

Saint Mary
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Immaculate Conception
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Sept. 6, 2026

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Sept. 5-6

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

Weekday Masses

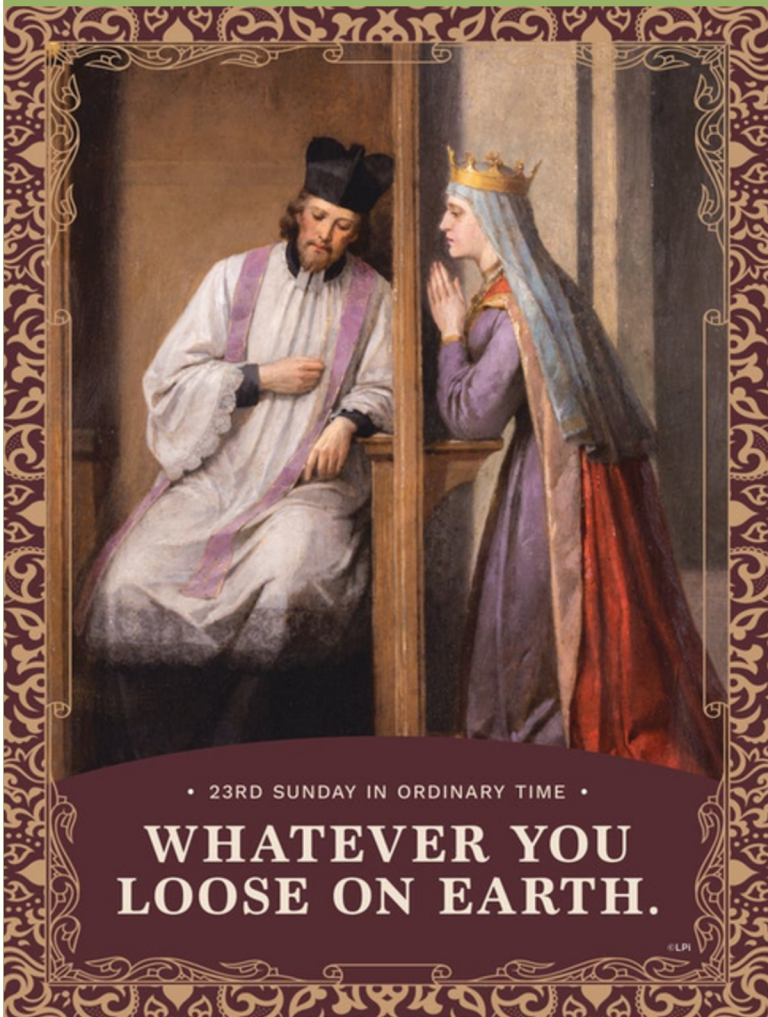
Mon. Sept. 7	8:00am	SMC	+Nedra Bischler
Tues. Sept. 8			No Mass
Wed. Sept. 9	5:30pm	ICC	+Joseph Augustyn Callenes-Sloan
Thurs. Sept. 10	7:30am	SMC	+Mike Bogner
Fri. Sept. 11	8:00am	ICC	+ Silvio Capponi Family

NEXT WEEKEND :Sept. 12-13

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Chester & John Geleziunas
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+John W. Moore
	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



• 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

WHATEVER YOU
LOOSE ON EARTH.

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend Sept. 12-13**Lector EMHC Altar Server****4:30 pm. - SMC - Saturday Sept.12, 2026**

Colleen Bogner Father Pica Declan

8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday Sept.13, 2026

Katie Bogner Father Pica Larry

10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday Sept.13, 2026

Seth Chambers Christy Beall James

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

Sept. 9	Rescue Project: SM Center 10:30am & IC Hall 6:30pm
Sept. 12	St. Joseph Men's Group SM Center 6:30am
Sept. 13	CCD:SM Center 9:15am IHM Youth Group SM Center 4:00pm
Sept. 14	IHM Parish Council IC Hall 6:00pm



“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,
thank my Mom and Dad for my birth. I love life, I love living. In Jesus name I pray. 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!***

	August 30,2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection	\$3,015	\$29,488	\$36,346
[Weekly Budget: \$4,038]			(\$6,858)
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$40	\$2,530	\$2,077
[Weekly Budget: \$231]			(\$453)
Capital Campaign	\$665	\$8,441	\$17,308
[Orange Env. Bdgt. \$1,923]			(\$8,867)

+MJ+

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Chapter IV, Dies Hominis- Sunday: Day of Joy, Rest and Solidarity- So, how are we to understand the Lord's Day in light of the Sabbath, from the Old Testament? Well, recall that the Sabbath rest first occurs after the creation of the world in six days (Genesis 1, remember these six days are not literal days, but stages of the creation of the world- as Catholics we do not hold that the account of creation is to be taken literally, as it occurred in six days). The Sabbath is also a day of freedom, as it recalls the Exodus, when the children of Israel, God's Chosen People, were freed from the slavery in Egypt. The Children of Israel are a type, or a foreshadowing, of the Church and so with the Sabbath, we are freed from Sin, by the saving work of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. And so, now we are to understand the Lord's Day- the Sabbath- as the fulfillment of all of these events, and so to live Sunday well, we are to be creative or Re-creative and to be free from the day-to-day tasks, so that we may more easily enter into God's presence and live according to His time!

