

# March 19, 2023 4th Sunday of Lent



## ST. MAURICE

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62546  
(217) 526-3363



## ST. MARY

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Farmersville, Illinois  
62533  
(217) 227-3349



## ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, Illinois  
62560  
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Parish Website: stmm.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

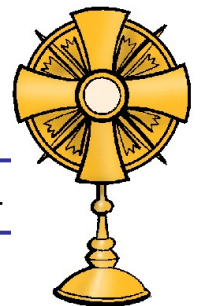
He went and washed, and came back able to see.

Jesus constantly wants to draw us into a new shape, a new creation. When Jesus smears clay on the eyes of the blind man of the Gospel of this fourth Sunday of Lent, Jesus' power reshapes him into a new creation, into a seer, a believer, a worshiper.

Jesus made clay from his own spittle and the dust of the earth, smearing it on the eyes of the blind man. That gesture alone as in the book of Genesis in the mighty story of creation, that touch of Jesus, certainly would have been enough to heal the man. But Jesus was offering more than human sight; he was offering the eyes of faith. To receive this gift, the man had to respond to the command of Jesus to go and wash. Having done so, he "came back able to see", physically and spiritually. Jesus recreated him as a new man—a man of faith.

Jesus comes to us to remove whatever prevents us from being drawn into a new creation, from seeing him more clearly, and from responding to him more fully. Lent is our time to undertake the works necessary that open us to Jesus recreating us into a better version of ourselves.

During Lent, our season of baptismal preparation and renewal, how does Jesus touch us? What does Jesus command us to do? How do we come to see him more clearly and believe in him more fully?



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-Year of the Eucharist-

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## **How does Mass begin?**

The entrance procession begins as the congregation has gathered and soon after the entrance song is begun (or antiphon is said). The procession includes the cross bearer (led by the thurifer [the one carrying the thurible] if there is one), the candle bearers, book bearer carrying the Book of the Gospels who is either the lector or the deacon, and finally comes the celebrant. All in the procession bow or genuflect to the Tabernacle and/or bow to the altar and proceed into the sanctuary. The Book of the Gospels is venerated and placed on the altar. The priest (and deacon) kiss the altar, and when incense is used, the altar and cross are incensed.

## **What happens when the priest reaches the sanctuary?**

The priest leads the others to the altar where he kisses it as a sign of respect for Christ and then stands at the celebrant's chair.

## **Why is music such an important part of Mass?**

Many churches have organs with pipes. Many Masses, especially on Sundays, have choirs (groups of people who lead the singing). It is important, like all celebrations for the celebration of the Mass to have music. The congregation sings as another way of praying to God. St. Augustine said: "Singing is praying twice." This is a wonderful way to give thanks and praise to God. Many churches have music books in the pews and a sign with numbers, usually near the choir, to tell the congregation the song numbers. Sometimes several instruments are used including piano, guitars, flute, violin, and drums. The music should match the solemn nature of the Mass and the liturgical seasons and feasts.

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### Scholarship for Female Seniors

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.

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### 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

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### 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

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### Fr. Mike Schmitz on Dive Deep

**Topic: What many get wrong about God and prayer**  
Fr. Mike Schmitz, the host of the popular podcasts The Bible in a Year and The Catechism in a Year, joins Dive Deep to discuss what many Catholics don't realize about their faith, how faithful Catholics can get our lukewarm brothers and sisters back to the faith, what we should do if God "doesn't answer our prayers," and so much more.  
Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search Dive Deep on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

### SDCCW Lenten Retreat

All women are invited to attend SDCCW's annual Lenten Retreat at the Villa Maria in Springfield.  
9:00 am Tue. March 28th to noon Wed. March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Retreat master is Kim Paden  
Spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more.  
Bring your sister, mom, friend. All are welcome!  
Registration forms with cost and further info are available in the vestibule of each parish.

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### Illinois March for Life in Springfield

Tuesday, March 21st  
The day will start with Mass at 10:00 am, at the Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield.  
At 12:00 pm, the Illinois March for Life will hold a rally in front of the State Capitol, 2nd Street, at the Lincoln Statue. A march around the State Capitol complex will begin after the rally.  
To register to attend the Mass and March go to [illinoismarchforlife.org](http://illinoismarchforlife.org)



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### St. Louis School Now Hiring 2023-24 School Year Positions

#### Principal:

Candidates should be practicing Catholics with appropriate experience who have a strong desire to build Catholic culture and grow the faith environment of our school.

#### Full-time Teacher:

7/8th grade class room teacher. Preference is for a practicing Catholic with appropriate experience. Other qualified candidates may apply.

#### Part-time PE Teacher:

Preference is for a practicing Catholic with appropriate experience. Other qualified candidates may apply.

Applicants for all positions may apply by submitting their resume and cover letter to Fr. Michael at  
311 S. Elm Street.

