July 23, 2023 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Maurice

706 E. Fourth Street P.O. Box # 45 Morrisonville, Illinois 62546

St. Mary

310 Nobbe Street Farmersville, Illinois 62533

St. Raymond

306 S. McElroy Street Raymond, Illinois 62560



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Father's Corner

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

A whole series of movies and toys called "Transformers" has been popular for a number of years. Children in particular loved them. But they were a passing phase and soon the children grew tired of them and outgrew them. Unlike with the toys, the kind of transformation required of us by Jesus to grow into full stature as "children of the kingdom" cannot be passing, but must endure our lifelong.

The kingdom of heaven comes through our continual cycles of transformation. These transformations happen in unperceivable ways over an unknown period of time. Although the outcome requires work on our part (discernment of God's will, openness to growing in goodness, embracing continual transformation), we do not on our own produce the fruit ready to be harvested. This outcome is under God's "mastery," not ours. Thank God!

Discernment of God's will for us, growing in holiness, and being transformed into who God calls us to be is neither easy nor quick. The amazing promise of the parables in this Gospel is that, God, with patient understanding chooses us to be visible icons of the divine Presence and reign of the kingdom of heaven. The ongoing challenge is that we choose the continual transformation required for us to live according to God's will, God's mastery, God's revelation through us of "what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world."



-Year of the Eucharist-

Does Christ die over again at every Mass?

Christ died once and for all for our sins and His death merited all the graces that our sinful world needs to be redeemed. The Mass is not a new claim of another crucifixion of Christ, but the miracle of making His Crucifixion present on the altar and the communicating of the graces of the Cross to us within the Mass itself.

Our Prayer Corner

Jeff Brown , Drake Lucas, Carrie Alkire, Kathy Beckmier, Joe Cray, Brant Weitekamp, Chuck Sale, Cindy Sale, Martha Reed, Janet Locander, Steve Mundhenke, Mikah Marten

To add a name to the prayer list, please email Kateri at kmarten@stmrm.org and specify how many weeks you'd like that name to appear for (1 week up to a maximum of 12 weeks). You're always welcome to re-add the name at the end of this period if the need for prayer is still present, but this will help keep the list focused and fresh.

If you know of a parishioner that you'd like added to Father's visitation list, please let him or Kateri know.

You are invited to a historical diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield

To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, adoration, confession, and Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. For more information on the event or volunteering or financially supporting/sponsoring the event, visit **dio.org**.

Eucharistic Congress Tickets (Saturday, October 28th, 2023)

There are still seats available, please contact Father to reserve yours by July 31.

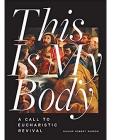
Take a Book!

As a part of celebrating and participating in the Eucharist revival, our parishes have made available two short books on the Eucharist which you may have noticed the last couple

of weeks at the entrances.

Beautiful Eucharist, published by Dynamic Catholic, is a collection of reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and an invitation to encounter that presence written by various well known





This is My Body, written by Bishop Robert Barron

Catholic authors.

of Word on Fire, is a biblically steeped reflection on the Eucharist as both meal and sacrifice, and what the early Church Fathers said about the true presence.

Both books are short, easy to read, and packed with information that will help you understand, appreciate, and live the Eucharist more fully in your life. You are welcome to take both books. If either runs out before you get one (or maybe an extra for a friend), please let Kateri know so that more can be ordered.

Information regarding Father's vacation

Father will be gone on vacation to visit his family from July 24th to September 1st. Because of this, there will be no weekday Masses during that time. Weekend Masses will be scheduled as usual with substitute priests.

Weekend Mass coverage while Father is gone:

July 29/30: Fr Steve Pohlman August 5/6: Fr Thaddeus Adukus (Fr Teddy) August 12/13: Fr Thaddeus Adukus (Fr Teddy) August 15 The Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation): Fr. John Burnette August 19/20: Fr Steve Pohlman

August 26/27: Fr Steve Pohlman

St. Raymond's Adoration will continue as usual while Father is gone.

In case of an emergency need of a priest: contact Fr. Tom Hagstrom at (217)779-3153 He is the dean of the Jerseyville Deanery and will either care for the need or arrange for another priest to.

Reconciliation Times

Confession will continue as usual while father is gone

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

St. Maurice

Liturgical Schedule

There will be no weekday Masses through September 1

Sunday, July 23

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

Sunday, July 30 10:00 am Ed & Nita Brockamp (Brenda Deardorff)

Ministry Schedule

July 23

LECTOR Rita Sloan USHER Dale & Kendra Brockamp and Mark Langen EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Larry Goebel, Ed Goebel, and Charlie Golitko SERVERS Emma, Lucas, and Noah Grundy

Collection for July 16	
Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$1,035
Peter's Pence (July 2)	\$50
Church Improvement Fund	\$70
Candle Fund	\$
Total Collections:	\$1,155

July 30

LECTOR Ed Goebel USHER Dale & Kendra Brockamp and Mark Langen EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Gerry Goebel, Dale Brockamp, and Catherine O'Connell SERVERS Macie Ferrill and Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

Finance Council

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St. Raymond

Liturgical Schedule

There will be no weekday Masses through September 1

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am Melinda Marten (Carl & Marlene Marten)

Sunday, July 30

8:00 am John & Dorothy Krager (Linda Hocking)

July Ministry Schedule

LECTOR **Doris Morehouse** CANTOR Chris Mizera HOSPITALITY Jeff Hampton EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS Verne Pinkston John Barto HOMEBOUND MINISTER: July 2 - Mary & Julie Krager July 9 - Dick Lyons July 16 - Carl Marten July 23 - Noller/Morehouse July 30 - Dick Lyons SERVERS: July 2 - Denny Held July 9 - Dan Held July 16 - Morgan Hampton July 23 - Avery & Luke Pope July 30 - Jacob Mizera

Collection for July 16Envelopes and Loose\$1,070Candle offering\$22Bell Tower Fund\$25Building Fund\$Peter's Pence (July 2)\$25Total Collections:\$1,142

Finance Council Bill Held Marlene Marten John Barto Allen Poggenpohl Fr. Florent

St. Mary

Liturgical Schedule

There will be no weekday Masses through September 1

Saturday, July 22

5:00 pm Mary Brown (Bill Brown)

<u>Saturday, July 29</u> 5:00 pm Carter Tilashalski (Linda Carter)



Extraordinary Minister Schedule

July 22 - Mary Jane Schmid & Patty Clarke July 29 - Glenn Rovey & Mary Jane Schmidt Aug 5 - Mary Ann Rimini & Glenn Rovey Aug 12 - Patty Clarke & Mary Ann Rimini

Lector Schedule

July 22 - Carol Hupp July 29 - Mary Jane Fuchs Aug 5 - Tony Krager Aug 12 - Dan Martin Aug 19 - Kathy Rovey

Collection for July 15 Envelopes & Loose \$1,110 **Retired Diocesan Priests** \$ (May 28) Mission Appeal (June 11) \$ \$ Peter's Pence (July 2) Candle Fund \$12 Maintenance Fund \$20 TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$1,142

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