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 fulfilment of the Sabbath

59. This aspect of the Christian Sunday shows in a special way how it is the fulfilment of the Old Testament Sabbath. On the Lord's Day, which — as we have already said — the Old Testament links to the work of creation (cf. Gn 2:1-3; Ex 20:8-11) and the Exodus (cf. Dt 5:12-15), the Christian is called to proclaim the new creation and the new covenant brought about in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Far from being abolished, the celebration of creation becomes more profound within a Christocentric perspective, being seen in the light of the God's plan "to unite all things in [Christ], things in heaven and things on earth" (Eph 1:10). The remembrance of the liberation of the Exodus also assumes its full meaning as it becomes a remembrance of the universal redemption accomplished by Christ in his Death and Resurrection. More than a "replacement" for the Sabbath, therefore, Sunday is its fulfilment, and in a certain sense its extension and full expression in the ordered unfolding of the history of salvation, which reaches its culmination in Christ.

60. In this perspective, the biblical theology of the "Sabbath" can be recovered in full, without compromising the Christian character of Sunday. It is a theology which leads us ever anew and in unflinching awe to the mystery of the beginning, when the eternal Word of God, by a free decision of love, created the world from nothing. The work of creation was sealed by the blessing and consecration of the day on which God ceased "from all the work which he had done in creation" (Gn 2:3). This day of God's rest confers meaning upon time, which in the sequence of weeks assumes not only a chronological regularity but also, in a manner of speaking, a theological resonance. The constant return of the "shabbat" ensures that there is no risk of time being closed in upon itself, since, in welcoming God and his kairos — the moments of his grace and his saving acts — time remains open to eternity.



St. Joseph's Church Update

There has been some interest in the St. Joseph Church Building and lot. The Parish Finance Council and Father Pica would like to hear from you the Parishioners. There will be a meeting Sunday September 13th at St. Marys Center at 11:30am in the Community Room. All are invited!

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Father Pica

Mother's Retreat: *Becoming the Gift*

Saturday, September 26

9:00am-3:00pm

Corpus Christi Priory, Springfield IL

Registration Fee: \$50

Join Father Anselm (Retreat Master and Norbertine Canon) & Moira Lawless (teacher and mother of 10) on a Mother's Retreat to rejuvenate your soul and reflect on how God makes your gift of self fruitful.

mothers-retreat.eventbrite.com



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



RSVP Here:



IHM Parish Youth Fellowship

THE SEARCH FROM FORMED.ORG

What is the meaning of life?

@ ST MARY CENTER

Faith SEPTEMBER 13 @ 4-5:15 PM

Fun



St. Joseph Men's Group*

Saturday, Sept. 12
6:30 am

at St. Mary Center

*Every Saturday in
September



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer Line

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; Janice Maubach; Rob Sloan; Clifford Harvey; Avery & Taylor Griffin (great-grandchildren of Nedra Bischler); 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, Cathy Moore, 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, Rita Simpkins, Val Lord, Roberta "Bobbie" Elder, Bonnie Villiger, Stanley Lapa.

For the Repose of the souls of: Vernon Wunder; Justine Budd; Larry Lord; victims of wars & natural disasters



HARVEST MASS

4:30 pm Saturday
September 12, 2026
St. Mary's Church

Join us as we give thanks to
God for a bountiful harvest
and the many blessings He
shows upon us!

Dinner catered by
Raber Packing Company
immediately following Mass in
St. Mary Center



FAMILY HOLY HOUR & TOUR

Saturday, September 19
Cathedral of St. Mary, Peoria



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+ 10 AM - 10:45 AM FAMILY ADORATION
All ages are welcome. The morning will include music and prayer.

+ 10:45 AM - 12 PM EXPLORE THE CATHEDRAL
After Adoration, explore the Cathedral with a self-paced scavenger hunt with friendly and dedicated guides on hand.

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** **KATIE BOGNER** **BONNIE ENGSTROM**

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

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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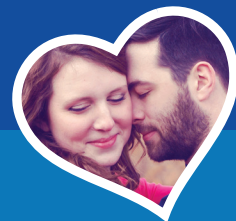


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