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Immaculate Conception
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time October 18, 2026

Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time Oct. 18, 2026

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Jim Molinero
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+John W. Moore
	10:30am	SMC	Pro populo

Weekday Masses

Mon. Oct. 19	8:00am	SMC	Gerard Kunkle
Tues. Oct. 20			No Mass
Wed. Oct. 21	5:30pm	ICC	+Larry Nauman
Thurs. Oct. 22	7:30am	SMC	+Karol Real
Fri. Oct. 23	8:00am	ICC	+James Klein

NEXT WEEKEND : Oct. 24-25

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Michael Martinek
	10:30am	SMC	Kenny & Sophia Poignant

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



• 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

AND TO GOD WHAT
BELONGS TO GOD.

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend Oct. 24-25

Lector	EMHC	Altar Server
4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday Oct.24, 2026		
Mary Smith	Betty Shearer	Rory
8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026		
Katie Bogner	Liz Nunley	Chase
10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026		
Alicia Aguire	Bob Eckert	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 Make 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.

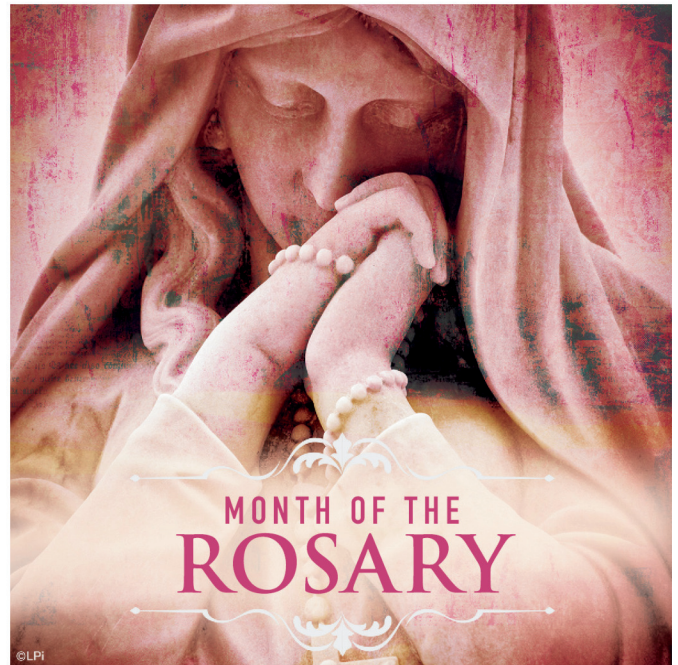
Online bulletin: www.parishesonline.com

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. 18	CCD SM Center 9:15am
Oct. 19	Parish Council IC Hall 6:00pm
Oct. 21	Lacon K of C IC Hall 6:30pm
Oct. 24	St. Joseph Men's Group SM Center 7:00am

**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!

	Oct. 11, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection	\$3,283	\$49,847	\$60,577
[Weekly Budget: \$4,038]			-\$10,730
Bldgs. & Grounds	\$45	\$3,210	\$3,462
[Weekly Budget: \$231]			-\$252
Capital Campaign	\$900	\$21,456	\$28,846
[Orange Env. Bdgt. \$1,923]			-\$7,390

+JMJ+

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Chapter V, **DIES DIERUM**: Sunday: the Primordial Feast, Revealing the Meaning of Time- Each year the Easter Vigil begins outside (weather permitting) with the blessing of the fire. Then a cross and the year of our Lord are then carved onto the Paschal Candle with the following words being said: *Christ yesterday and today / the Beginning and the End / the Alpha / and the Omega / All time belongs to Him / and all the ages / To Him be glory and power / through every age and for ever. Amen.*

Time is something that we can easily overlook and sometimes not use well, but for us as Christians 'time' 'has a fundamental importance,' as Pope St. John Paul II states below. Time has a fundamental importance because God became Man and dwelt among us, that is that He lived in time, and it is within time that God chose to save us. And each time we recall, or make present once again, the moment of salvation- when God saved us by His death on the cross- this moment is sacred. And the day in which we recall this moment of salvation is Sunday- the Lord's Day or the Sabbath. And so let us ask the Holy Spirit to come and renew our minds as we seek to keep Holy the Lord's Day.

