

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 pm St. Mary Danny Millburg

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 am St. Raymond The People of our Parishes

10:00 am St. Maurice Marge Brockamp

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 am St. Mary Bert & Sue Clarke

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 am St. Raymond Tim & Kateri Marten

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 am St. Maurice Fr. Davies Edassery

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00 pm St. Mary The People of our Parishes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 am St. Raymond Wanda Miller

10:00 am St. Maurice John B. Fahl

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS

3:00-3:30 pm St. Maurice

4:00-4:30 pm St. Mary

SUNDAYS

7:00-7:30 am St. Raymond

ADORATION

ST. RAYMOND

8:30 am Wednesday - 8:00 am Thursday

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Wednesday

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Last week Jesus calls Peter "the rock." This week Jesus calls Peter "Satan." Talk about an identity crisis! Who, really, is Peter? Who, really, are we?

Jesus chooses carefully all his words in this Gospel: to be faithful disciples we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, lose our life.

So who in the world would choose to follow Jesus? No wonder Peter rebukes Jesus! However, there is another side to these demands which we can never forget as we remain faithful to being Jesus' disciples: we will find life, we will be given a share in risen Life. To embrace fully this mystery of Jesus, we must think as God does and not choose as humans would.

We think like God when we grasp that placing the good of another above our own needs or interests brings us fuller life. We think like God when we pay attention to the least among us, when we overcome whatever prejudices dwell within us, when we forgive as we have been forgiven, when we refuse to back down in face of injustices and evil. When we think in these ways, like God, we become who God intends us to be. So again, who, really, are we? We are the Presence of the risen Christ in our world today.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

How does the Eucharistic Prayer end?

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the Great Amen after the final doxology. This is one of the key moments of the lay participation in the Eucharistic Prayer. "Amen" means "I believe" – our profession of belief in all that has occurred.

WELCOME BACK FR. FLORENT!

We hope you enjoyed your vacation surrounded by family and friends. You were in our prayers and we are so grateful to have you back with us again.

Whoever

does not seek
the cross of Christ,
doesn't seek the
glory of Christ

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Feast: December 14th

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sep 2 - Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey
Sep 9 - Patty Clarke
& Mary Ann Rimini
Sep 16 - Mary Jane Schmid
& Patty Clarke
Sep 23 - Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt

LECTORS

Sep 2 - Mary Jane Fuchs
Sep 9 - Tony Krager
Sep 16 - Dan Martin
Sep 23 - Kathy Rovey
Sep 30 - Carol Hupp

ST. RAYMOND

SEPTEMBER

LECTOR Linda Hocking
CANTOR Deb Held
HOSPITALITY Allen Poggenpohl
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Jerry & Donna Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Sep 3 - Mary & Julie Krager
Sep 10 - Dick Lyons
Sep 17 - Carl Marten
Sep 24 - Noller/Morehouse
SERVERS:
Sep 3 - Denny Held
Sep 10 - Dan Held
Sep 17 - Avery & Luke Pope
Sep 24 - Morgan Hampton

ST. MAURICE

SEPTEMBER 3

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
Gerry Goebel
Dale Brockamp
LECTOR Ed Goebel
USHERS Steve Weitekamp
Jim Schneider
Mark Langen
SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

SEPTEMBER 10

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Ed Goebel
Marietta Dunkirk
Charlie Golitko
LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
USHERS Steve Weitekamp
Jim Schneider
Mark Langen
SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR AUGUST 26/27

St. Mary: \$2,201

St. Raymond: \$2,197

St. Maurice: \$1,988

OUR PRAYER CORNER

Larry Goebel, Gary McKinnie, Ed Weitekamp, Greg Weitekamp, Jeff Brown, Drake Lucas, Carrie Alkire,
Kathy Beckmier, Joe Cray, Brant Weitekamp, Chuck 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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Thank You!

St. Maurice Parish would like to thank the family and friends of NIDE GRUNDY for their generous donations to St. Maurice Church.

St. Raymond CCW Meeting

Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm in the church rectory. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Join us in praying for life

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

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 95th annual convention: "Christ is Alive"

Wednesday, September 27, 8 am – 4:30 pm
Sacred Heart Griffin High School's west campus
11:00 am Mass at St. Agnes Church with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
Key-note speaker: Cathy Becker, Director of faith formation for St. Agnes Parish

Talk: "New maps for a new landscape"
will guide participants in looking at the changing landscape of people involved in our faith, find the fixed landmarks, and how to chart a new map with new routes to bring people back to the faith, engage new seekers of the faith, and find hope in our faith.
Registration: \$50.00 (includes morning refreshments and lunch)
Registration forms can be found in the back of each church or at dio.org.

For more information contact Janet Zimmerman at Janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743.

A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sudan's vast Diocese of El Obeid covers an area nearly one-third larger than the state of Texas. In light of the need for clergy and religious sisters and brothers to minister to Catholics spread out across the large area, the diocese prioritized vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life at its 2019 annual pastoral conference. The diocese entered into a partnership with the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio in South Sudan so that students from El Obeid could join a preliminary course in Yambio leading into their first year of seminary studies. With assistance from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Diocese of El Obeid recruited 15 new seminarians and four young women who entered the novitiate with the Congregation of Precious Blood Sisters in Nairobi, Kenya. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, the seminary in Juba, South Sudan, reopened in 2021 with 35 seminarians from the Diocese of El Obeid. On August 15, 2021, one of the seminarian beneficiaries of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa's grant to the diocese was ordained a deacon, and others will be able to continue their studies.

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been making real differences in the lives of Catholics in Africa for more than 15 years through its support of seminary training, the formation of religious sisters and brothers, and other pastoral ministries that address the needs of the rapidly growing African Church. When you participate in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, you play a key role in forming today's seminarians to become the pastoral leaders of tomorrow.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that it can educate and form seminarians to minister to the faithful as the Church continues to grow there. Please be generous to this collection for the solidarity fund through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Thank you and God bless.

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