

OCTOBER 15, 2023 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a King who gave a wedding feast for his son.”

THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, IL 62560

ST. MAURICE

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 am St. Mary: Sr. Mary Grace

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 am St. Raymond: Nate Cuvar Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 am St. Maurice: Barb Clarke

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marge Held

10:00 am St. Maurice: Kayla and Alli Bethard

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

"The king dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come."

In what circumstances do people refuse appealing invitations? It happens when there is a conflict of commitments, or when distance is too long and expenses too high, when unexpected illness afflicts them. Sometimes we simply cannot respond positively. With the invitation to come to the banquet in the "kingdom of heaven," however, there are no complex circumstances that could prevent a positive and definite response from us.

Jesus said, "Many are invited, but few are chosen." From the parable this Sunday, we know that the king was intransigent about filling the wedding hall with guests and was very persistent about this even to the point of having his servants be rather indiscriminate ("bad and good alike") concerning who they gather for the feast.

The "few" chosen are those who say yes to the invitation and to what it entails. God's gracious invitations require our positive and definite response. At stake is Eternal Life.

What do invitations to be in the "kingdom of heaven" look like? Sometimes we must choose between doing good or not. At other times we must choose to be attentive to another in spite of our own inconvenience. Or we must choose to be faithful to prayer, to be open to God's Presence, to participate fully in the sacraments. Our faithful responses witness to the presence of God's kingdom among us and the fullness of Life toward which we are growing.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

Throughout her history, the Church made some changes to the Mass. Can the Mass be changed altogether?

Christ Himself instituted the Mass and the Eucharist. The Mass is only valid if a validly ordained priest celebrates it with valid matter, bread and wine, and valid form, the proper words of the Prayer of Consecration. Beyond this, the Mass may be revised according to the charism of the infallible authority of the Magisterium in the areas of various customs, prayers, and matters of smaller traditions within the Mass. The Mass has been recently revised around the instructions of Vatican II, and afterwards up to our time, in various small matters. In some ways, the Church is always in reform in her practices and customs; but this does not mean any of her truths and doctrines ever change. The Holy Spirit guides the Church in major and minor matters for the good of the faithful, and thus, obedience to the Church's guidance is called for from the faithful. While being obedient, the faithful may also continue to desire further revision and renewal as well.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Oct 14 - Mary Jane Schmid
& Patty Clarke
 Oct 21 - Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt
 Oct 28 - Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey
 Nov 4 - Patty Clarke
& Mary Ann Rimini

LECTORS

Oct 14 - Tony Krager
 Oct 21 - Dan Martin
 Oct 28 - Kathy Rovey
 Nov 4 - Carol Hupp
 Nov 11 - Mary Jane Fuchs

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 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

OCTOBER 22

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Charlie Golitko
 Larry Goebel
 Ed Goebel
 LECTOR Dale Brockamp
 USHERS Ed Voorhees
 Linda Voorhees
 Mark Langen
 SERVERS Macie Ferrill
 Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR OCTOBER 7/8

St. Mary: \$950

St. Raymond: \$2,938

St. Maurice: \$1,336

OUR PRAYER CORNER

Abby Sinnard, Janet Locander, Steve Mundhenke,
 Margaret Jenkins, 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

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.

"Support your priests with your love and prayers that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart."

- Pope Francis

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.

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.

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

Indulgences? My soul is 100% clean? Seems made up

Indulgences are a great treasure of the Church that too few take advantage of. But, you may be confused on how they work, what you have to do, what's the point of doing them, and where you can find out what indulgences are available. Fr. Chris House answers all things indulgences! Go to dio.org/podcast or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

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 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.



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 18, 2023

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Many activities, anxieties, and uncertainties fill our lives. That's why it is necessary to make time to spend with the Lord Jesus who is the Prince of Peace. Through the certainty of his presence in our lives, he provides the certitude of faith, calms our anxieties, and helps focus our activities toward his glory and honor.

On October 28th, I am inviting you to a historic event, a first for our diocese, a Eucharistic Congress at the BOS Center in Springfield. This an opportunity to spend a day reflecting on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This Eucharistic Congress promises to be a day filled with hope, faith, and love featuring spiritually uplifting and motivating talks from nationally popular Catholic speakers. Dr. Scott Hahn is a former minister of the Presbyterian Church, later converting to Catholicism, and is now a leading evangelist and popular author. Father Chase Hilgenbrinck has one of the more unique stories to the priesthood, walking away from a life of professional soccer, answering God's call to the priesthood. Father Denis Robinson is president-rector at St. Meinrad Seminary, one of the schools that educates our seminarians. Finally, Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, based in Alton, has given talks around the country and is known for her uplifting energy.

The Eucharistic Congress will also include a Catholic Marketplace where you will find unique Catholic products and experiences to enhance your engagement with the faith. Several motivating videos throughout the day will provide you hope, encouragement, and lift your soul. Praying with fellow Catholics from across our diocese during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession are also part of the day. A large family room for children will also be available.

We will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the diocesan See city from Alton to Springfield. You will see never before seen photos from the past and learn about our rich history. Finally, we will cap off the day with the source and summit of our faith, the holy Eucharist, during the celebration of Mass with an arena full of thousands of Catholics.

As you can tell, this historic Eucharistic Congress will be an exciting experience that will feed your soul and inspire you in a radical way. It is an opportunity you will likely never experience again. I invite you to join me, your parish priest, your fellow parishioners, and the people of our diocese on October 28th at the BOS Center in Springfield. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with Mass at 4 p.m.

To reserve your free admission, see the schedule of the day, get answers to frequently asked questions, and see who is coming to the Catholic Marketplace, go to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois' website, dio.org. That's D I O dot ORG. If you have further questions, contact the parish office. Come and deepen your trust in the peace that only Jesus can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois