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Immaculate Conception Church
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Lacon, IL 61540

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026



Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

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

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time Oct. 25. 2026

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

Weekday Masses

Mon. Oct. 26	**8:00am**	**SMC**	+Andy Bogner
Tues. Oct. 27			**No Mass**
Wed. Oct. 28	**5:30pm**	**ICC**	+Judy Murphy
Thurs. Oct. 29	**7:30am**	**SMC**	+Betty Clinton
Fri. Oct. 30	**8:00am**	**ICC**	+Augustyn Sloan

NEXT WEEKEND : Nov. 1-2

Saturday Vigil	**4:30pm**	**SMC**	+Karol Real
Sunday	**8:00am**	**ICC**	+Morris Strong
	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 Nov. 1-2

Lector	EMHC	Altar Server
4:30 p.m. - SMC - Saturday November 1		
Dirk Nauman	Michelle Lacey-Nauman	Smiths
8:00 a.m. - ICC - Sunday, November 2		
Rodney Feinholz	Gwen Balensiefen	Hattans
10:30 a.m. - SMC - Sunday, November 2		
Seth Chambers	Margy Mattern	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.

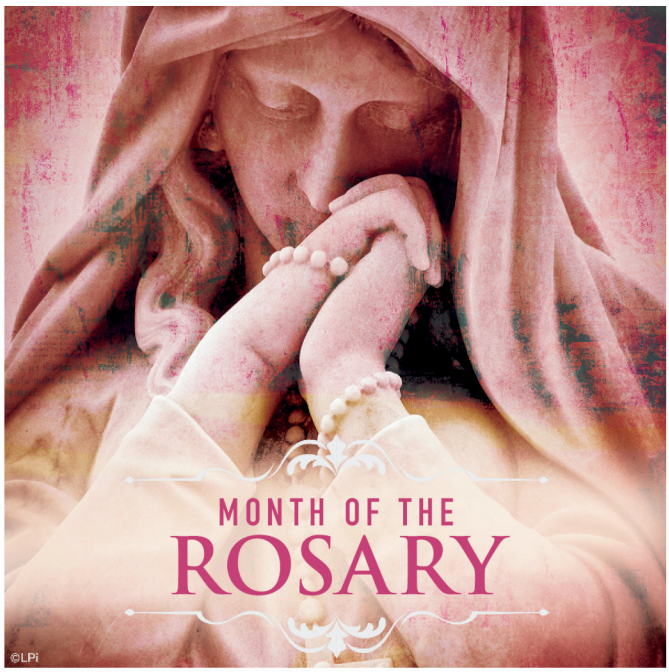
Online bulletin:www.parishesonline.com

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. 25	CCD Family Day with guest speaker SM Center 9:00am
Oct. 31	K of C Halloween Event IC Hall 4:00-7:00pm
Nov. 4	Mary's Heart Womans Meeting IC Hall 6:00pm
Nov. 6	1st Friday Preparation: ICC No Confession & Adoration 8:30-9:00 am
Nov. 7	1st Saturday Mass SMC 8:00am



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Oct. 18, 2026		YTD	YTD Budget
Actual Collection [Weekly Budget: $4,038]	$2,806	$52,653	$64,615 -$11,962
Bldgs. &Grounds [Weekly Budget: $231]	$140	$3,350	$3,692 -$342
Capital Campaign [Orange Env. Bdgt. $1,923]	$3,280	$24,736	$30,769 -$6.033

+JMJ+

Dear Parishioners,
Praised be Jesus Christ! -Now and forever!

Father Pica will be on Retreat: Looking ahead I will be going on a Priest retreat November 1-6 in Florida. Please keep me in your prayers in the coming week and while I am on retreat. I will be leaving on Sunday, November 1 before Masses on Sunday, in my absence Msgr. Jerry Ward will be celebrating the Sunday Masses on All Saints' Day and throughout the week along with another priest. The retreat I am attending is the Holy Desire Priest retreat through the St. John Paul II Healing Center. May God reward you all!

