

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



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

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time August 23, 2026

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

The Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time Aug. 22-23

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Barb Lou
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Doreen Heilstedt
	10:30am	SMC	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

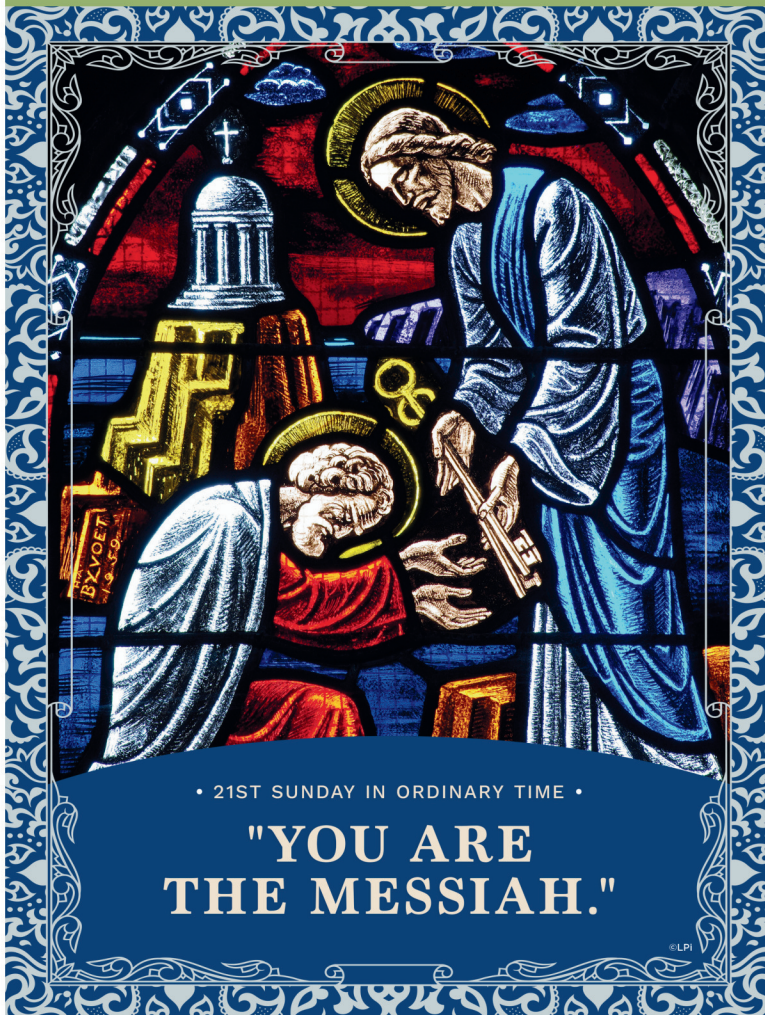
Mon. Aug. 24	8:00am	SMC	+Andy Bogner
Tues. Aug. 25			No Mass
Wed. Aug. 26	5:30pm	ICC	+Connie Murphy
Thurs. Aug. 27	7:30am	SMC	+Karol Real
Fri. Aug. 28	8:00am	ICC	+Sharon Benz

NEXT WEEKEND August 29-30

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Joan Kaliher
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Rosie Wunder
	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. 29-30**Lector****EMHC****Altar Server****4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday Aug. 29, 2026**

Betty Shearer

Father Pica

D. Smith

8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026

Rodney Feinholz

Stephen Martinek

Larry

10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026

Seth Chambers

Amy Anderson

M. Chambers

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**

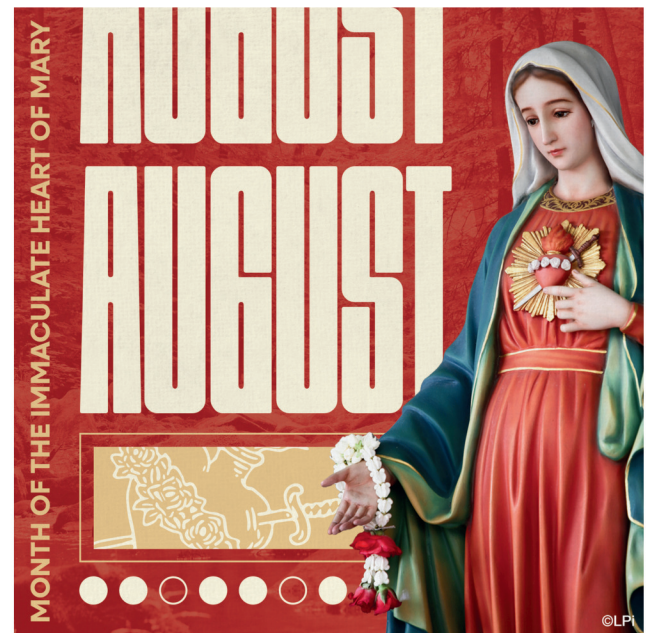
Looking Ahead at IHM Parish1st Day of CCD

Aug. 23 (Please Bring \$75.00 registration fee)
SM Center 9:15-10:25am

Aug. 23 IHM Youth Group
SM Center 4:00pm

Sept. 3 1st Friday Preparation: Adoration & Confession
SMC 6:00-8:00pm

Sept. 4 1st Friday Preparation: ICC
Confessions 7:15am
Adoration 8:30-10:00am

***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!

	Aug. 16, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection	\$3,092	\$23,591	\$28,269
[Weekly Budget: \$4,038]			-\$4,678
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$100	\$2,180	\$1,615
[Weekly Budget: \$231]			\$565
Capital Campaign	\$1,180	\$6,226	\$13,462
[Orange Env. Bdgt. \$1,923]			-\$7,236

