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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time October 11, 2026

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Oct. 10-11

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Ona & John Jogninas
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	Pro Populo
	10:30am	SMC	+Bob Vester

Weekday Masses

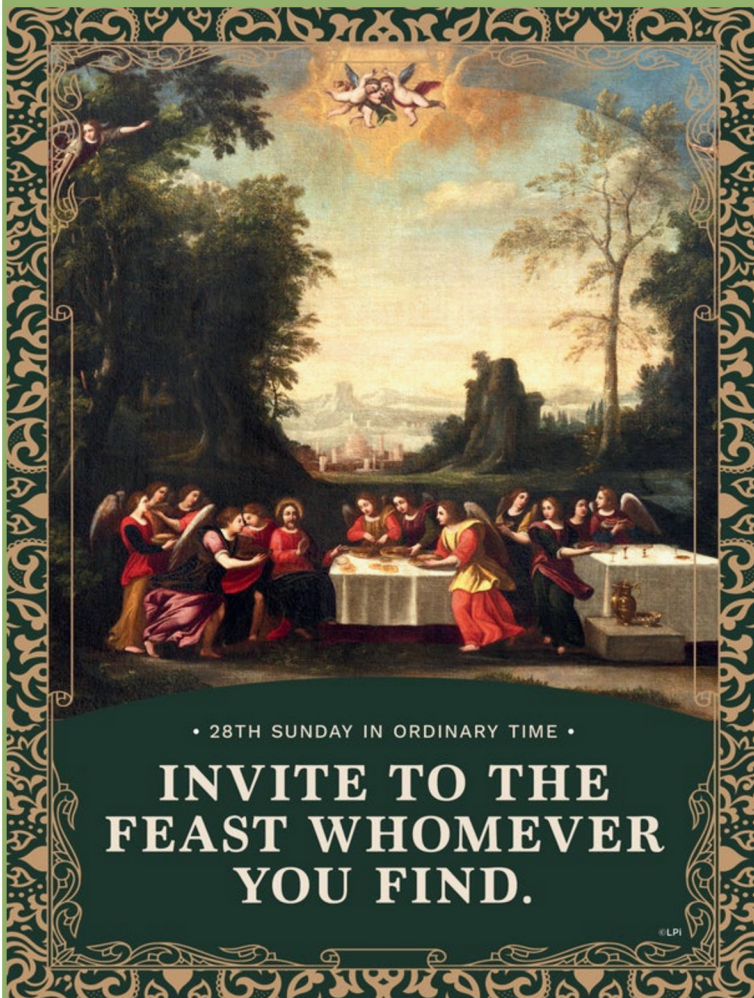
Mon. Oct. 12	8:00am	SMC	+Barb Schmitt
Tues. Oct. 13			No Mass
Wed. Oct. 14	5:30pm	ICC	+Joseph Augustyn Callenes-Sloan
Thurs. Oct. 15	7:30am	SMC	+Doris Brown
Fri. Oct. 16	8:00am	ICC	+Rowena Vincent

NEXT WEEKEND : Oct. 17-18

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Jim Molinero
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



Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend Oct. 17-18

<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday Oct. 17, 2026		
Betty Shearer	Michelle Lacey-Nauman	Smiths
8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026		
Gwen Balensiefen	Father Pica	Larry
10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026		
Donna Rowe	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.

