

January 29, 2023 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Bulletin Deadline: Noon Monday

BAPTISMS

Contact Father at least 6 weeks prior to desired date.

WEDDINGS

Contact Father 6 months prior to the desired date

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact Father

HOMEBOUND / HOSPITAL VISITS

Contact Father

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation - (217) 321-1155

Father's Corner

Who doesn't want to be blessed? Being blessed brings images of peace, of joy, of prosperity and perfection. For Jesus, being blessed is more than something that happens here and now, some touchable and visible happiness. For Jesus, being blessed comes from the joy of being of him, being in and with him, now and forever.

Jesus begins to teach the Beatitudes to his disciples because they need to have a clear view of his mission from the very beginning of his ministry among them. This, he is saying that discipleship must be rooted in, shaped by, arise from his own blessedness. And his blessedness is marked by giving of self, emptying of self, letting go of self.

And to us also, his disciples of this time, Jesus teaches that being blessed is being of him, in him, and with him. We will arrive at the realization of this promise of the Beatitudes after a lifetime of faithful discipleship.

So, who is not blessed? All those who choose to be greedy, proud, unjust, hard-of-heart, self-righteous, self-promoting, egotistic, sowers of discord and division, persecutors, maligners, dishonest.

Who is blessed? Jesus has told us! We have the answer. We just need to go, to be, to do, and to live as Jesus.

-Year of the Eucharist-

Why do churches have statues and stained-glass windows depicting Jesus, Mary, and the Saints?

Catholics understand and accept the reality of the entire *Communion of Saints* as professed in our Creed. This Communion of Saints is made up of *three groups* in the one Family of God: the *Church on earth*, the *souls in Purgatory*, and the *Saints in Heaven*. Catholics do not adore any one except God and Him alone as the Trinity.

But, Catholics understand that God has united the faithful and the Saints in a family of love that is not divided by the reality of death. Saints are our friends and we can honor them with mosaics, paintings, icons, statues, and stained-glass windows to remind us of their holy lives and of their presence among us, praying for us, and of our friendship with them. As photographs remind us of our family and friends, so too do the statues and images of Saints. In venerating holy images, we are venerating the person whom the image represents.

What is the significance of the various things seen in the Sanctuary?

The Sanctuary is the whole area from which the priest celebrates Holy Mass.

-The Crucifix reminds us that every Mass is a representation of Christ's Sacrifice for our Salvation.

-The Sanctuary Lamp lit by the Tabernacle reminds us that Jesus is present in the Tabernacle.

-There are *two tables* in the Sanctuary; the *Table of the Word* (ambo/lectern) from which the Word of God is proclaimed, and the *Table of the Eucharist* (altar) from which are offered the Body and Blood of the Lord.

-Candles are present to give light; they symbolize the rising of our prayers to God as the smoke rises from them (or from the thurible), and to remind us that Jesus is our Light and that we are called to be His light to others. Candles are also a sign of reverence and happiness.

-The credence table near the altar is present for the cruets that hold the water and wine, the basin and finger bowl, and the other items needed during the consecration (chalice, paten...)

-The flowers show us the beauty of God's creation, the representation of the liturgical season or feast, and our appreciation to God for His goodness.

Family of Faith

Dates to save:
February 15th || March 15th || April 19th || May 17th
K of C Hall in Morrisonville 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bible Study

Tuesdays
St. Mary at 10:00 am & St. Raymond at 6:30 pm

Reconciliation Times

St. Maurice: Saturday 3:00 pm –3:30 pm
St. Mary: Saturday 4:00 pm—4:30 pm
St. Raymond: Sunday 7:00 am—7:30 am

Join us in praying for life

Every Friday morning at 9:00 am
in St. Raymond's main church



Save the Date
Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Times for the Diocesan Mass,
Adoration, and Prayer walk
are forthcoming

Men's Presentation Hosted by The Illinois Knights of Columbus

All are invited to a free presentation on helping men
to become better fathers, husbands and Catholics

Sunday, February 5th at 12:00
at Holy Family Parish - 410 S. State St, Litchfield

Snacks and refreshments will be served.
Wives and family members are
encouraged to attend

Retreat for Married Couples

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend
experiences for married couples to rekindle romance,
enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and
renew commitment.

