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401 South Street
Henry, IL 61537



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

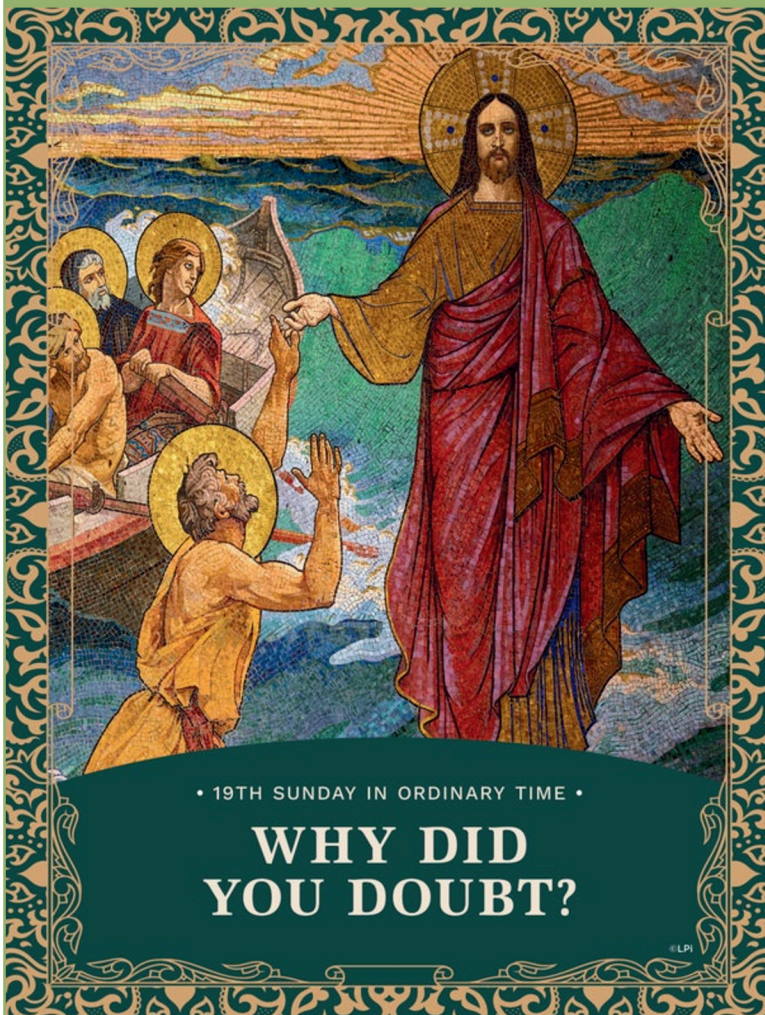
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm*
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The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time August 9, 2026



Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary time August 8-9

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Jim Molinero
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	Pro Populo
	10:30am	SMC	Kevin & Anna Toohill

Weekday Masses

Mon. Aug. 10	8:00am	SMC	+Arlene Martin
Tues. Aug. 11			No Mass
Wed. Aug. 12	5:30pm	ICC	+Joseph Augustyn Callenes-Sloan
Thurs. Aug. 13	7:30am	SMC	+Sharon Bumgardner
Fri. Aug. 14	8:00am	ICC	+ Silvio Capponi Family

NEXT WEEKEND : Aug. 15-16

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Chester & John Geleziunas
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Leonard & Katherine Waldschmidt
	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. 15-16

<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday Aug. 15		
Pam Waldschmidt	Betty Shearer	Smiths & James
8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, Aug. 16		
Gwen Balensiefen	Liz Nunley	Hattans
10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, Aug. 16		
Susan Real	Christy Beall	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 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. 10	IHM Parish Council IC Hall 6:00pm
Aug 13	Catholic 101 SM Center 6:00pm
Aug. 14	Family Game Night SM Center 6:00 pm
Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses: 8:00am SMC 12:00pm ICC
Aug. 19	Lacon K of C- IC Hall 7:00pm
Aug. 20	Henry K of C- SM Center 7:00pm
Aug. 22	Sheen Night with Katie Bogner SMC 5:30 pm
Aug. 23	CCD starts SM Center 9:15am



Online Giving!
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!

	August 2, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection	\$2,859	\$17,314	\$20,192
[Weekly Budget: \$4,038]			-\$2,878
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$130	\$1,360	\$1,154
[Weekly Budget: \$231]			\$206
Capital Campaign	\$631	\$4,546	\$9,615
[Orange Env. Bdgt. \$1,923]			-\$5,069



Why is there something rather than nothing?
Why is everything so obviously messed up?
What if anything has God done about it?
How should I respond?

the
RESCUE
project

Ever ask yourself these questions?
We invite you to join us for The Rescue Project.
Together we can discover The Story.