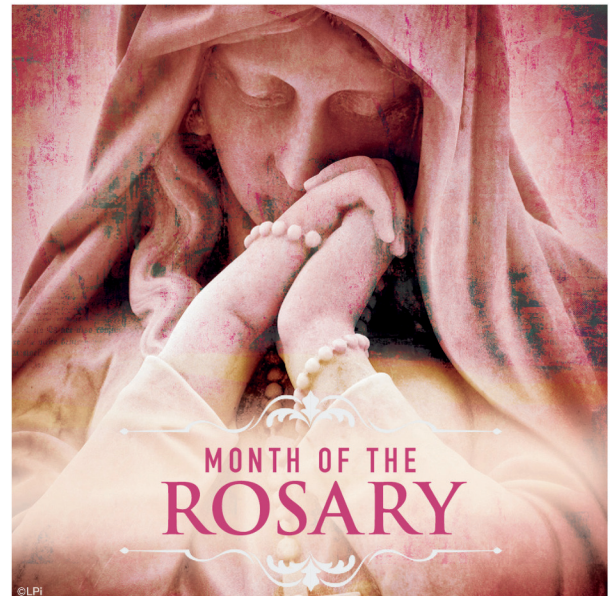
Online bulletin: www.parishesonline.com

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

Oct. 11	CCD SM Center 9:15am
Oct. 14	Rescue Project SM Center 10:30am IC Hall 6:30pm
Oct. 15	Catholic 101 SM Center 6:00pm Henry K of C SM Center 6:30pm
Oct. 16	K of C Blood Drive IC Hall 12:00-5:00pm

**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!

	Oct. 4, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection	\$3589.	\$46,564	\$56,538
[Weekly Budget: \$4,038]			-\$9,974
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$275	\$3,165	\$3,231
[Weekly Budget: \$231]			-\$66
Capital Campaign	\$7,950	\$20,566	\$26,923
[Orange Env. Bdgt. \$1,923]			-\$6,357

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Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Chapter IV, *Dies Hominis- Sunday: Day of Joy, Rest and Solidarity*- As Pope St. John Paul II closes chapter IV, he calls us to live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Solidarity is described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

#1939 *The principle of solidarity, also articulated in terms of "friendship" or "social charity," is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood.*⁴⁵

- *An error, "today abundantly widespread, is disregard for the law of human solidarity and charity, dictated and imposed both by our common origin and by the equality in rational nature of all men, whatever nation they belong to. This law is sealed by the sacrifice of redemption offered by Jesus Christ on the altar of the Cross to his heavenly Father, on behalf of sinful humanity."*⁴⁶

#1940 *Solidarity is manifested in the first place by the distribution of goods and remuneration for work. It also presupposes the effort for a more just social order where tensions are better able to be reduced and conflicts more readily settled by negotiation.*

When we see our brother or sister in Christ suffering, we as part of the mystical body of Christ- here on earth, are called to act and not be passive let alone ignore one's needs. And the fitting day practice solidarity is the Day of the Lord- the Sunday! He gives the example of: *Inviting to a meal people who are alone, visiting the sick, providing food for needy families, spending a few hours in voluntary work and acts of solidarity: these would certainly be ways of bringing into people's lives the love of Christ received at the Eucharistic table.*

How is the Lord calling you to live Sunday differently?

A day of solidarity (cont.)

71. The teachings of the Apostles struck a sympathetic chord from the earliest centuries, and evoked strong echoes in the preaching of the Fathers of the Church. Saint Ambrose addressed words of fire to the rich who presumed to fulfil their religious obligations by attending church without sharing their goods with the poor, and who perhaps even exploited them: "You who are rich, do you hear what the Lord God says? Yet you come into church not to give to the poor but to take instead". (115) Saint John Chrysostom is no less demanding: "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk only then to neglect him outside where he suffers cold and nakedness". He who said: 'This is my body' is the same One who said: 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food', and 'Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me' ... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices, when he is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying his hunger, and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well". (116)

These words effectively remind the Christian community of the duty to make the Eucharist the place where fraternity becomes practical solidarity, where the last are the first in the minds and attentions of the brethren, where Christ himself — through the generous gifts from the rich to the very poor — may somehow prolong in time the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. (117)

72. The Eucharist is an event and programme of true brotherhood. From the Sunday Mass there flows a tide of charity destined to spread into the whole life of the faithful, beginning by inspiring the very way in which they live the rest of Sunday. If Sunday is a day of joy, Christians should declare by their actual behaviour that we cannot be happy "on our own". They look around to find people who may need their help. It may be that in their neighbourhood or among those they know there are sick people, elderly people, children or immigrants who precisely on Sundays feel more keenly their isolation, needs and suffering. It is true that commitment to these people cannot be restricted to occasional Sunday gestures. But presuming a wider sense of commitment, why not make the Lord's Day a more intense time of sharing, encouraging all the inventiveness of which Christian charity is capable? Inviting to a meal people who are alone, visiting the sick, providing food for needy families, spending a few hours in voluntary work and acts of solidarity: these would certainly be ways of bringing into people's lives the love of Christ received at the Eucharistic table.

