

**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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309-270-1052
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Director of Religious Education: Christy Beall
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Dawn Glenn: 309-364-2011

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time August 30, 2026

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Aug.29-30

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Joan Kaliher
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Rosie Wunder
	10:30am	SMC	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

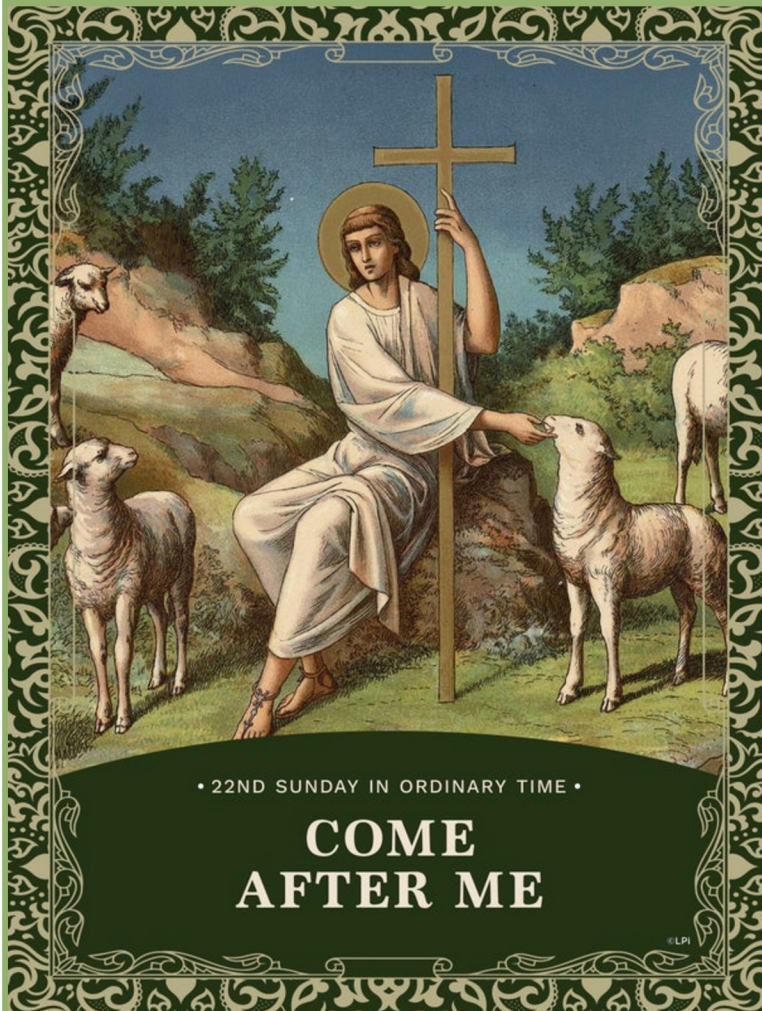
Mon. Aug.31	8:00am	SMC	Christine Randazzo
Tues. Sept.1			No Mass
Wed. Sept.2	5:30pm	ICC	+Judy Murphy
Thurs. Sept.3	7:30am	SMC	+Janice Maubach
Fri. Sept.4	8:00am	ICC	+Rowena Vincent
Sat. Sept.5	8:00am	SMC	+Sharon Chapman

NEXT WEEKEND Sept.5-6

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Jim Molinero
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	Pro Populo
	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 Sept. 5-6**Lector****EMHC****Altar Server****4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday Sept. 5, 2026**

Pam Waldschmidt Betty Shearer

8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

Gwen Balensiefen Liz Nunley

10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

Donna Rowe Margy Mattern

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)

Looking Ahead at IHM Parish

Sept. 2	Mary's Heart Women's Meeting
Sept. 3	1 st Friday Preparation Adoration & Confession SMC 6:00-8:00pm
Sept. 4	1 st Friday Preparation: ICC Confessions 7:15am Adoration 8:30-10:00am
Sept. 5	St. Joseph Men's Group SM Center 6:30am
Sept. 6	No CCD

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?

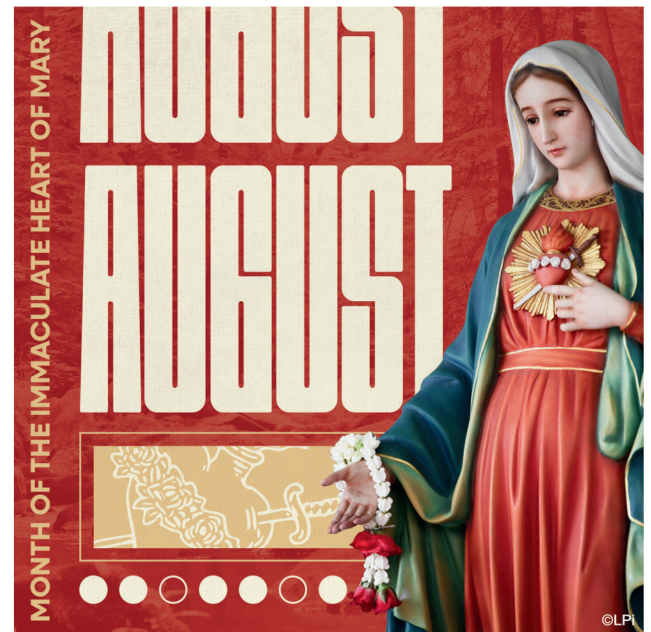
Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish! We are glad you are here with us. I hope to personally welcome you after Mass if you are able to say hi! May God reward you! ~ Father Pica

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**

***Online Giving!***

***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!

	Aug. 23, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection	\$2,882	\$26,473	\$32,308
[Weekly Budget: \$4,038]			-\$5,835
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$310	\$2,490	\$1,846
[Weekly Budget: \$231]			\$644
Capital Campaign	\$1,550	\$7,776	\$15,385
[Orange Env. Bdgt. \$1,923]			-\$7,609