The next in-person weekend experiences:

March 17 - 19, 2023
The Villa Maria Conference Center, Springfield, IL

Sign-up now!

For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org
or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317



PRAYER CORNER

Carrie Alkire, Margaret Angle, Wayne Angle, Ralph Bawden, Speed Beaty, Kathy Beckmier, Carrie Beeler, Martha Beeler, Ivan Benning, Kathy Bergschneider, Larry Bergschneider, Amy Bethard, Cooper Bethard, Helen Boehler, Monte Busen, Kathy Caraway, Tammy Carter, Susie Carter, Gaye Catlin, Raymond Coatney, Ruth Coatney, Mike Colbrook, Jean Cole, Ron Cole, Georgetta Dean, Gerald Dean, Aaron Dejaynes, Carl Durbin, Adam Edwards, Jason Fark, Joyce Fesser, Mary Lou Fleigle, Susan Fleigle, Pat Forbes, Briar Gard, Derek Gatton, Joe Grundy, Nide Grundy, Ramona Grundy, Dale Gudgel, William Gudgel, Bobbie Harker, Elayna Harker, Cameron Harmon, Gail Hartman, Harold Haslett, Richard Haynes, Gary Held, Colette Herrmann, Ben Hobson, Sarah Hopf, Clarrissa Hupp, Angie Janssen, Gary Jones, Lori Johanson, Bob Karasch, Joan Keller, Larry Lanter, Scott Lindquist, Janet Locander, Drake Lucas, Peter Luczak, Brad Lush, Chad Lush, Christine Lush, Valarie Lush, Debbie Marten, Mike Martin, Alan McFarlin, Erma McKinnie, Frances Meyer, Jonathon Millburg, Boggy Miller, Dan Miller, Deanna Miller, Heather Miller, Chris Mizera, Hans Mizera, Missy Mizera, Shirley Mizera, Alta Mundhenke, Marilyn Murphy, Bodhi Niewinski, Rose Ann Olinger, Trevor James Oller, Millie Olsen, Brenda Ouelette, Ron Painter, Randy Patterson, Diane Pitchford, Michael Poleon, Carolyn Prose, Roy Prose, Larry Saxe, Mike Sheedy, Rita Sloan, Dan Smith, Lenora Spencer, Tracy Stephens, Greg Stewart, Teresa Todt, Mary Frances "Toots" Walch, Larry Weber, Brant Weitekamp, Bev Weitekamp, Ed Weitekamp, Greg Weitekamp, Jodi Weitekamp, Steve Weitekamp, Pat Whalen, Jenny White, Larry Williams, Sandy Williams, Mary Zueck

To add or remove someone on the prayer list, please email Kateri Marten at: kmarten@stmmr.org

St. Mary

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, January 28

5:00 pm The Parishioners of
St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond
(Fr. Florent)

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 am Alvin "Cookie" & Delores Seelbach
(Michelle Pingsterhaus)

Saturday, February 4

5:00 pm Dorothy Heaton
(Dorothy Shepherd)

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 am Dorothy Heaton
(William & Marilyn Murphy)

Lector Schedule

Jan 28 - Carol Hupp
Feb 4 - Mary Jane Fuchs
Feb 11 - Tony Krager
Feb 18 - Dan Martin
Feb 25 - Kathy Rovey

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Jan 28 - Mary Ann Rimini
Feb 4 - Patty Clarke
Feb 11 - Mary Jane Schmidt
Feb 18 - Bea Leonard
Feb 25 - Glenn Rovey

Running Low on Mass Intentions

St. Mary is running low on Mass intentions and only has about enough to get through February.

If you have any intentions you would like Masses said for, don't hesitate to let Kateri or Father know. Don't forget that it is good to have Masses said for those who are living as well as the souls of the deceased.