Christ the Alpha and Omega of time

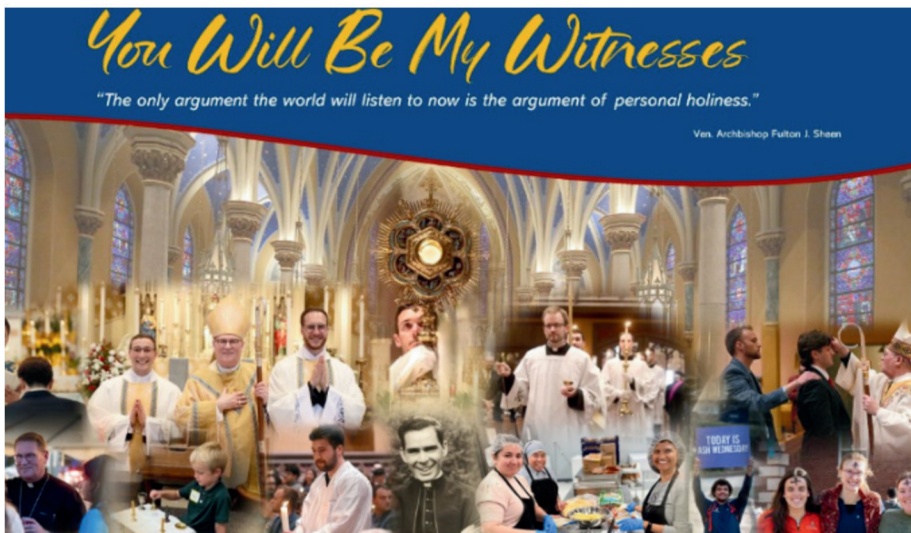
74. "In Christianity time has a fundamental importance. Within the dimension of time the world was created; within it the history of salvation unfolds, finding its culmination in the 'fullness of time' of the Incarnation, and its goal in the glorious return of the Son of God at the end of time. In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, time becomes a dimension of God, who is himself eternal". (118)

In the light of the New Testament, the years of Christ's earthly life truly constitute the centre of time; this centre reaches its apex in the Resurrection. It is true that Jesus is God made man from the very moment of his conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin, but only in the Resurrection is his humanity wholly transfigured and glorified, thus revealing the fullness of his divine identity and glory. In his speech in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia (cf. Acts 13:33), Paul applies the words of Psalm 2 to the Resurrection of Christ: "You are my Son, this day I have begotten you" (v. 7). It is precisely for this reason that, in celebrating the Easter Vigil, the Church acclaims the Risen Christ as "the Beginning and End, the Alpha and Omega". These are the words spoken by the celebrant as he prepares the Paschal candle, which bears the number of the current year. These words clearly attest that "Christ is the Lord of time; he is its beginning and its end; every year, every day and every moment are embraced by his Incarnation and Resurrection, and thus become part of the 'fullness of time'". (119)

75. Since Sunday is the weekly Easter, recalling and making present the day upon which Christ rose from the dead, it is also the day which reveals the meaning of time. It has nothing in common with the cosmic cycles according to which natural religion and human culture tend to impose a structure on time, succumbing perhaps to the myth of eternal return. The Christian Sunday is wholly other! Springing from the Resurrection, it cuts through human time, the months, the years, the centuries, like a directional arrow which points them towards their target: Christ's Second Coming, Sunday foreshadows the last day, the day of the Parousia, which in a way is already anticipated by Christ's glory in the event of the Resurrection.

In fact, everything that will happen until the end of the world will be no more than an extension and unfolding of what happened on the day when the battered body of the Crucified Lord was raised by the power of the Spirit and became in turn the wellspring of the Spirit for all humanity. Christians know that there is no need to wait for another time of salvation, since, however long the world may last, they are already living in the last times. Not only the Church, but the cosmos itself and history are ceaselessly ruled and governed by the glorified Christ. It is this life-force which propels creation, "groaning in birth-pangs until now" (Rom 8:22), towards the goal of its full redemption. Mankind can have only a faint intuition of this process, but Christians have the key and the certainty. Keeping Sunday holy is the important witness which they are called to bear, so that every stage of human history will be upheld by hope.

*¡Viva Cristo Rey!**Father Pica*



IHM 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Received	To be Pledged	# of Donors
\$49,053	\$19,345	\$9,810	\$29,708	35



St. John Paul II

St. John Paul II (1920–2005), born Karol Wojtyła in Poland, secretly studied for the priesthood during World War II and was ordained in 1946. Elected pope in 1978, he made evangelization a focus of his papacy and traveled the world to share the Gospel. After surviving an assassination attempt, he forgave his attacker. Despite declining health, he continued his ministry until his death in 2005. He was canonized in 2014.



Did you miss the 2nd Rescue Project Session?

Why is there something rather than nothing?

Scan the QR Code above and watch the second session for free, or search the Rescue Project on Formed.org!

Next Session: Wednesday, November 11

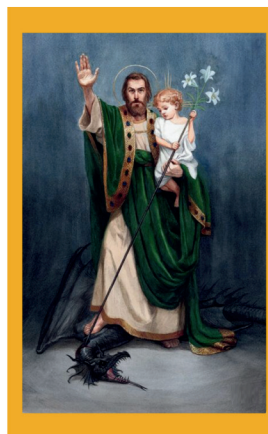
“The most important person on earth is a mother... She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral a dwelling place for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body.” ~ Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty

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



Mary's ❤️ Heart Prayer Intention for October

We ask all the ladies of our Parish to please pray for endurance and safety and for all those involved in bringing in the harvest: for all those that work the fields and support them.



St. Joseph Men's Group

Saturday, Oct. 24
7:00 am

at St. Mary Center

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!



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**The Rosary**

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, “there is no more excellent way of praying.”

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

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