Coming to IHM Parish
2nd Wednesdays of the month beginning 9/9/26
• 10:30 am- St. Mary Center in Henry
• 6:30 pm- Immaculate Conception Hall in Lacon



MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION
All Adults and Teens are welcome!

Rescue Project coming to IHM Parish: I am excited to share with you all that we will be engaging in a Parish wide Mission: The Rescue Project. The Rescue project is an attractive and compelling proclamation of the Gospel. This is anticipation of the Rescue Live event that will be hosted at the Civic Center in Peoria on March 6 (more to come on that later- but, please put that date on your calendar! What date? -March 6. As we begin, in September we will meet on the 2nd Wednesdays of the Month from September-May.



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

+JM J+

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Chapter III, *Dies Ecclesiae- The Day of the Church*- In this brief section on the Christian Sunday Pope St. John Paul II gives some helpful suggestions of how we could live Sunday differently. So, much of the culture has influenced Sunday, so that it is just another day, it is football day (during the NFL season), a day to catch up on errands or chores around the home, etc. But it is not, Sunday is truly a day where we are to encounter the Lord in a tangible way, and one such way is to join in the life of the Church in Prayer. It is a day to recall God's redeeming work. So, how as a family can you foster a more intimate encounter with God on Sunday and keeping Holy the Sabbath?

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.

Other moments of the Christian Sunday

52. Sharing in the Eucharist is the heart of Sunday, but the duty to keep Sunday holy cannot be reduced to this. In fact, the Lord's Day is lived well if it is marked from beginning to end by grateful and active remembrance of God's saving work. This commits each of Christ's disciples to shape the other moments of the day — those outside the liturgical context: family life, social relationships, moments of relaxation — in such a way that the peace and joy of the Risen Lord will emerge in the ordinary events of life. For example, the relaxed gathering of parents and children can be an opportunity not only to listen to one another but also to share a few formative and more reflective moments. Even in lay life, when possible, why not make provision for special times of prayer — especially the solemn celebration of Vespers, for example — or moments of catechesis, which on the eve of Sunday or on Sunday afternoon might prepare for or complete the gift of the Eucharist in people's hearts?

This rather traditional way of keeping Sunday holy has perhaps become more difficult for many people; but the Church shows her faith in the strength of the Risen Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit by making it known that, today more than ever, she is unwilling to settle for minimalism and mediocrity at the level of faith. She wants to help Christians to do what is most correct and pleasing to the Lord. And despite the difficulties, there are positive and encouraging signs. In many parts of the Church, a new need for prayer in its many forms is being felt; and this is a gift of the Holy Spirit. There is also a rediscovery of ancient religious practices, such as pilgrimages; and often the faithful take advantage of Sunday rest to visit a Shrine where, with the whole family, perhaps, they can spend time in a more intense experience of faith. These are moments of grace which must be fostered through evangelization and guided by genuine pastoral wisdom.

*¡Viva Cristo Rey!
Father Pica*

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!**

"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



CCD Registration for IHM Parish!

Use the QR Code with
your phone to complete
CCD Registration online.

Register Now!

First Day of CCD
Sunday, August 23



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

PRAYER CHAIN

Please 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 & Romas Naujalis; Zach Fennell; Shearyl Kanive; Ashley Watkins; Russell Forcum; 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; Rob Sloan; Clifford Harvey; Richard Watkins, 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, Bonnie Villiger, special intentions; parishioners most in need of our prayers; 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, Val Lord.

For the Repose of the souls of: Justine Budd; Janice Maubach; Doris Brown; Larry Lord; victims of wars & natural disasters

Catholic 101:

**Come and learn more about
the Catholic Faith**

Aug. 13.

Aug. 20

6:00 - 7:15pm

@ St. Mary Center



SYMBOLON

— THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH —

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.
I-P TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
541 Chartres St.
La Salle, IL 61301

FREE ADMISSION - ALL ARE WELCOME!

FEATURED SPEAKERS

FATHER CHRIS ALAR
National Provincial Superior of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts
(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 REEHL
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

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

ROSARY

TESTIMONY ON THE POWER OF THE ROSARY AND THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
(via recorded video)

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

JOIN US FOR A DAY TO GROW IN FAITH AND DEVOTION
To Jesus through Mary!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 779/201-0544

Following in the Footsteps of Fulton Sheen

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

ST. MARY CENTER, 401 SOUTH STREET, HENRY

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:
Katie Bognen

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

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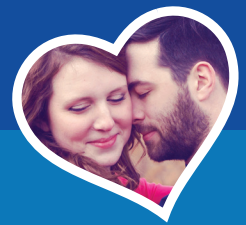


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