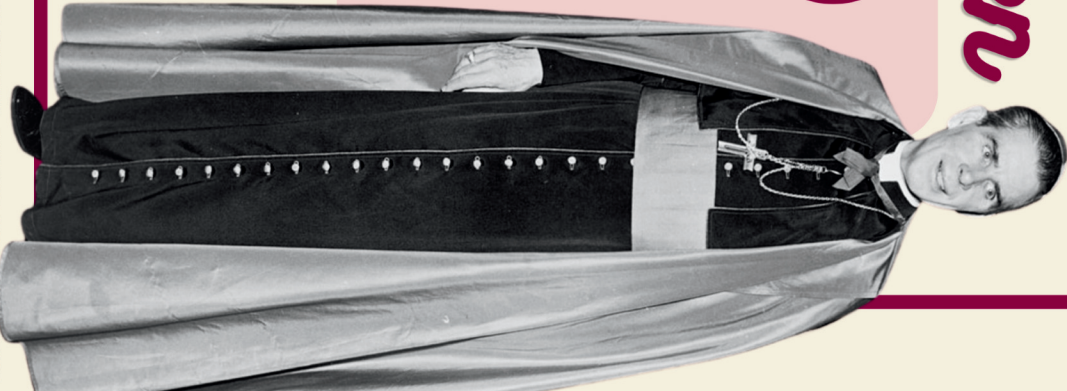
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Come and learn more about the inspiring and holy life of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, who will be Beatified on September 24, 2026. Hear stories about Sheen, including little known facts and fun trivia. Most importantly, learn about lessons from Fulton Sheen that we can emulate in our own walk with Christ.

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING 4:30 MASS
TALK WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.

SPEAKER:
Hattie Bogner

Katie is the creator of the Teaching with Fulton Sheen Curriculum as well a regular volunteer at Fulton Sheen's tomb and the Sheen Museum.



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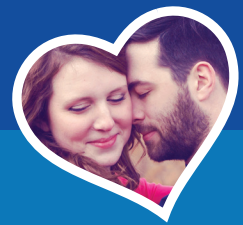


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