

March 5, 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent



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Father's Corner

"Lord, it is good that we are here."

"Lord, it is good that we are here." Peter exclaimed this way because he saw the transfigured Jesus, the glory of God. But when Jesus was nailed to the cross, where was Peter? It certainly would have been good for Peter to have been there also to witness the self-giving love of the Savior that is also his glory. How many times Peter could have repeated his exclamation: at the crucifixion, the resurrection, the ascension, at Pentecost, at his own martyrdom.

"Lord, it is good that we are here." Peter exclaimed. Where are they? How did they get there? Peter, James, and John are on a mountaintop where they see Jesus shining in full divine glory. They got there by following Jesus' own footsteps. But their journey does not end "here." They must follow Jesus' footsteps down the mountain to the daily challenges and demands of discipleship where they must also learn to exclaim, "Lord, it is good that we are here."

"Lord, it is good that we are here." Where are we, disciples of today? This is the question of Lent that we must answer on our journey of discipleship. We climb to the mountaintop of glory only from our ordinary human living. It is "here" in our everyday decisions that salvation comes to us. It is "here" in our ordinary faithfulness that we are lifted up to the "here" of our own transfiguration. It is "here" in our encounters day after day with Jesus that we journey fully and lovingly in his footsteps. Wherever Jesus is, it is good that we are "here", with him.

-Year of the Eucharist-

How do I know if a Bishop is present at Mass? What does a Bishop have that makes him unique?

A bishop is a priest ordained to shepherd a diocese of priests and lay faithful. He traditionally goes to parish churches to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation once a year. He may come to say Mass occasionally at other times as well. He has an Episcopal ring on his hand, which the faithful may kiss out of respect and to receive a blessing, a mitre (large folding cap) and a shepherd's crosier (long staff). When a Bishop is present at Mass, he is usually the main celebrant.

What is the purpose and role of the deacon at Mass?

Deacons are ordained men (who may be single or married) who help the priest in his pastoral ministry. They are often present at Masses in parishes. They assist the priest in specific service during the Mass, which may include leading various prayers, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching the homily, leading the general intercessions, and assisting during the consecration and distribution of Holy Communion.

Do lay people have special roles in the Mass as well?

Yes, laypersons assist in the Mass in a special way in various roles. The primary way that laypeople assist in Mass is as members of the congregation, joining their prayers to those of the priest. Laypersons may serve as lectors or readers who read the Scriptures other than the Gospel (that is, first and second readings) and the general intercessions. They may also serve as cantors who sing or chant the responsorial psalm which occurs between the first and second readings. They may serve as commentators who help to introduce or explain the readings. They serve also as acolytes at the altar and assist the priest or deacon in distributing Communion. Laypersons may serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who assist the priests in distributing the Eucharist at mass or to the sick and homebound; and as altar servers who serve the priest at Mass.

Letter from our Bishop on the Catholic Charities Collection

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Charities in our diocese has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need. Throughout its long 97-year history, Catholic Charities has remained open as staff and volunteers serve on the front lines to bring relief and advocate for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day.

Because of your continued prayers and generosity, thousands of people every year receive help with basic needs such as food, clothing, medicine, rent, utilities and dental care as well as professional services in social work, counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. They are treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

Catholic Charities is able to continue these services through the ongoing generosity of people like you - donors, staff, volunteers, board members, and organizations coming together to support the mission.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities to ensure God's love and mercy is extended to all of his children.

During the weekend of March 4/ 5, 2023, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will again be held in our deaneries. This year, I challenge you to continue to support Catholic Charities as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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.

Jerseyville Deanery CCW Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Benld
Registration begins at 8:30 am
\$6 each (includes lunch)
Mass at 9:00 am followed by the Rosary

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 29th
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.

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

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)
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St. Louis School Looking to Hire New Principal
for the 2023-2024 academic year. Candidates should be practicing Catholic with appropriate experience and strong desire to build Catholic culture and grow the faith environment of our school. Apply by submitting your resume and cover letter to Fr. Michael Meinhart at 311 S. Elm Street, Nokomis, IL. 62075.



**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

Operation Rice Bowl

Rice bowls are available in the vestibule for you to use
during Lent in order to collect money for
Catholic Relief Services

St. Raymond CCW Meeting

Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory

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.

St. Maurice Contribution Statements Available

Donation statements are available in the vestibule of the
church. If you would like your statement
e-mailed to you, please contact
Deb Forbes 217-825-3129.

Stations of the Cross

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

March 10 - St. Raymond
March 17 - St. Mary
March 24 - St. Maurice
March 31 - St. Raymond

Stations of the Cross before Weekend Masses

Knights of Columbus will lead Stations before Mass on
Sundays of lent at these Parishes and times

St. Raymond at 7:25 am
St. Maurice at 9:35 am



Family of Faith

Wednesday, March 15th
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

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, 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@stmrm.org

The
Season
of
Lent



St. Mary

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 am Danny Millburg
(Marjorie Millburg)

Saturday, March 11

5:00 pm Ruthie Aherin
(John & Rose Cawthon)

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 am Dorothy Heaton
(Family and Friends)

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

March 4 - Mary Ann Rimini
March 11 - Patty Clarke
March 18 - Mary Jane Schmidt
March 25 - Bea Leonard
April 1 - Glenn Rovey

Lector Schedule

March 4 - Carol Hupp
March 11 - Mary Jane Fuchs
March 18 - Tony Krager
March 25 - Dan Martin
April 1 - Kathy Rovey

Collection for February 25

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,175
First Offering	\$
Catholic Times	\$
Church in Latin America	\$
Candle Fund	\$
Maintenance Fund	\$
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$1,175

St. Raymond

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am Joyce Schiesser
(Terry & Theresa Goby)

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 am Shirlen Rosenthal
(Richard & Sharon Lyons)

Sunday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 am The Stephen McCague Family
(Stephen & Maria McCague)

March Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Jerry Wagahoff
CANTOR Verne Pinkston
HOSPITALITY Greg Beck
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER Carl Marten
MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND:
March 5 - Mary & Julie Krager
March 12 - Dick Lyons
March 19 - Carl Marten
March 26 - Noller/Morehouse
SERVERS:
March 5 - Dan Held
March 12 - Avery & Luke Pope
March 19 - Morgan Hampton
March 26 - Jacob Mizera

Collection for February 26

Envelopes and Loose	\$1,280
Candle offering	\$27
Bell Tower Fund	\$
Easter Flowers	\$130
Catholic Charities	\$200
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$160
Total Collections:	\$1,797

St. Maurice

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 5

10:00 am Howard & Rita Fishburn
(Fishburn Girls & Families)

Friday, March 10

8:00 am Deceased members of the Weitekamp &
O'Brien Families
(Mr. & Mrs. Raymond O'Brien)

Sunday, March 12

10:00 am Catherine "Mick" Sheedy
(Don & Mary Sheedy)

Friday, March 17

8:00 am Lorriane Luczak and Michelle Fuchs
(Larry & Debbie Weber)

Ministry Schedule

March 5

USHER: Mark Langen and
Steve & Mellisa DeBrun
LECTOR: Dale Brockamp
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Charlie Golitko
ALTAR SERVERS: Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

March 12

USHER: Mark Langen and
Steve & Mellisa DeBrun
LECTOR: Diane McWard-Sullivan
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ed Goebel
ALTAR SERVERS: Adelaide & Gentry Dunkirk, and
Macie Ferrill

Collection for February 26

Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$548
Catholic Times	\$
Church Improvement Fund	\$
Candle Fund	\$
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$548