



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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ST. RAYMOND

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00 pm St. Mary: Margaret Keller

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 am St. Raymond: Catherine Edmiston White
10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

- CHRISTMAS -

Please remember that you are obligated to go to both a Sunday (or Saturday night) Mass and a Christmas (or Eve) Mass since both are holy days. Going to just a Christmas eve Mass for both does not fill your obligation.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm St. Mary: Fr. Florent Kanga
4:00 pm St. Maurice: Linus & Marie Grundy
(Fr. John Hannigan will celebrate Mass at St. Maurice)
6:30 pm St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am St. Raymond: Thomas Marten

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 am St. Mary: Deceased Members of the Stieren & Aheren Families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Poor Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 am St. Maurice: Richard Luczak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marge Held
10:00 am St. Maurice: Merle Ree Millburg

- SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD -

This is one of 3 holy days that, if it falls on a Saturday or Monday (as it does this year), then the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. Thus this is not a holy day of obligation.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am St. Raymond: Bernie Leitschuh

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

There will be no Adoration on December 27/28

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Wednesday

There will be no Adoration on December 27

FATHER'S COLUMN

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

Very early on Christmas morning, little children run to the Christmas tree and see all those pretty wrapped gifts piled under and around it. And it doesn't take long, however, for that beautiful, neat, orderly Christmas scene to become a jumbled mess of torn paper, discarded ribbons of all colors, and many empty boxes. The hidden and anticipated gifts are now revealed, to the children's delight.

We celebrate on this great feast Christmas that the hidden and anticipated gift of salvation is revealed to us in the Word made flesh come to dwell among us. This revelation requires of us an encounter and a response.

We unwrap God's gift of salvation in the child of the manger, and are delighted with God's offer of peace, life, well-being, wholeness, union with God. We take up a new way of living and being in this messy world.

Just as the children toss away the paper, the ribbons and boxes, we, too, must discard whatever is in the way of our receiving Emmanuel, God's gift of salvation. We must discard, for example, the vice of self-satisfaction, the lure of self-promotion, the complacency of self-righteousness, so that we may discover anew each day God's continued Presence and love.

May we be amazed at the Father's love for his children in the gift of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Christmas is a feast day of gift, discovery, surprise, encounter, and promise.

Merry Christmas!



MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, December 23:
 Patty Clarke
 & Mary Ann Rimini
 Sunday, December 24 -
 Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm:
 Mary Jane Schmidt
 & Patty Clarke
 Saturday, December 30:
 Glenn Rovey
 & Mary Jane Schmidt
 Saturday, January 6:
 Mary Ann Rimini
 & Glenn Rovey

LECTORS

Saturday, December 23:
 Dan Martin
 Sunday, December 24 -
 Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm:
 Kathy Rovey
 Saturday, December 30:
 Carol Hupp
 Saturday, January 6:
 Mary Jane Fuchs
 Saturday, January 13:
 Tony Krager

ST. RAYMOND

DECEMBER

LECTOR Tricia Pinkston
 CANTOR Chris Mizera
 HOSPITALITY Carl Walch
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Carl & Marlene Marten
 SERVERS:
 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 24 - Noller/Morehouse
 Dec 31 - Dick Lyons

JANUARY

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet
 CANTOR Deb Held
 HOSPITALITY Phil Borgic
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Tricia Pinkston
 Neil Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
 Jan 7 - Mary & Julie Krager
 Jan 14 - Dick Lyons
 Jan 21 - Carl Marten
 Jan 28 - Noller/Morehouse

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Dale Brockamp
 Larry Goebel
 Ed Goebel
 USHERS Brian Grundy
 Suzanne Grundy
 Mark Langen
 SERVER
 Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

LECTOR Ed Goebel
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Catherine O'Connell
 Marietta Dunkirk
 John Bergschneider
 USHERS Brian Grundy
 Suzanne Grundy
 Mark Langen
 SERVERS Macie Ferrill
 Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk
 Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Charlie Golitko
 Gerry Goebel
 Dale Brockamp
 USHERS Pat Wolf
 Glenna Wolf
 Mark Langen
 SERVERS
 Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

OUR PRAYER CORNER

Mary Zueck, Pam Bates, Martha Beeler, Ramona Grundy,
 Wyatt Spurgeon, Jim Renner, Drake Lucas, 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, Callie Jones

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

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 16/17

St. Mary: \$6,715

St. Raymond: \$2,012

St. Maurice: \$2,160

St. Raymond Christmas Eve Choir

Will begin singing at 6:00 pm ahead of the 6:30 pm Christmas eve Mass.

It's a Birthday Party!

Please help us celebrate Virginia Murphy's 100 birthday with a card shower and open house on Saturday, January 6 from 2 to 4 pm at the Farmersville K of C hall. You are also invited to join us at the 5 pm Mass that evening at St. Mary.

St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

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

A Christmas Message from Fr. John Burnette

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the Gift of Jesus who brings us the fullness of God's life and love, we rejoice that He is still with us in the Eucharist, and through the good people in our lives. You are among the people who cause me to rejoice in the Gift of God's life and love. Thank you!

You are remembered in my daily prayers. Please pray for me. This year I will be spending my Christmas holidays with the Missionaries of Charity Sisters in Port au Prince, Haiti. You and your intentions will be included in my Christmas Mass. May many blessings be yours in this joyful season and in the Year of Our Lord, 2024.

Fr. John C. Burnette

Adult Faith Formation: What We Believe

Class is out on Christmas break.

We will resume with Session 6 on [Wednesday, January 3](#). Father will be out of town on Tuesday, January 2 so we will move the first class to Wednesday with times and location remaining the same. We will resume our regular Tuesday schedule the following week.

Family of Faith

January 17 | February 21 | March 20 | April 17 | May 15

6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

What should I do after receiving Holy Communion?

After receiving Holy Communion, you should spend time with Jesus in personal and intimate prayer in sacred silence. You may join in the Communion song to express the joy of your heart and communal thanksgiving. If there is no song, the antiphon may be said or sung. With the local customs as a guide, you may sit or kneel after Communion. What is most important is the expressing of gratitude and adoration of the Lord Whom you have just received. It is even recommended that the faithful stay in the church after Mass to pray for a suitable time in thanksgiving before going home. A beautiful prayer to say to the Lord during this time is:

"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine."

After Communion, why are the remaining Hosts placed in the Tabernacle?

From the beginning of the Church, the Eucharist has been reserved in the form of the Hosts in churches. One reason is so that Holy Communion may be taken to the sick after Mass. Jesus cares for the sick and the dying, and so the Church sees to their needs in bringing Christ to them in the Eucharist. When someone is dying, there is no better remedy and gift of grace than to give them their last Eucharist, called viaticum (Food for the journey into Eternal Life). If you know someone who is sick or dying, you can call the parish or priest at any hour to come and give Holy Communion to that person.

Can I come and visit the Lord in the Tabernacle?

The second reason Christ is present in the Tabernacle outside of Mass is for the purpose of being with us continually in His Real Presence for Eucharistic Adoration. We should make regular visits to be with Christ in the Eucharist outside of Mass when possible. He is waiting for us, longing to see us, talk with us, and help us. St. Maria Goretti says: "He loves, He hopes, He waits" for us everyday and every moment in the Tabernacle or in Exposition in every Catholic church.