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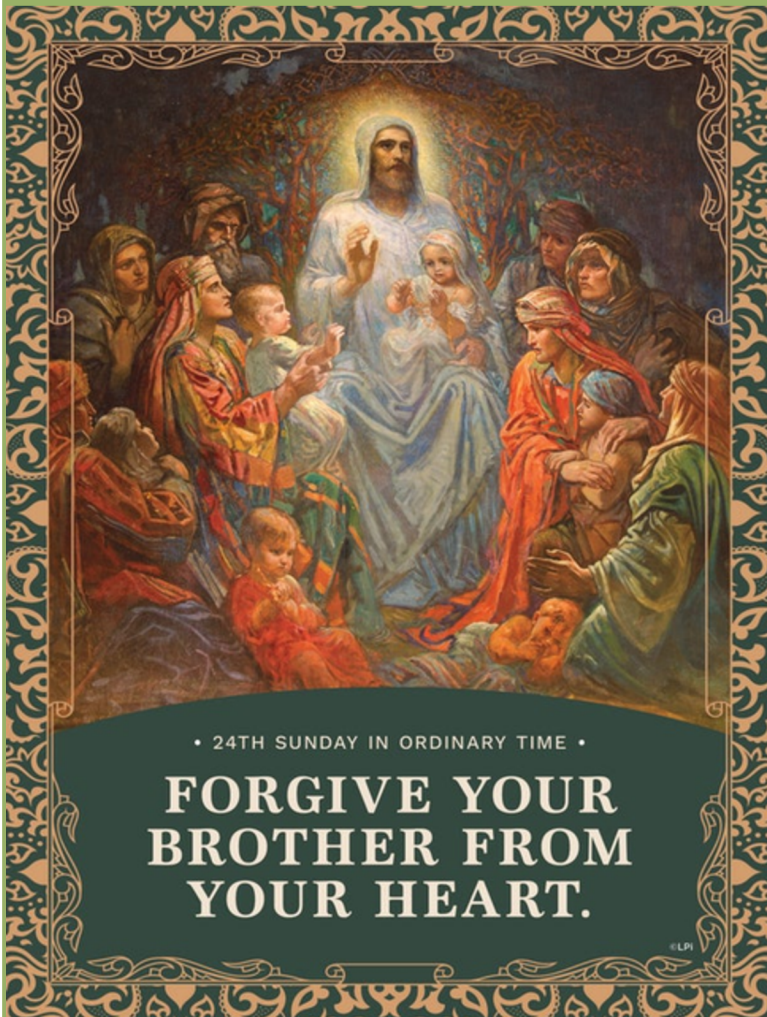
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm*
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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time September 13, 2026



Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sept. 12-13

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Chester & John Geleziunas
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+John W. Moore
	10:30am	SMC	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Mon. Sept. 14	8:00am	SMC	+Dorothy Tuttle
Tues. Sept. 15			No Mass
Wed. Sept. 16	5:30pm	ICC	+Judy Murphy
Thurs. Sept. 17	7:30am	SMC	+John & Colleen Lacey
Fri. Sept. 18	8:00am	ICC	+Augustyn Sloan

NEXT WEEKEND : Sept. 19-20

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Deborah Forbes
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Sharon Benz
	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 Sept. 19-20**Lector EMHC Altar Server****4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday Sept. 19, 2026**

Betty Shearer Father Pica Smiths

8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026

Rodney Feinholz Gwen Balensiefen Hattans

10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026

Alicia Aguirre Amy Anderson James & 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

Sept. 13	CCD- SM Center 9:15am
	IHM Youth Group-SM Center 4:00pm
Sept. 14	IHM Parish Council- IC Hall 6:00pm
Sept. 16	Lacon KofC- IC Hall 6:30pm
Sept. 17	Catholic 101- SM Center 6:00pm
	Henry KofC- SM Center 7:00pm
Sept. 19	St. Joseph Men's Group- SM Center 6:30am
Sept. 20	CCD Family Day- SM Center 9:15am
	Family Day Mass- SMC 10:30am

"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

***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!

	Sept. 6, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection	\$4,352	\$33,840	\$40,384
[Weekly Budget: \$4,038]			-\$6,545
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$200	\$2,730	\$2,308
[Weekly Budget: \$231]			\$422
Capital Campaign	\$610	\$8,691	\$19,231
[Orange Env. Bdgt. \$1,923]			-\$10,540

+JM J+

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Chapter IV, *Dies Hominis*- Sunday: Day of Joy, Rest and Solidarity- Sunday, the Lord's Day, is the fulfillment of the Sabbath from the Old Testament. And as Pope St. John Paul II explains below, God only rested after mankind Man in His Image and Likeness. Because of this intimate connection between God and Man, Man- that is each and every person, is able to find himself after entering into the rest of God- the Sabbath Rest. Just as God's chosen people- the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt through the Passover Sacrifice, and just as Christ freed us from the slavery of sin by His Passover- Passion, Death, and Resurrection, so too, each Sunday we enter once again the freedom of the Sabbath rest and participate in God's Divine Freedom!

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 (cont.)

