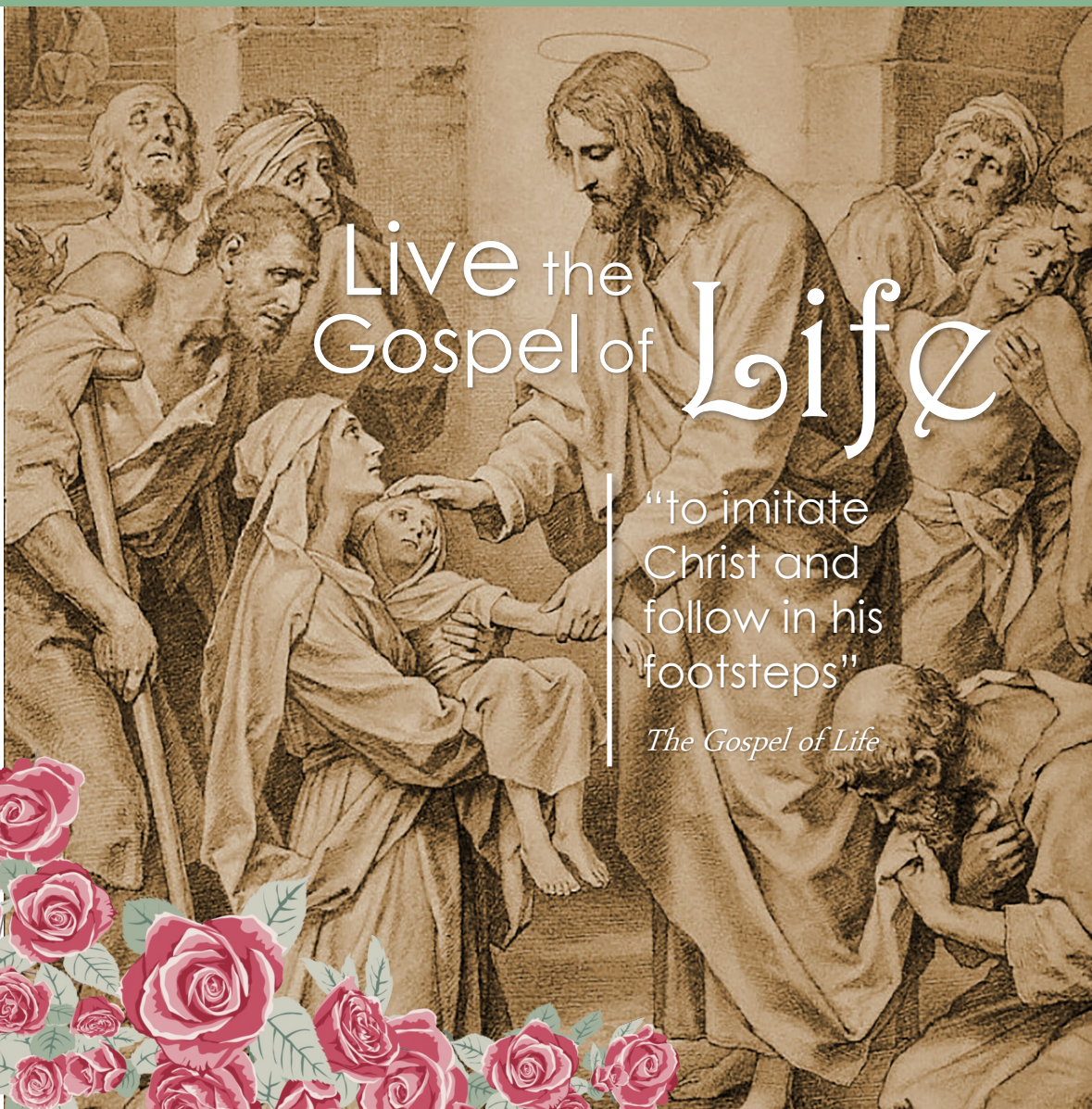


OCTOBER 8, 2023 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Live the Gospel of Life

