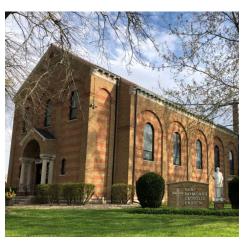
February 5, 2023 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time







ST. MAURICE

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310 Nobbe Street Farmersville, Illinois 62533

(217) 227-3349

St. Raymond

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Bulletin Deadline: Noon Monday

Parish Website: stmrm.org

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

Salt has multiple uses; it preserves, breaks down, purifies, heals, melts, cleanses, brings out latent qualities. The same goes for Light: it reveals, clarifies, heightens, focuses, helps things grow, warms, signals.

And again, the body needs a certain salinity to function properly, indeed, even to sustain life. The human body needs light not just to see, but even to manufacture vitamin D through exposure to sunlight. Salt and light are essential for life. Faithful discipleship must embrace all these qualities and act on them in order to preserve and carry forward Jesus' saving mission. Because Christ is our salt and light, and He is essential for our life as his disciples.

So Jesus challenges his disciples to move outward, through good deeds, toward others: they are to be the salt that seasons the life of others, the light that is Christ's shining Presence for others. But we don't know the response of the disciples in this Gospel. This is perhaps because the response cannot be theirs alone, but must be spoken through both word and deed by all those who are Jesus' disciples; the Twelve and those of every generation till the end of times.

Jesus calls us to remember that we are disciples who bring to others the salt that sustains their life. Jesus also calls us to be faithful to what we do: shed light everywhere we go; show good deeds before the world; glorify God. We cannot, however, be salt and light for others if we do not first let Jesus-Christ be salt and light for us.

-Year of the Eucharist-

Is the presence of the Tabernacle important; and if so, where is it usually located and how do we acknowledge its presence?

Yes, the Tabernacle is of greatest importance because it is the "house" of the Eucharist Who is Christ. The Tabernacle must be present either in the sanctuary of the church (usually in the raised area directly behind the altar or to one side of the altar), or in an attached chapel.

The Tabernacle is located in a place that is "truly noble, readily visible, beautifully decorated and suitable for prayer."

Because Christ is truly present in the Tabernacle, it is customary to genuflect in reverence toward the Tabernacle in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament when entering and leaving the church or chapel, and to direct our prayers toward Christ in the Tabernacle in general.

What is the significance of the colored candles and wreath present around Christmas time?

During Advent, the 4-week season to prepare for Christmas, we place special candles around an Advent wreath. Each Sunday of the four weeks, another of the four candles is lit. Three candles are purple to denote the solemn preparation period before Jesus' Birth. On the third Sunday of Advent, the pink candle is lit. This Sunday is for rejoicing that the Birth of Jesus is near. The white candle in the middle is lit on Christmas Day, because this is when the Light of the World is born.

The Christmas season also frequently includes a Nativity scene, with poinsettias and Christmas trees to decorate the altar area.

Ash Wednesday, February 22 Mass Schedule

St. Raymond - 8:00 am St. Mary - 5:30 pm St. Maurice - 7:00 pm

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

Join us in praying for life

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

Scam Emails at Our Parishes

Over the last several weeks, Kateri and Marlene have received scam emails impersonating Father Florent. This created some confusion until we realized the issue but fortunately no personal information or money was lost.

This is a good reminder for everyone to double check email addresses that appear to be from our parish staff and ensure they are coming from their official email address:

Father: fkanga@dio.org
Kateri: kmarten@stmrm.org
Marlene: mmarten@stmrm.org
Deb: dforbes@stmrm.org

If anything seems wrong (like being asked to buy gift cards), give the person a call / text and make sure it's originating from them.

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

Our 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@stmrm.org

Bulletins Available on Parish Website

You can view our current or past bulletins any time by visiting our website at stmrm.org

Bulletins are listed directly on the home page under "Recent Bulletins". These have been uploaded each week since February 2022 and remain available perpetually.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Hosted by Fr. R. Dean Probst

October 17 - 26, 2023 Visiting: Caesarea, Haifa, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem

For more information contact 618-783-8741 (Office) 217-494-6326 (Cell) rdprobst@gmail.com



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

Scholarship for Female Seniors Offered by the Springfield Diocesan CCW

The SDCCW's Scholarship Program is offering four \$1,500 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic female high school seniors who exemplify SDCCW's mission, values of leadership, and faith and service.