+MJ+

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Chapter IV, Dies Hominis- Sunday: Day of Joy, Rest and Solidarity- We are now beginning chapter four of the Encyclical Letter, in which Pope St. John Paul II speaks of the Day of the Lord as the Day of Man. In this section he speaks about how we participate in the Life of God each week by living the Sabbath in Joy. We are to have joy each Sunday, because it is a weekly Easter- remembrance of the victory of Christ! Christian joy differs from human joy in that it endures, and is not a fleeting feeling or emotion. We are thus to be witnesses of joy in our day-to-day lives and so bear witness to Christ!

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 "full joy" of Christ

55. "Blessed be he who has raised the great day of Sunday above all other days. The heavens and the earth, angels and of men give themselves over to joy". (99) This cry of the Maronite liturgy captures well the intense acclamations of joy which have always characterized Sunday in the liturgy of both East and West. Moreover, historically — even before it was seen as a day of rest, which in any case was not provided for in the civil calendar — Christians celebrated the weekly day of the Risen Lord primarily as a day of joy. "On the first day of the week, you shall all rejoice", urges the Didascalia. (100) This was also emphasized by liturgical practice, through the choice of appropriate gestures. (101) Voicing an awareness widespread in the Church, Saint Augustine describes the joy of the weekly Easter: "Fasting, is set aside and prayers are said standing, as a sign of the Resurrection, which is also why the Alleluia is sung on every Sunday". (102)

56. Beyond particular ritual forms, which can vary in time depending upon Church discipline, there remains the fact that Sunday, as a weekly echo of the first encounter with the Risen Lord, is unfailingly marked by the joy with which the disciples greeted the Master: "The disciples rejoiced to see the Lord" (Jn 20:20). This was the confirmation of the words which Jesus spoke before the Passion and which resound in every Christian generation: "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy." (Jn 16:20). Had not he himself prayed for this, that the disciples would have "the fullness of his joy" (cf. Jn 17:13)? The festive character of the Sunday Eucharist expresses the joy that Christ communicates to his Church through the gift of the Spirit. Joy is precisely one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 14:17; Gal 5:22).

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Father Pica

Family Game Night!

Last Friday Night (August 14) we gathered for some food, fellowship, and fun! Many games were played by all! Thank you especially to Brady and Emma Neuhalphen and all others who helped make Family Game Night happen!



Meet Our Seminarians



Luke Olson

Seminary: Mundelein Seminary: Entered 2019, Class of 2027

Why did you become a seminarian?

After being timidly intrigued by the priesthood for many years, I began altar serving at my home parish as a high school freshman. While serving, I slowly started to fall in love with the Mass, the priesthood, and most importantly, the Eucharist. This growing love for the Eucharist was the first step

I needed to begin to cultivate a deeper and more authentic prayer life, which allowed me to more clearly hear the voice of God and respond to His will for my life. During this time, I came to realize that the Father had placed a deep desire in me to be configured into the image of his Son and to give my life in dedication to his mission, the salvation of souls. By the selfless and complete gift of Himself, Christ brought new life to the human race. His perfect example drew me to want to make a complete gift of myself and dedicate my life to continue Christ's outpouring which is perpetuated by the sacraments.

What did you do before seminary?

I joined seminary right after finishing high school. I was homeschooled right up until seminary. While in high school, I worked as a lifeguard and swim instructor at Black Hawk Community College, where I was also attended as a dual-enrolled student.



Jonathan Puckett

Seminary: Mundelein Seminary: Entered 2021, Class of 2027

Why did you become a seminarian?

When I was in college, I started wondering how God wanted me to love other people, whether in marriage or as a priest. We all have a vocation to be holy, but I began asking God how He wanted me to specifically live out that holiness. I started serving Mass and going to weekly Adoration at the University of Illinois in Champaign, and being close to the altar and near to the Eucharist inflamed my heart with the desire to be a father of souls. I wanted always to be intimately close to the Eucharist in these moments, and even now there is really nothing more important than that. Notwithstanding my weaknesses, God provides me the strength every day to live out this calling. I became a seminarian to discern whether God created me to be His priest, and in the years since entering I have become more and more convicted that I am made for this.

What did you do before seminary?

I worked in a Rare Book Library while getting my master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois.



IHM 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal July Update

Goal	Pledged	Received	To be Pledged	# of Donors
\$50,457	\$43,837.50	\$43,037.50	\$6,619.50	87

IHM Parish Youth Fellowship

THE SEARCH
FROM FORMED.ORG

What is the meaning of life?

@ ST MARY CENTER
AUGUST 23 @ 4-5:15 PM

Faith Fun

the RESCUE project



**THE RESCUE PROJECT IS COMING TO
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH!**

Meetings are generally on the second Wednesday of the month
and will be held in your choice of two locations/times:

10:30 am at St. Mary Center in Henry or

6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Hall in Lacon

Dates:

September 9, 2026

October 14, 2026

November 11, 2026

December 9, 2026

January 13, 2027

February 24, 2027

March 10, 2027

April 14, 2027

May 12, 2027



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