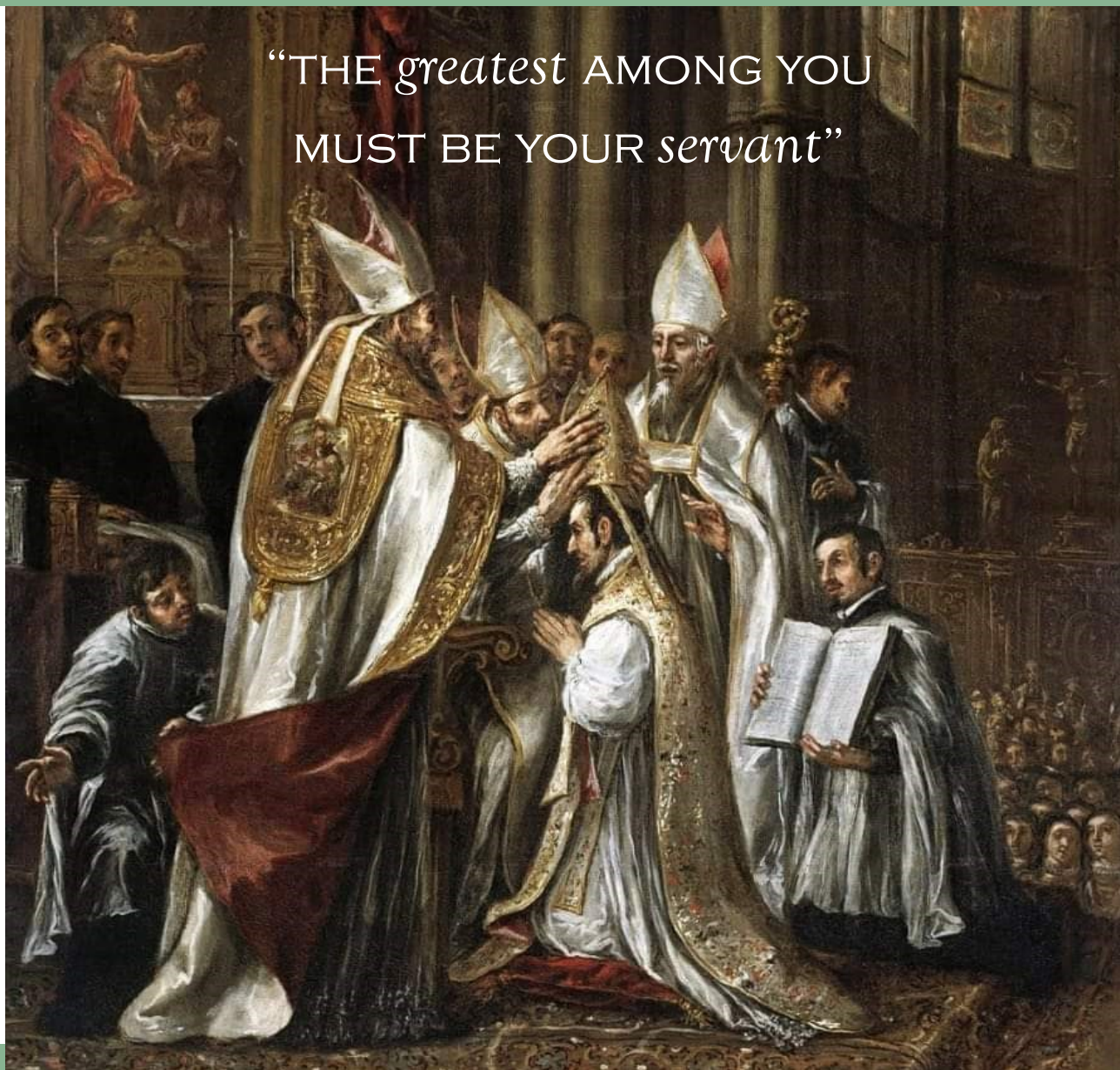


NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“THE *greatest* AMONG YOU  
MUST BE YOUR *servant*”



## THE PARISHES OF

### ST. MARY

310 Nobbe St.  
Farmersville, IL 62533

### ST. RAYMOND

306 S McElroy  
Raymond, IL 62560

### ST. MAURICE

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

5:00 pm St. Mary: Bill & Kathryn Murphy

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 am St. Raymond: Wanda Miller

10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 am St. Mary: Robert Seelbach

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marge Held

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 am St. Maurice: Marge Held

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 am St. Raymond: Carl & Marlene Marten on  
their 35th wedding anniversary

10:00 am St. Maurice: Tootie Fleigle and  
Barbara "babe" Todt

## 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

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once said that there was only one specific request Jesus ever asked of His Apostles, "Could you not watch one hour with me?"

## FATHER'S COLUMN

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Who does not like honors, titles, prestige, privileges, or perks? In themselves, these things are neutral. If they are the very ends in themselves, however, they become stumbling blocks to personal integrity, to healthy relationships, and humble service of others. No wonder Jesus chastises the scribes and Pharisees in this Gospel!

The scribes and the Pharisees" loved "places of honor at banquets" and "seats of honor in synagogues" more than they loved the "chair of Moses" that had actually been given to them. The "chair of Moses" belonged to those in charge of teaching the law of God and the ways of the covenant. These scribes and Pharisees actually abandoned the "chair of Moses" even while they clung to its power and prestige. Unlike Moses and unlike Jesus, they refused the humble service to which their position called them. They refused to be true teachers of the people. They refused to be true servants of God.