73. Lived in this way, not only the Sunday Eucharist but the whole of Sunday becomes a great school of charity, justice and peace. The presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his people becomes an undertaking of solidarity, a compelling force for inner renewal, an inspiration to change the structures of sin in which individuals, communities and at times entire peoples are entangled. Far from being an escape, the Christian Sunday is a "prophecy" inscribed on time itself, a prophecy obliging the faithful to follow in the footsteps of the One who came "to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to captives and new sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lk 4:18-19). In the Sunday commemoration of Easter, believers learn from Christ, and remembering his promise: "I leave you peace, my peace I give you" (Jn 14:27), they become in their turn builders of peace.



*¡Viva Cristo Rey!
Father Pica*

IHM Parish Family: Focusing on Virtues

Each month our CCD students will be learning about Virtues, beginning with the Cardinal Virtues and then working to the Theological Virtues. But why stop with our CCD students, why not share this with the whole Parish Family?

- Why are Virtues important?
 - *A Virtuous life is the fruit of a life of prayer!*
- What is a Virtue?
 - *(see the graphic below) A habit of doing good!*
- What are the Cardinal Virtues?
 - *Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance*

In an effort to make all of us more mindful of virtues, and how we can be more intentional implementing them in our daily lives, the Virtue of the Month will be in our bulletin for us all!

Virtues

A HABIT of doing GOOD 

and

Giving the BEST  of YOURSELF

with

the GOAL  of being LIKE GOD 

Virtue of the Month

Prudence: To know the good and to do the good.

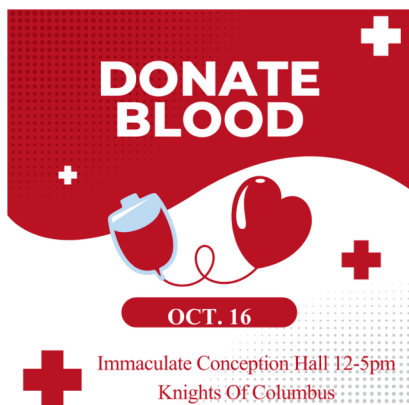
Prudence (from the Catechism #1806): is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it

Help us Pray for the Dead!

Once again, this year we will be enticing everyone in our Parish to pray for the deceased with candy! However, we need your help.

- **Please submit the names** of your loved deceased ones that you would like to be prayed for during All Souls Day.
- Names can be submitted **in the back of the churches** (look for the signup sheets), or written on a piece of paper and placed in the collection basket.
- **At the Signup Station** there will be a list of 200 names that we plan to pray for – feel free to see if your loved one is already listed!

Please have them submitted by Sunday, October 18th. Thank you!



“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



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PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer Line

Please Pray for:

Joe Klein; John Klein; Sue Weers; Janine Merdian; Jessica Gauwitz; Sandy Moore; Beth Breen Bakel ; David Dunagan; Phoebe Koehne; Brenda Jones; Romas Naujalis; Zach Fennell; Shearyl Kanive; Ashley Watkins; Russell Forcum; John Delhotel (bil of Gwen Balensiefen); Kevin Graden; 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; Avery & Taylor Griffin; 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; Cathy Moore, Bonnie Villiger, Jim Wiegand, 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, Ray Daniels, Rita Simpkins, Val Lord, Roberta “Bobbie” Elder, Bonnie Villiger, Stanley Lapa, Norbert Lewis.

For the Repose of the souls of: Louis Gries; Joe Bickerman; Wyatt Friedrich (formally known as Angelo Thomas Jones); victims of wars & natural disasters

Autumn Cleanup at the Cemeteries

It’s time again for autumn cleanup at the cemeteries. By October 21st, please remove any old decorations and broken figurines and dispose of them with your own trash. If shepherd hooks are no longer being used, please remove them. They can pose a hazard to those mowing and trimming the cemetery.

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The Sexton



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