+MJ+

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Chapter IV, Dies Hominis- Sunday: Day of Joy, Rest and Solidarity- Here, Pope St. John Paul II shares that the Church- the People of God- ought to be witnesses of joy, especially on the Lord's Day- Sundays and Holy Days! His vision for us as the people of God is that we ought to be witnesses of joy throughout our lives, not solely for one day of the week and this source of our joy is Our Lord- whose Sacrifice of Himself to the Father we are obliged to attend each week- Sundays and Holy Days. He also differentiates between Christian Joy and feelings of satisfaction and pleasure. Are we witnesses of this joy? Or are we worried and troubled by many things that prevent us from living in the freedom of the Father's love? And what does Our Lord have to say about this: *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* May come and experience His rest and His Peace, so that we may be witnesses of His Joy!

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.

57. Therefore, if we wish to rediscover the full meaning of Sunday, we must rediscover this aspect of the life of faith. Certainly, Christian joy must mark the whole of life, and not just one day of the week. But in virtue of its significance as the day of the Risen Lord, celebrating God's work of creation and "new creation", Sunday is the day of joy in a very special way, indeed the day most suitable for learning how to rejoice and to rediscover the true nature and deep roots of joy. This joy should never be confused with shallow feelings of satisfaction and pleasure, which inebriate the senses and emotions for a brief moment, but then leave the heart unfulfilled and perhaps even embittered. In the Christian view, joy is much more enduring and consoling; as the saints attest, it can hold firm even in the dark night of suffering. (103) It is, in a certain sense, a "virtue" to be nurtured.

58. Yet there is no conflict whatever between Christian joy and true human joys, which in fact are exalted and find their ultimate foundation precisely in the joy of the glorified Christ, the perfect image and revelation of man as God intended. As my revered predecessor Paul VI wrote in his Exhortation on Christian joy: "In essence, Christian joy is a sharing in the unfathomable joy, at once divine and human, found in the heart of the glorified Christ". (104) Pope Paul concluded his Exhortation by asking that, on the Lord's Day, the Church should witness powerfully to the joy experienced by the Apostles when they saw the Lord on the evening of Easter. To this end, he urged pastors to insist "upon the need for the baptized to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist in joy. How could they neglect this encounter, this banquet which Christ prepares for us in his love? May our sharing in it be most worthy and joyful! It is Christ, crucified and glorified, who comes among his disciples, to lead them all together into the newness of his Resurrection. This is the climax, here below, of the covenant of love between God and his people: the sign and source of Christian joy, a stage on the way to the eternal feast." (105) This vision of faith shows the Christian Sunday to be a true "time for celebration", a day given by God to men and women for their full human and spiritual growth.

*¡Viva Cristo Rey!**Father Pica*

First Friday Preparation



Adoration + Confession

Thurs., Sept. 3

6:00-8:00pm at SMC
(Adoration & Conf.)

Friday, Sept. 4

7:15-7:45am at ICC
(Confession)
8:30-10:00am at ICC
(Adoration)



**First Saturday
Mass
September 5
8:00am SMC**



**St. Joseph
Men's Group***

Saturday, Sept. 5
6:30 am

at St. Mary Center

*Every Saturday in
September



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WHEN? SEPT. 12, 2026
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 Please, RSVP by September 4th, 2026

• They shall bear fruit even in old age. •
 -PSALM 92:5

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FAMILY HOLY HOUR & TOUR
Saturday, September 19
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+ 10 AM - 10:45 AM FAMILY ADORATION
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+ 10:45 AM - 12 PM EXPLORE THE CATHEDRAL
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Families are welcome to come and go as needed. All who attend will receive coloring pages and a holy hour guide! The Sheen Museum at the Spalding Pastoral Center will also be open from 9 AM - 4 PM.



FR. ERIC BOLEK **BISHOP LOUIS TYLKA**




Our morning will be led by Fr. Eric Bolek, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Germantown Hills, and Bishop Louis Tylka.

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Katie Bogner and Bonnie Engstrom will answer questions, pray with families, and share in the joy of celebrating the life and legacy of Fulton Sheen.


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RESCUE

project



THE RESCUE PROJECT IS COMING TO
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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



RSVP Here:

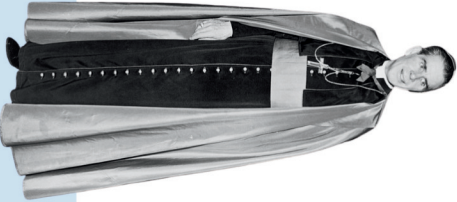


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Breakfast Club

WITH BLESSED FULTON SHEEN

Sundays 9:00-10:00 am
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HALL, LACON



Join us for breakfast, coffee, discussion, study, & prayer following 8 am Mass. Our Fall study will focus on the life of the newly-Beatified Fulton J. Sheen. Come to any session!

Sept. 13th	Servant of All, Part 1
Sept. 20th	Servant of All, Part 2
Sept. 27th	Pivotal Players
Oct. 4th	Sheen Gems
Oct. 18th	Angels
Oct. 25th	The Divine Sense of Humor
Nov. 1st	Love is a Many Splendored Thing
Nov. 8th	False Compassion
Nov. 15th	Ages of Man
Nov. 22nd	Love is Faith
Dec. 6th	Love is Hope
Dec. 13th	Love is Truth



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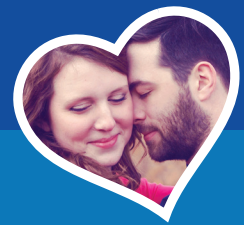


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