Contribution Statements now Available

Please contact the parish office if you would like yours and we will mail it to you. This will help us save on stamps as opposed to mass mailing one out to everyone since most don't need/want a statement. Thanks!

Raymond Office Phone:
217-229-4435

Finance Council

Bob Wagahoff Patty Clarke
Donna Krager Bill Brown
Fr. Florent

Farmersville Knights of Columbus Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday, February 18th
At the Farmersville K of C Hall
Serving from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Dine In or Carry Out
Two Pork Chops, Baked Potato,
Green Beans, & Cake
\$15.00

Collection for January 21

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,130
First Offering	\$15
Catholic Times	\$15
Church in Latin America	\$85
Candle Fund	\$
Maintenance Fund	\$
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$1,245

St. Maurice

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, January 29

10:00 am Dave Sheedy
(Gloria Sheedy Mahan)

Friday, February 3

8:00 am Bert Clark
(Rita Sloan)

Sunday, February 5

10:00 am The Parishioners of
St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond
(Fr. Florent)

Friday, February 10

8:00 am Kenten Deardorff
(Dale & Kendra Brockamp)



St. Maurice Parish is in need
of organists or pianists.
Are you able to play the organ or piano?
Would you consider playing at least one
Sunday Mass a month?
If so, contact Fr. Florent.



Finance Council

John Fleigle
Deb Forbes
Brenda Deardorff
Charlie Golitko
Dale Brockamp
Fr. Florent

Collection for January 22	
Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$555
Church Improvement Fund	\$100
Candle Fund	\$
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$655

Ministry Schedule

January 22

USHER: Mark Langen and
Larry & Karen Goebel
LECTOR: Dereke Dunkirk
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Marietta Dunkirk
ALTAR SERVERS: Lucas, Noah, and Emma
Grundy

January 29

USHER: Mark Langen and
Brian & Suzanne Grundy
LECTOR: Diane McWard-Sullivan
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ed Goebel
ALTAR SERVERS: Adelaide & Gentry Dunkirk,
and Macie Ferrill

February 5

USHER: Mark Langen and
Eric & Becky O'Brien
LECTOR: Gerry Goebel
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Larry Goebel
ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel & Nicholas DeBrun



Reflection

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”
(Phil 2:10)
Catholics have always held the name of Jesus in high
esteem. Do I give His name the precious devotion and
reverence He deserves?



Marriage and Family

Does your job rob you of couple time? Are you
“married” to your job? For those whose work is in the
home (both paid and unpaid), consider the same ques-
tions. Does taking care of your children or your vol-
unteer work consume so much time that no energy or
time is left for your beloved? Readjust.



St. Raymond

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, January 29

8:00 am Monica Tucker
(Barbara Powley)

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 am Shirlen Rosenthal
(Craig & Claire Weitekamp)

Sunday, February 5

8:00 am Scott R. Long
(Marge Held and Family)

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 am Monica Tucker
(Barbara Powley)

Finance Council

Bill Held
Marlene Marten
John Barto
Allen Poggenpohl
Fr. Florent

Collection for January 22

Envelopes and Loose	\$1,055
Candle offering	\$13
Bell Tower Fund	\$150
Building Fund	\$500
First Offering	\$35
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$
Catholic Children's Home	\$
Catholic Times	\$45
Church in Latin America	\$90
Total Collections:	\$1,888

January Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet

CANTOR Deb Held

HOSPITALITY Paul Folkerts

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Donna Wagahoff

MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND:

January 29 - Dick Lyons

SERVERS:

January 29 - Jacob Mizera

February Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Verne Pinkston

CANTOR Tim Mizera

HOSPITALITY Denny Held

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Tricia Pinkston

MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND:

February 5 - Mary & Julie Krager

February 12 - Dick Lyons

February 19 - Carl Marten

February 26 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:

February 5 - Denny Held

February 12 - Avery & Luke Pope

February 19 - Morgan Hampton

February 26 - Jacob Mizera

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