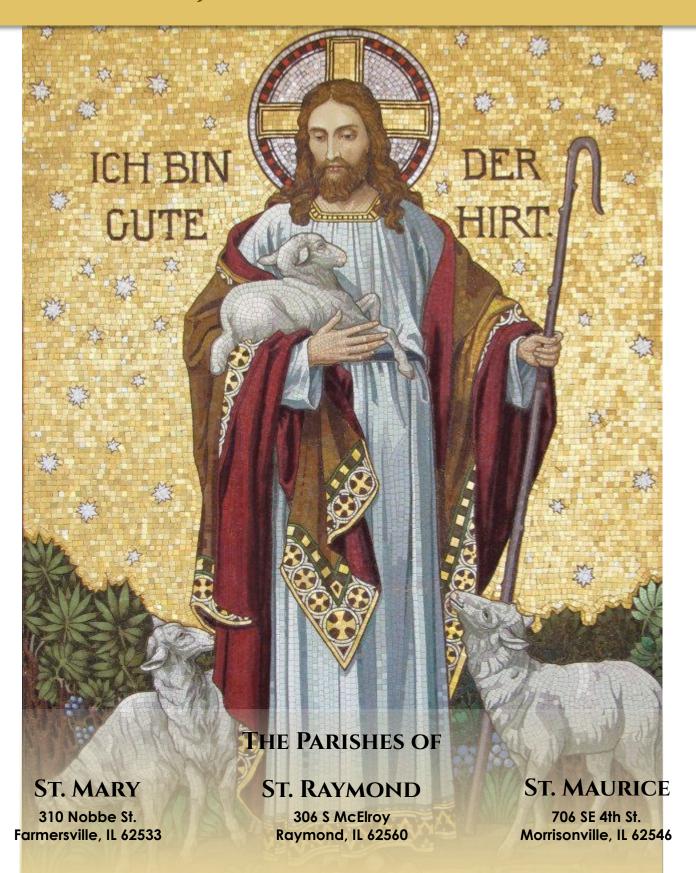
NOVEMBER 26, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

5:00 pm St. Mary: Margaret "Peggy" Keller

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Today's Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Chris Trummer 8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes 10:00 am St. Maurice: Howard & Rita Fishburn

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 am St. Mary: The End of Abortion

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 am St. Raymond: Robert & Mary Millburg

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 am St. Maurice: Beverly Weitekamp

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Hopf & Powley Families

10:00 am St. Maurice: Rita Milburg

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS

3:00-3:30 pm St. Maurice 4:00-4:30 pm St. Mary

SUNDAYS

7:00-7:30 am St. Raymond

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 15, 6:00 pm at St. Maurice

ADORATION

ST. RAYMOND

8:30 am Wednesday - 8:00 am Thursday

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Wednesday

FATHER'S COLUMN

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

Some breeds of goats and sheep are not easily distinguishable from each other. Indeed goats look like sheep, and sheep look just like goats. And when it comes to Jesus, He himself is indistinguishable from those among us in need; Indeed, Jesus looks like the "least," and the "least" among us look like Jesus.

On the day of final judgment Jesus will distinguish between those faithful ones who have cared for him and those unfaithful ones who have not in their lifetime.

No one knows the day of final judgment, the day when Christ the King returns in all his glory, will occur. Yet we do know a day of judgment, which is every day.

Judgment is according to what we do or do not do, right now, here today, for the persons in our midst. Today, every day, Jesus is present in the human beings among us in need. Yes, judgment occurs right now, here, today.

That's why our choices and actions today are critical. At the same time, how comforting it is to know that the judgment upon our choices and actions today is not a final one. We must reflect on our daily words and actions and judge for ourselves whether we are being faithful or unfaithful. If we find ourselves unfaithful, we must choose to change. When we judge ourselves rightly, then we do not need to fear Jesus' final judgment. He will count us among his faithful ones and invite us to share his eternal glory.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

Is the Eucharist a preparation for Heaven?

Yes, it is a preparation and a foretaste of Heaven. Those who receive the Eucharist receive the assurance of eternal life, as the Church calls Holy Communion "the medicine of immortality." Through worthy reception of Holy Communion, we receive the grace we need to reach Heaven, of which the Mass is already a foretaste. We also receive the promise that our bodies will be resurrected on the last day. St. Pius X said: "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven... The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist." In the Eucharist, Jesus enters into our soul and brings heavenly delights to us.

Are heavenly persons present at Mass?

Jesus is present in the Mass in various and special ways. The Three Persons of God – the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit – are present and active in bestowing grace as we address them in the prayers of the Mass.

There are also other heavenly persons present at Mass; those of the Communion of Saints and the Angels. The Blessed Virgin Mary is present interceding for the Church, and countless thousands of Angels praising God, together with your Guardian Angel who is interceding for you.