Chapter V, ***DIES DIERUM*:** *Sunday: the Primordial Feast, Revealing the Meaning of Time*- Each year my family gathers for a number of celebrations or holidays, i.e. Christmas, Easter, birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. These days recall significant moments in our family. In a similar way throughout the year there are a number of High Holy Days, which are often Holy Days of Obligation, which calls the Family of God- the Church- to gather and celebrate! These days celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Birth, Our Lady and a number of other celebrations. Each Sunday recalls these holiest of days in the Sunday Mass- the Birth in Christ dwelling with us in the Eucharist; the coming of the Holy Spirit as we hear the Word of God along with the Epiclesis, and Easter- in the Sacrifice of the Lord being made present before us. And so Sundays and the Liturgical Year help us to enter anew into the life of Christ!

Sunday in the Liturgical Year

76. With its weekly recurrence, the Lord's Day is rooted in the most ancient tradition of the Church and is vitally important for the Christian. But there was another rhythm which soon established itself: the annual liturgical cycle. Human psychology in fact desires the celebration of anniversaries, associating the return of dates and seasons with the remembrance of past events. When these events are decisive in the life of a people, their celebration generally creates a festive atmosphere which breaks the monotony of daily routine.

Now, by God's design, the great saving events upon which the Church's life is founded were closely linked to the annual Jewish feasts of Passover and Pentecost, and were prophetically foreshadowed in them. Since the second century, the annual celebration of Easter by Christians — having been added to the weekly Easter celebration — allowed a more ample meditation on the mystery of Christ crucified and risen. Preceded by a preparatory fast, celebrated in the course of a long vigil, extended into the fifty days leading to Pentecost, the feast of Easter — "solemnity of solemnities" — became the day par excellence for the initiation of catechumens. Through baptism they die to sin and rise to a new life because Jesus "was put to death for our sins and raised for our justification" (Rom 4:25; cf. 6:3-11). Intimately connected to the Paschal Mystery, the Solemnity of Pentecost takes on special importance, celebrating as it does the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered with Mary and inaugurating the mission to all peoples. (120)

77. A similar commemorative logic guided the arrangement of the entire Liturgical Year. As the Second Vatican Council recalls, the Church wished to extend throughout the year "the entire mystery of Christ, from the Incarnation and Nativity to the Ascension, to the day of Pentecost and to the waiting in blessed hope for the return of the Lord. Remembering in this way the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens to the faithful the treasury of the Lord's power and merits, making them present in some sense to all times, so that the faithful may approach them and be filled by them with the grace of salvation". (121)

After Easter and Pentecost, the most solemn celebration is undoubtedly the Nativity of the Lord, when Christians ponder the mystery of the Incarnation and contemplate the Word of God who deigns to assume our humanity in order to give us a share in his divinity.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!
Father Pica



Meet Our Seminarians



Charlie Polonus

St. Patrick Parish, Urbana
Mundelein Seminary: Entered 2026, Class of 2033
Why did you become a seminarian?

Having had no formal education in theology, I graduated college with the realization that God was calling me to something that I had not previously discerned. Luckily, my job at the time gave me many numerous role models for different vocations and opportunities through which I could learn more about the faith. After an eye-opening Come and See retreat and many one-on-one conversations with priests, I could see that the best way to thank God for his gift of life was to offer it back up to him. Entering seminary allows me to devote myself entirely to him and further discern his plan for my life.



Luke Suarez

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Peru
Mundelein Seminary: Entered 2026, Class of 2033
Why did you become a seminarian?

I became a seminarian to discern my call to the priesthood. Since a young age, I have felt a desire to live like Christ in a sacrificial way as a priest. As I matured, I began to fear I needed a perfect reason to justify this desire and instead went to college to study music. In college, after taking my spiritual life seriously and experiencing Christ's love and mercy in the Eucharist and Reconciliation, my desire to be in love with Christ and accept His love despite my sins became the solid cornerstone of my life. With this foundation, my desire to know God's will and have a Christ-like life has led me to overcome my fears and honestly ask, how do You, Lord, desire me to discern Your Will? The answer has been to go to seminary to offer my desire of being a priest to God and His Church and know His Will for me.





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