Applications are due April 1st and are available in the vestibule of each parishes.

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

Today, 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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Msgr. David Hoefler November 27– December 7, 2023

Sail the Sea of Galilee, walk the Via Dolorosa, visit the baptismal site in the Jordan River, daily Mass, sight-seeing, and so much more!

For more information, email holylandtoursllc@gmail.com or edanaher@dio.org

Register at holylandtoursllc.com

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

For more information call Terry & Eric Engholm 314-649-7317



St. Mary

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 4

5:00 pm Dorothy Heaton (Dorothy Shepherd)

Tuesday, February 7

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

Saturday, February 11

5:00 pm Dorothy Heaton (David & Maria McFeggan)

Tuesday, February 14

8:00 am Dorothy Heaton (Charles & Theresa Trader)

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

Running Low on Mass Intentions

St. Mary is running low on Mass intentions. If you have any intentions you would like Masses said for, don't hesitate to let Kateri or Father know, or drop you intention in the collection basket. Don't forget that it is good to have Masses said for those who are living as well as the souls of the deceased.

Lector Schedule

Feb 4 - Mary Jane Fuchs

Feb 11 - Tony Krager

Feb 18 - Dan Martin

Feb 25 - Kathy Rovey

March 4 - Carol Hupp

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Feb 4 - Patty Clarke

Feb 11- Mary Jane Schmidt

Feb 18 - Bea Leonard

Feb 25 - Glenn Rovey

March 4 - Mary Ann Rimini

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 28	
Envelopes & Loose	\$565
First Offering	\$
Catholic Times	\$15
Church in Latin America	\$
Candle Fund	\$12
Maintenance Fund	\$
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$592

St. Maurice

Liturgical Schedule

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)

Sunday, February 12

10:00 am Mark Minnis (Mike & Linda Sheedy and Duane & Shelly White and Family)

Friday, February 17

8:00 am Joyce Langen (Cindy Folkerts)

Springfield Deanery CCW Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Christ the King Parish Hall 1930 Barberry Dr, Springfield Presentations:

TWO HEARTS SPRINGFIELD (Suzanne Moss) and FIRST STEP WOMEN'S CENTER (Elmi Patton) Further planning of the 2023 SDCCW Convention which will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023

R.S.V.P. to Janet Zimmerman janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743.

Collection for January 29 Envelopes & Loose Cash \$475 Catholic Times \$15 Church Improvement Fund \$ Candle Fund \$ TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$490

Ministry Schedule

February 5

USHER: Mark Langen and

Eric & Becky O'Brien

LECTOR: Gerry Goebel

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Larry Goebel

ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel & Nicholas DeBrun

February 12

USHER: Mark Langen and

Eric & Becky O'Brien

LECTOR: Ed Goebel

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Gerry Goebel ALTAR SERVERS: Lucas, Noah, and Emma

Grundy

February 19

USHER: Mark Langen and

Eric & Becky O'Brien

LECTOR: Pat Wolf

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Catherine O'Connell ALTAR SERVERS: Adelaide & Gentry Dunkirk,

and Macie Ferrill

Morrisonville K of C's Annual Free-throw Contest

Sunday, February 12th at 1:00 pm at the Morrisonville High School gym All kids ages 9-14 are eligible to participate No entry fee, all participants get a prize.

Finance Council

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

St. Raymond

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, February 5

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

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 am Monica Tucker (Barbara Powley)

Sunday, February 12

8:00 am The Parishioners of St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond (Fr. Florent)

Wednesday, February 15

8:00 am Robert & Mary Millburg (Terry & Theresa Goby)

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Bill Held Marlene Marten John Barto Allen Poggenpohl Fr. Florent

Collection for January 29	
Envelopes and Loose	\$1,055
Candle offering	\$13
Bell Tower Fund	\$150
Building Fund	\$500
First Offering	\$35
Catholic Times	\$45
Church in Latin America	\$90
Total Collections:	\$1,888

February Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Verne Pinkston
CANTOR Tim Mizera
HOSPITALITY Denny Held
EUCHARISTIC 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

Reflection

There are people in our midst who quietly go about doing thankless jobs, like cleaning the toilet, changing sheets, stocking grocery shelves, picking up other people's garbage, or working in a fast-food restaurant.

Thank someone for making your life easier.

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