Jesus himself had many titles: Christ, Messiah, Rabbi, Master, prophet. But he did not treat any of these as ends in themselves, but always as ways of leading others to the exalted Life given him by the Father. He is, indeed, the true Teacher and Master.

When we listen to Jesus and follow him faithfully, we become like him in our humble service and our fidelity to the will of God. In this we truly reveal who Jesus is and who we are in him.

## YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

### How do the faithful make final preparations before receiving the Eucharist?

The faithful must say with ardent faith the words of the Roman Centurion to Jesus: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; only say the Word and [my soul will] be healed." (Mt 8:8)

### Who may receive Holy Communion?

The persons who may receive Holy Communion are those who are baptized and in full communion with the Catholic Church; who have received their First Holy Communion and are in the state of grace. They must not have eaten for at least an hour before receiving Holy Communion (including chewing gum, coffee, tea, soda, and candy; but not including medicine and water). It has become customary in some places for those not receiving Communion to come forward while crossing their arms as they approach the minister of Communion, so as to receive a blessing instead of the Eucharist. If a person is conscious of having committed a mortal sin, he must go to Confession before receiving Communion.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Nov 4 - Patty Clarke  
& Mary Ann Rimini  
Nov 11 - Mary Jane Schmid  
& Patty Clarke  
Nov 18 - Glenn Rovey  
& Mary Jane Schmidt  
Nov 25 - Mary Ann Rimini  
& Glenn Rovey

#### LECTORS

Nov 4 - Carol Hupp  
Nov 11 - Mary Jane Fuchs  
Nov 18 - Tony Krager  
Nov 25 - Dan Martin  
Dec 2 - Kathy Rovey

### ST. RAYMOND

#### NOVEMBER

LECTOR Neil Wagahoff  
CANTOR Tim Mizera  
HOSPITALITY Gabe Pope  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Dianne Hampton  
Larry Weitekamp

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
Nov 5 - Mary & Julie Krager  
Nov 12 - Dick Lyons  
Nov 19 - Carl Marten  
Nov 26 - Noller/Morehouse  
SERVERS:  
Nov 1 - Avery Pope  
Nov 5 - Denny Held  
Nov 12 - Dan Held  
Nov 19 - Avery & Luke Pope  
Nov 26 - Morgan Hampton

### ST. MAURICE

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Larry Goebel  
Dale Brockamp  
Catherine O'Connell  
LECTOR ..... Dereke Dunkirk  
USHERS ..... Pat Wolf  
Glenna Wolf  
Mark Langen  
SERVERS ..... Macie Ferrill  
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Ed Goebel  
John Bergschneider  
Dale Brockamp  
LECTOR ..... Gerry Goebel  
USHERS ..... Pat Wolf  
Glenna Wolf  
Mark Langen  
SERVER  
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR OCTOBER 29

St. Mary: No Mass on Oct. 28

St. Raymond: \$2,656

St. Maurice: \$2,678

## OUR PRAYER CORNER

Shirley Mizera , Wayne & Margaret Angle, Greg Weitekamp, Ed weitekamp, 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, Gary McKinnie

To add a name to the prayer list, please email Kateri at [kmarten@stmr.org](mailto:kmarten@stmr.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.

## Scam alert for our parishes!

You may have heard about the incident this week where some of our parishioners received scam texts impersonating Fr. Florent requesting gift cards. As a reminder, Fr. Florent will never contact you asking for money or gift cards and any such text should be ignored.

There is no common link we can find between the people who received the texts, so we're not sure how these numbers were obtained in a way that ties them to our parishes. We know that our email/text communication system and the website was not the source, and Kateri has been in contact with the diocese to see if they have any ideas.

Please remain vigilant and always verify with a phone call if something seems off!

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### 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

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### Family of Faith

Our First class will be Wednesday, November 8 at the Morrisonville Fuller Street Building.

Sacraments for this fall are scheduled at the Cathedral on Tuesday, November 28.

For more info contact Father or Kateri.

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### St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

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### Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

3rd Sunday of the Month  
November 19, 7:30 am to Noon  
at the Farmersville K of C Hall

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### SAVE THE DATE:

#### St. Raymond's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3  
5:30 pm at the KC Hall.

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### Turkey Bazaar This Weekend

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).

Hope to see you there!

For questions, contact Kendra at 217-899-8741 or 217-526-3458.

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### Adult Faith Formation: What We Believe

First class is this Tuesday, November 7

We will meet 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

You are welcome to join us at whichever is most convenient for you.

If you didn't sign up but would like to come see if this study might be for you, we'd love for you to drop in! If you then decide to join us for the whole study, we can always order another participant kit.

Contact Kateri at [kmarten@stmr.org](mailto:kmarten@stmr.org)

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### Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Loving Arms Pregnancy Center

There was an error in last weekend's bulletin and the donation totals for each parish will be counted this week and appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you in advance to everyone who participated in this beautiful, life affirming cause!



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### St. Louis Church & School Winter Wonderland

Sunday, November 19, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Concession Stand, Hot Chocolate Bar, Sweet Shoppe, Crafts, Santa Photos, Raffles, Prizes and More!

Come join in the fun at the St. Louis Parish Center!