“to imitate
Christ and
follow in his
footsteps”

The Gospel of Life



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

310 Nobbe St.
Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, IL 62560

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stmrm.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: Mary K. Krager

10:00 am St. Maurice: Darrel Grundy

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 am St. Mary: Special Intention of
Carol Hupp

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 am St. Raymond: Wanda Miller

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 am St. Maurice: Joseph Brockamp

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00 pm St. Mary: Dan Murphy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Reno & Grace Yattoni

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

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

An old proverb states, "Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you who you are." Another similar proverb goes, "Birds of a feather flock together."

Obviously, it's important to know with whom we align ourselves. This gospel raises the question about the consequences of with whom we align ourselves: either the Jewish leaders and violent tenants, or the faithful servants and the son.

The parable of this Sunday highlights the conflict between some of the Jewish leaders and Jesus over the subject of 'who will be saved'.

Hardness of heart limited the vision of "the chief priests and the elders of the people" about who could be saved and who Jesus was as God's Son. Mercy and compassion characterized Jesus' vision of who can receive salvation: anyone who responds to Jesus, even Gentiles, sinners, and outcasts. Jesus is the divine Son sent by God to gather in the fruit of God's kingdom: those who hear God's word and turn their hearts toward God.

Whether the "kingdom of God" is taken from us or given to us is probably not an important question for most people. But if we understand the "kingdom of God" to be the gift of everlasting Life that comes from aligning ourselves with the Author of Life itself, then most of us will choose Life every day.

For example, we are concerned about our well-being, we care for others, we contribute to the building up of a just and good society. These are ways we are faithful servants and show we accept the Son. In this we receive the very Life of God. Yes, this really is an important question! We do choose to belong to the kingdom of God; we do choose Life, not just in this Respect Life month of October, but always.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

What is the sign of peace and how should we share it?

The exchange of a sign of peace is a demonstration of our desire to be reconciled with our neighbor, whoever they are, before going to the altar to receive the Lord in Communion.

It should be extended only to those closest to you and in a sober manner. No need therefore to walk around the pews. A simple handshake is most common, although, sometimes, family members will exchange a kiss on the cheek.

Saints Peter and Paul speak about the holy kiss as a sign of reverence in the Bible (Rom. 16:16, 1 Cor. 16:20, 2 Cor. 13:12, 1 Thess. 5:26, 1 Peter 5:14). So, at this point in the mass, each of the faithful turns to his neighbor, saying: "Peace be with you," with the response, "And also with you." At times, the priest may omit individual exchanges of peace.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Oct 7 - Patty Clarke
& Mary Ann Rimini
Oct 14 - Mary Jane Schmid
& Patty Clarke
Oct 21 - Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt
Oct 28 - Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey

LECTORS

Oct 7 - Mary Jane Fuchs
Oct 14 - Tony Krager
Oct 21 - Dan Martin
Oct 28 - Kathy Rovey
Nov 4 - Carol Hupp

ST. RAYMOND

OCTOBER

LECTOR Doris Morehouse
CANTOR Verne Pinkston
HOSPITALITY Phil Brown
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Linda Hocking
John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Oct 1 - Mary & Julie Krager
Oct 8 - Dick Lyons
Oct 15 - Carl Marten
Oct 22 - Noller/Morehouse
Oct 29 - Dick Lyons
SERVERS:
Oct 8 - Denny Held
Oct 15 - Dan Held
Oct 22 - Avery & Luke Pope
Oct 29 - Morgan Hampton

ST. MAURICE

OCTOBER 8

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Charlie Golitko
Larry Goebel
Catherine O'Connell

LECTOR Larry Goebel
USHERS Ed Voorhees

Linda Voorhees
Mark Langen

SERVER

Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

OCTOBER 15

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Ed Goebel
Gerry Goebel
John Bergschneider