61. As the seventh day blessed and consecrated by God, the "shabbat" concludes the whole work of creation, and is therefore immediately linked to the work of the sixth day when God made man "in his image and likeness" (cf. Gn 1:26). This very close connection between the "day of God" and the "day of man" did not escape the Fathers in their meditation on the biblical creation story. Saint Ambrose says in this regard: "Thanks, then, to the Lord our God who accomplished a work in which he might find rest. He made the heavens, but I do not read that he found rest there; he made the stars, the moon, the sun, and neither do I read that he found rest in them. I read instead that he made man and that then he rested, finding in man one to whom he could offer the forgiveness of sins". (106) Thus there will be for ever a direct link between the "day of God" and the "day of man". When the divine commandment declares: "Remember the Sabbath day in order to keep it holy" (Ex 20:8), the rest decreed in order to honour the day dedicated to God is not at all a burden imposed upon man, but rather an aid to help him to recognize his life-giving and liberating dependence upon the Creator, and at the same time his calling to cooperate in the Creator's work and to receive his grace. In honouring God's "rest", man fully discovers himself, and thus the Lord's Day bears the profound imprint of God's blessing (cf. Gn 2:3), by virtue of which, we might say, it is endowed in a way similar to the animals and to man himself, with a kind of "fruitfulness" (cf. Gn 1:22, 28). This "fruitfulness" is apparent above all in filling and, in a certain sense, "multiplying" time itself, deepening in men and women the joy of living and the desire to foster and communicate life.

62. It is the duty of Christians therefore to remember that, although the practices of the Jewish Sabbath are gone, surpassed as they are by the "fulfilment" which Sunday brings, the underlying reasons for keeping "the Lord's Day" holy — inscribed solemnly in the Ten Commandments — remain valid, though they need to be reinterpreted in the light of the theology and spirituality of Sunday: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Then you shall do no work, you, or your son, or your daughter, or your servant, or your maid, or your ox, or your ass, or any of your beasts, or the foreigner within your gates, that your servant and maid may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded that you keep the Sabbath day" (Dt 5:12-15). Here the Sabbath observance is closely linked with the liberation which God accomplished for his people.

63. Christ came to accomplish a new "exodus", to restore freedom to the oppressed. He performed many healings on the Sabbath (cf. Mt 12:9-14 and parallels), certainly not to violate the Lord's Day, but to reveal its full meaning: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mk 2:27). Opposing the excessively legalistic interpretation of some of his contemporaries, and developing the true meaning of the biblical Sabbath, Jesus, as "Lord of the Sabbath" (Mk 2:28), restores to the Sabbath observance its liberating character, carefully safeguarding the rights of God and the rights of man. This is why Christians, called as they are to proclaim the liberation won by the blood of Christ, felt that they had the authority to transfer the meaning of the Sabbath to the day of the Resurrection. The Passover of Christ has in fact liberated man from a slavery more radical than any weighing upon an oppressed people — the slavery of sin, which alienates man from God, and alienates man from himself and from others, constantly sowing within history the seeds of evil and violence.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Father Pica



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!

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



2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal

You Will Be My Witnesses

"The only argument the world will listen to now is the argument of personal holiness."

Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



IHM Parish 2026 ADA Goal:

\$49,053*

**To watch the 2026 ADA Video use the
QR Code to the right!**

***Our goal this year is down 2.8% from last year's ADA.**





OFFICIAL ROSTER OF EVENTS

TICKET INFORMATION AVAILABLE SOON

PEORIA

Tuesday, September 15
9-Day Novena Begins
Novena of Holy Hours
Cathedral of St. Mary | 7 PM

Tuesday, September 15 - Wednesday, September 23
9-Day Novena of Holy Hours, Cathedral of St. Mary | 7 PM

Sunday, September 20
Anniversary Mass of Sheen's Ordination
Cathedral of St. Mary | 3 PM
TICKET REQUIRED

ST. LOUIS

Wednesday, September 23
Vespers at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis | 5 PM
TICKET REQUIRED

Thursday, September 24
Expo at The Dome at America's Center | 8 AM - 6 PM
Adoration & Confession | 9 AM
Pre-Mass Show | 10 AM

Beatification Mass | 2 PM
The Dome at America's Center
Live stream and broadcast available
TICKET REQUIRED

Veneration of Relic | 4 - 6 PM

PEORIA

Friday, September 25
Masses of Thanksgiving | 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM
Parish Talks | 10:30 AM/ST. JUDE, 12:30 PM/ST. PHILOMENA, 2:30 PM/ST. THOMAS
Sheen Award Gala, Peoria Civic Center | 6 PM
TICKET REQUIRED

Saturday, September 26
Masses of Thanksgiving
Byzantine Rite Mass of Thanksgiving,
Cathedral of St. Mary

Don't just attend—make it a pilgrimage.
Come early. Stay longer.
Enter into prayer, community, and celebration as we mark this historic moment in the life of the Church.
Learn more and get tickets for events at celebratesheen.com.
Plan your pilgrimage today!

FAMILY HOLY HOUR & TOUR

Saturday, September 19
Cathedral of St. Mary, Peoria





FR. ERIC BOLEK



BISHOP LOUIS TYLIKA



KATIE BOGNER



BONNIE ENGSTROM

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

LEARN MORE AT CelebrateSheen.com/family-holy-hour

BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN



*** 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.



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