At every Mass, the church is also filled with many Saints of Heaven, both known and unknown, who come to glorify God with the Church on earth.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

St. Raymond

ST. MAURICE

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, November 25: Mary Ann Rimini & Glenn Rovev

Saturday, December 2: Patty Clarke

& Mary Ann Rimini

Thursday, December 7 - Holy Day Eve 5:30 pm:

Mary Jane Schmid & Patty Clarke

Saturday, December 9: Glenn Rovey

& Mary Jane Schmidt

LECTORS

Saturday, November 25: Dan Martin

Saturday, December 2:

Kathy Rovey

Thursday, December 7 -

Holy Day Eve 5:30 pm: Carol Hupp

Saturday, December 9:

Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, December 16: Tony Krager

DECEMBER

LECTOR Tricia Pinkston
CANTOR Chris Mizera
HOSPITALITY Carl Walch

EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS

Carl & Marlene Marten

SERVERS:

Sun, Dec 3 - Denny Held

Fri, Dec 8 - TBD

Sun, Dec 10 - Dan Held

Sun, Dec 17 - Avery & Luke Pope Sun, Dec 24 - Morgan Hampton

Sun, Dec 24 Christmas Eve -

Avery & Luke Pope

Mon, Dec 25 Christmas Day -

TBD

Sun, Dec 31 - Denny Held

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Dec 3 - Mary & Julie Krager

Dec 10 - Dick Lyons

Dec 17 - Carl Marten

Dec 24 - Noller/Morehouse

Dec 31 - Dick Lyons

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Charlie Golitko Gerry Goebel Larry Goebel

LECTOR Pat Wolf USHERS Pat Wolf

Glenna Wolf Mark Langen

SERVERS

Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Marietta Dunkirk
Dale Brockamp
Catherine O'Connell
LECTOR Larry Goebel
USHERS Brian Grundy
Suzanne Grundy
Mark Langen

SERVERS Macie Ferrill

Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 - HOLY DAY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SERVERS

Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER 18/19

St. Mary: \$2,282 St. Raymond: \$1,503 St. Maurice: \$3,770

OUR PRAYER CORNER

Lenora Brown, Cheryl Noller, Shirley Mizera, Wayne & Margaret Angle, Greg Weitekamp, Ed Weitekamp, Abby Sinnard, Janet Locander, Steve Mundhenke, Margaret Jenkins, Bernard Jenkins, Brant Weitekamp, Vickie Norris, Chuck Sale, Martha Reed, Ron Cole, Billy Dean Murphy, Rosanne Olinger, Callie Jones

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

St. Raymond CCW Sponsoring Thanksgiving Foodless Bakesale

Proceeds will benefit the Panhandle Food Pantry.
Envelopes will be passed out as well as in the back of church and need to be returned by November 26 by placing them in the offering basket.

St. Raymond's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3 5:30 pm in the K of C Hall. Reservations forms will be passed out and must be received by Sunday, <u>November 26</u> or by calling Missy Dean at 217-556-2439

St. Raymond Christmas Choir

Practice will start the first Monday after Thanksgiving, November 27, at 6:30 in St. Raymond's church.

All practice dates are as follows: November 27, December 4, 11, &17

St. Mary Christmas Choir

Practice will start Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30pm in St. Mary's church.

All practice dates are as follows: December 6, 13, & 20

St. Maurice Adoration Volunteers Needed

Come join our ministry as a regular Adorer or as a substitute Adorer. We currently have one hour available from Noon - 1:00 Contact Patti (217) 825-9811

Family of Faith: Fall Sacraments

The Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Tuesday, November 28.

Adult Faith Formation: What We Believe

Session 3: God the Father, Creation, and the Fall

Each Tuesdays with 2 options for location/time:

- 10:00 am in Farmersville at the K of C hall
- 6:30 pm in Raymond at the K of C hall

The evening class in Raymond will meet as regularly scheduled with a substitute leader since Father will be unable to make it.

If you did not register for a workbook but would like to come, you are welcome to join us any week.

St. Raymond Participates in Angel Tree Program

In conjunction with other local churches, this program works to brighten the Christmases of underprivileged Panhandle children ages 2 to 12.

Cards with each child's info will be handed out on November 19. Each gift should be wrapped (please do not use gift bags) with the card taped on the outside and returned no later than Sunday, December 10.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity towards this beautiful program! Questions? Contact Judie at 217-836-7136

Watch the talks from the Eucharistic Congress speakers

Now you can watch the inspiring, funny, thought provoking, and uplifting talks from the congress. Go to <u>dio.org/catholictimes</u> and click on videos. While you're there, you can check out a recap video of the historic day and watch the Mass. Note, Dr. Scott Hahn's talk is not able to be published due to contract stipulations.

#iGIVECA HOLIC Giving Tuesday

Support the Missions

Donations can also be sent to the Office for the Missions, 1615 W. Washington St, Springfield IL 62702



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