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
USHERS Ed Voorhees

Linda Voorhees
Mark Langen

SERVERS

Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 30/OCTOBER 1

St. Mary: \$2,500

St. Raymond: \$1,843

St. Maurice: \$1,652

OUR PRAYER CORNER

Bernard Jenkins, Mikah Marten, Brant Weitekamp, Vickie Norris, Chuck Sale, Martha Reed, Ron Cole, Billy Dean Murphy, Rosanne Olinger, Callie Jones, Larry Goebel, Gary McKinnie, Ed Weitekamp, Greg Weitekamp, Drake Lucas

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 may have seen the poster with all of the seminarians for our diocese in the back of each of our churches.

Please remember to pray for our seminarians and for the increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Our Bishop has invited each of us to join in a prayer campaign for 40 seminarians. Each day, stop and pray a Hail Mary at 4:40 pm asking for Mary's intercession for 40 seminarians and an increase in religious vocations.

"Where you see a priest think of our Lord Jesus Christ"

- St. John Vianney/Patron Saint of Parish Priests

Family of Faith Starting Soon

Registration will be available after St. Maurice's Mass on Sunday, October 15. You can also pick up registration sheets in the back of our churches or you can register by emailing Kateri at kmarten@stmrm.org.

Registration is due by October 15.

The first class will be Wednesday, October 18 at the Morrisonville K of C Hall. Contact Fr. Florent for more information.

Quilt Raffle by the Farmersville Revitalization Committee

Raffle tickets will be sold for a beautiful quilt handmade by Bea Leonard after St. Mary's Mass on Saturday, October 7. 100% of proceeds will go back into the Farmersville community

Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

3rd Sunday of the Month
October 15, 7:30 am to Noon
at the Farmersville K of C Hall

Trivia Night Hosted by the Farmersville K of C

Saturday, October 28
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Tables set for teams of 8,
\$15 per person.
Includes chili & hot dogs,
bring your own beverages.
For information or to sign up, call:
Al Rimini - 217-825-3948
Rory Rossi - 217-306-0094

St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

Email Bulletin

If you would like to receive our weekly email bulletin, please let Kateri know at kmarten@stmrm.org

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

To celebrate October as Respect Life month, our parishes will be participating in the baby bottle fundraiser to support the Loving Arms Pregnancy Center in Taylorville. Loving Arms supports unexpected mothers by providing pregnancy consultations, parenting classes, baby supplies, and more. So take a bottle, be generous, and return it by October 27!

If your parish ran out of bottles last week, you can still participate by dropping your donation in the collection basket marked "Loving Arms".



Double your impact!

The Raymond Knights of Columbus will be matching St. Raymond's contributions in the baby bottle fundraiser (up to a \$1,000 cap).

Adult Faith Formation Registration Open

What We Believe

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe?

The Catholic Church is extraordinary.

It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

Starting on November 7, we will meet on Tuesdays with 2 options for location/time: 10 am @ St. Mary or 6:30 pm @ St. Raymond.

This study is 10 sessions so we should finish the end of January 2024.

Please register by October 22 so that we can order materials by using the sign up sheet in the back of church, or by emailing Kateri at kmarten@stmrm.org.

St. Maurice Upcoming Turkey Bazaar

Sunday, November 5, DRIVE THRU ONLY, serving from 2 to 4 pm at the K of C Hall. Meal is \$18 for turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, slaw, and cranberry salad (no substitutions). Solicitors will be contacting parishioners for cash donations. Donations can be placed in the collection and marked "Bazaar" or be mailed to St. Maurice Parish; Attn: Bazaar; PO Box 45; Morrisonville, IL 62546. For questions, contact Kendra at 217-899-8741 or 217-526-3458.

Get your free tickets now for the Eucharistic Congress

Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, a Catholic Marketplace, motivating videos, never before seen photos, adoration, Confession, and Mass.

To attend, go to dio.org for free tickets and more information.