All positions and information available at  
[www.slsk8.org/hiring](http://www.slsk8.org/hiring)

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**Easter Penance Service**  
for all three parishes

Friday, March 31st, 6:00 pm at St. Raymond  
*(There will be no Stations of the Cross on this Friday)*

**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

**Family of Faith**

Dates to save: April 19<sup>th</sup> || May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Bible Study**

*There will be no class on March 21st or 28th*

**Join us in praying for life**

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

**Stations of the Cross**

5:00 pm on Fridays of Lent  
Stations will rotate between our parishes

March 24 - St. Maurice  
There will be no Stations on March 31

**Stations of the Cross before Weekend Masses**

Knights of Columbus will lead Stations before weekend  
Masses of lent at these Parishes and times

St. Mary at 4:30 pm  
St. Raymond at 7:25 am  
St. Maurice at 9:35 am

**St. Maurice Cemetery Notice:**

In preparation for mowing in St. Maurice Cemetery,  
please remove all ground decorations by April 1.

**Food Drive**

The Morrisonville Knights of Columbus - Council 1151 is  
holding a food drive during this Lenten  
Season. We are announcing a 40 cans for 40 days theme.  
A collection box will be located in the church's vestibule.

We know with our parish's  
generosity we can easily exceed our 40 can goal.  
Any canned or non-perishable food items will be  
accepted. All items will be donated to the  
Morrisonville – Palmer food pantry.

**Raymond Knights of Columbus  
Weekly Lenten Fish Fry**

Now open for Dine In! - Drive-Thru - Carry Out  
Every Friday

February 24th to March 31st  
Serving from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Fried Fish, Potatoes Wedges, Baked Potato,  
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Cake  
\$13.00 -or- 2 for \$25.00

Kids Pricing (Indoor Dining Only):  
Age 10 and under \$7.00 || Preschool Free





## 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, 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, Dave Mullen, Alta Mundhenke, Marilyn Murphy, Bodhi Niewinski, Rose Ann Olinger, Trevor James Oller, Millie Olsen, Brenda Ouelette, Ron Painter, Randy Patterson, Diane Pitchford, Michael Poleon, Roy Prose, Mary Ellen Rogers, Opal Ryan, 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@stmr.org](mailto:kmarten@stmr.org)**

## St. Mary

### Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday, March 18**

5:00 pm George & Marie Todt  
Seelbach and Family  
(Richard & Sharon Seelbach)

**Tuesday, March 21**

*No Mass*

**Saturday, March 25**

5:00 pm Robert Seelbach  
(Mary Jo Johnson)

**Tuesday, March 28**

8:00 am Theresa Goby  
(Mary Marten)

### Eucharistic Minister Schedule

March 18 - Mary Jane Schmidt  
March 25 - Bea Leonard  
April 1 - Glenn Rovey  
April 8 - Mary Ann Rimini  
April 15 - Patty Clarke

### Lector Schedule

March 18 - Tony Krager  
March 25 - Dan Martin  
April 1 - Kathy Rovey  
April 8 - Carol Hupp  
March 15 - Mary Jane Fuchs

### Collection for March 11

Envelopes & Loose	\$951
Easter Flowers	\$300
Catholic Charities	\$25
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$
Candle Fund	\$
Maintenance Fund	\$100
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$1,376</b>



### Finance Council

Bob Wagahoff  
Patty Clarke  
Donna Krager  
Bill Brown  
Fr. Florent

# St. Raymond

## Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, March 19

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

### Wednesday, March 22

*No Mass*

### Sunday, March 26

8:00 am Marilyn Barto  
(John Barto)

### Wednesday, March 29

8:00 am Thomas Dunn  
(Larry & Nancy Weitekamp)



## March Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Jerry Wagahoff  
CANTOR Verne Pinkston  
HOSPITALITY Greg Beck  
EUCCHARISTIC MNST. Carl Marten  
HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
March 19 - Carl Marten  
March 26 - Noller/Morehouse  
SERVERS:  
March 19 - Morgan Hampton  
March 26 - Jacob Mizera

## April Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Chris Meisner  
CANTOR Tim Marten  
HOSPITALITY Bill Held  
EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER  
Dianne Hampton  
HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
April 2 - Mary & Julie Krager  
April 9 - Dick Lyons  
April 16 - Carl Marten  
April 23 - Noller/Morehouse  
April 30 - Dick Lyons

## Collection for March 12

Envelopes and Loose	\$2,007
Candle offering	\$16
Bell Tower	\$76
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$40
Easter Offering	\$35
Catholic Charities	\$125
Catholic Relief Service	\$175
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$2,474</b>

## Finance Council

Bill Held  
Marlene Marten  
John Barto  
Allen Poggenpohl  
Fr. Florent

# St. Maurice

## Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, March 19

10:00 am Joe & Loretta Harris  
(Family)

### Friday, March 24

*No Mass*

### Sunday, March 26

10:00 am Bob Mundhenke  
(Rosemary Mundhenke & Family)

### Friday, March 31

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

## Ministry Schedule

### March 19

USHER Mark Langen and  
Steve & Mellisa DeBrun  
LECTOR Catherine O'Connell  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER  
Larry Goebel  
ALTAR SERVERS Nathaniel &  
Nicholas DeBrun

### March 26

USHER Mark Langen and  
Steve & Mellisa DeBrun  
LECTOR Rita Sloan  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER  
Marietta Dunkirk  
ALTAR SERVERS Lucas, Noah, &  
Emma Grundy

## Collection for March 12

Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$1,100
Catholic Times	\$30
Catholic Charities	\$
Church in Latin America & Central/Eastern Europe	\$
Cemetery	\$50
Church Improvement Fund	\$
Candle Fund	\$
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$1,180</b>