



Feast of St. Mary (The Assumption)
August 15



Feast of St. Raymond Nonnatus
August 31



Feast of St. Maurice
September 22

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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Morrisonville, IL 62546

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End of Monday
Parish Website:
stmr.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting
and Investigation: (217) 321-1155

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00 pm St. Mary: Mildred Murphy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Mary Eileen Weitekamp

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 am St. Mary: Patrick "Patty" Whalen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 am St. Raymond: Donna Lemon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 am St. Maurice: Joe Pete Lush

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 am St. Raymond: Joseph Mizera

10:00 am St. Maurice: John Langen

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

John the Baptist was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

What kind of people immediately attract us? The Pretty? Energetic? Intellectuals? Humorous? Honest? Trustworthy? Self-possessed? Humble? Wealthy? Powerful?

What happens to our attraction as we get to know a person on a deeper level? Sometimes the attraction fades. At other times the attraction develops into an enduring bond.

The two disciples in the Gospel of this Sunday were so attracted to Jesus that they immediately followed him.

What did they see in Jesus? When John the Baptist points out Jesus to his two disciples, they call Jesus "Rabbi." They saw in Jesus knowledge, they saw wisdom, they saw authority.

What they did not yet see is that Jesus was the "Lamb of God" who would sacrifice his own life for our salvation. Nor did they see that this sacrifice would also be asked of them as his followers.

Our own journey of discipleship is a process of coming to know Jesus more fully, being more attracted to him, following him more faithfully even when the cost is expensive.

What might that cost look like? We might have to walk away from the dispenser-machine at work to avoid gossip... We might lose some of our friends when we speak for justice... We might be shunned by a social group when we live out our Gospel values. In all these ways we unite ourselves more fully with the total self-giving of Jesus and grow in faithful discipleship.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION

What is the most precious treasure of the Catholic Church?

The most precious treasure is the Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is the greatest pledge of Christ's immense love for us and His continued Presence with us until the end of time. It is "the source and summit of the whole Christian life" (Vatican II).

The Eucharist is Jesus Christ now on earth no less than He is now in Heaven, and no less truly than He was on earth in the first century Holy Land, now under the appearance of bread and wine.

What is Mary's role in relation to the Eucharist?

The Church calls Mary the Mother of the Eucharist. Because she gave to her Son, Jesus, His Flesh and Blood from her own body. That's why Saint Augustine said that, in the Eucharist, "the flesh of Jesus is the flesh of Mary."

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 13:
Patty Clarke
& Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, January 20:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, January 27:
Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, February 3:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey

LECTORS

Saturday, January 13:
Tony Krager

Saturday, January 20:
Dan Martin

Saturday, January 27:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, February 3:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, February 10:
Mary Jane Fuchs

ST. RAYMOND

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

SERVERS:

Sun, Jan 7 - Dan Held
Sun, Jan 14 - Morgan Hampton
Sun, Jan 21 - Avery & Luke Pope
Sun, Jan 28 - Denny Held

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

LECTOR Gerry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Dale Brockamp
Larry Goebel
Ed Goebel

USHERS Larry Goebel
Karen Goebel
Mark Langen

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

LECTOR Pat Wolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
John Bergschneider
Gerry Goebel
Marietta Dunkirk

USHERS Larry Goebel
Karen Goebel
Mark Langen
Glenna Wolf
Mark Langen

SERVERS
Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR JANUARY 6/7

St. Mary: \$2,442

St. Raymond: \$2,605

St. Maurice: \$1,230

OUR PRAYER LIST

Martha Kay Reed, Chuck Sale, Pam Bates, Paul Held, Donna Lemon, Randy Prange, Martha Beeler, Ramona Grundy, Wyatt Spurgeon, Jim Renner, Drake Lucas, Lenora Brown, Cheryl Noller, Shirley Mizera, Wayne & Margaret Angle, Greg Weitekamp, Ed Weitekamp, Callie Jones

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

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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Raymond K of C Chicken Dinner

☘ We are still on for today! ☘

January 14, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.
Drive-thru only.

\$15 meal includes: half a fried chicken, mashed potatoes with white gravy, corn, dinner roll, and choice of white or chocolate cake.

Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

January 21, 7:30 am to Noon
at the Farmersville K of C Hall

St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

Family of Faith Class Dates

January 17 | February 21 | March 20 | April 17 | May 15
6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

Adult Faith Formation: What We Believe

Session 8 : Union with God: The Life of Prayer

In this session we will explore Prayer, both in our personal lives and in the life of the Church.

Each Tuesday 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

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

A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean through supporting diocesan pastoral catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The collection even helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford, which would leave them unable to minister effectively to the faithful.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the Diocese of Guantanamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living there. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantanamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January 27/28, 2024. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The #iGiveCatholicTogether (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-latin-america) website also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois