

JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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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End of Monday

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stmr.org

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and Investigation: (217) 321-1155

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 am St. Raymond: Shirlen Rosenthal

10:00 am St. Maurice: Richard & Lou Norris

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 am St. Mary: Dan Murphy

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 am St. Raymond: Fr. Florent Kanga

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00 am St. Maurice: Janice Sloan

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

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

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

After hearing the Gospel of this feast, we can easily get distracted by focusing on the star and the "three kings." Over the years, much has been said and written about what the star actually was; some thought it was a comet, others that it was two planets just crossing their paths... And again, who the Magi really were? Were they three? Were they truly kings? What Saint Matthew is actually concerned with, however, is something more significant: the universality of salvation. Jesus came for the Salvation of humankind.

God offers salvation to all people, Israelites and gentiles (Magi) alike. Moreover, God offers salvation through every possible means: the little town of Bethlehem, the machinations of an evil king...

In order for us to find the newborn King (which is actually, a description of our journey to salvation), we must not only be persevering in our search but also be open to surprising ways in which God reveals salvation to us.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is when God comes to us in old places and familiar faces, such as through the people we know all too well: members of our immediate family, next-door neighbors, even our enemies. Here is where we might encounter the newborn King today. To do so however, we must set aside prejudices and biases which could keep our eyes from seeing God's self-revelation in unexpected persons and places.

EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTIONS

How does Mass end?

Just as Mass began with certain prayers, so it ends in a similar fashion. The priest gives a final blessing and dismisses (missa) the assembly. Sometimes, a few brief announcements precede the priest's prayers at this time. Then, priest says: "Go in peace." And we respond: "Thanks be to God." The priest kisses the altar, as when he began Mass, and he leaves with the others, as in the entrance procession, usually accompanied by a song. All give thanks and praise to God!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 6:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey
Saturday, January 13:
Patty Clarke
& Mary Ann Rimini
Saturday, January 20:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke
Saturday, January 27:
Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt

LECTORS

Saturday, January 6:
Mary Jane Fuchs
Saturday, January 13:
Tony Krager
Saturday, January 20:
Dan Martin
Saturday, January 27:
Kathy Rovey
Saturday, February 3:
Carol Hupp

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

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

LECTOR Dereke Dunkirk
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
Marietta Dunkirk
John Bergschneider
USHERS Larry Goebel
Karen Goebel
Mark Langen
SERVERS Macie Ferrill
and Gentry Dunkirk

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

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 30/31

St. Mary: \$640

St. Raymond: \$3,729

St. Maurice: \$5,403

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.

Raymond K of C Chicken Dinner

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

3rd Sunday of the Month
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

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

Rosary Repair

If anyone has a rosary in need of repairs, please contact Jim Sale at 217-229-3485.

Winter Weather Mass Notice

If school is canceled due to bad weather, weekday mass will also be canceled.

Email Bulletin

If you would like to receive our weekly email bulletin, please let Kateri know at kmarten@stmrm.org

Taking Down Christmas Decorations at Our Churches

Please stay after Today's Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord to help take down Christmas decorations.

Thank you to everyone that helped decorate your parish for the Christmas season. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Adult Faith Formation: What We Believe

Session 7 : The Sacramental Life

In this session we will explore the riches of the sacraments, what each of them is, and what they accomplish. We will better understand and appreciate how they are a chief means by which the Lord and giver of life sanctifies and transforms us as his sons and daughters, feeds us with heavenly manna, forgives our sins, heals our spiritual infirmities, and bears the graces of eternal life in our lives.

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
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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

Thank you from St. Raymond's CCW

Thank you to all that helped make our Thanksgiving Foodless Bake Sale such a success for the Panhandle Food Pantry. Because of your generosity, we were able to contribute \$1,695 to the Food Pantry for the Holiday Season.

Thank you Letter from the Angel Tree Program

"I wanted to send a great big thanks for your assistance with this years Angel Tree! The need in 2023 was greater than ever, and I have a terrible time turning away kids when I know Kate Wagahoff at the school has identified a need. For 2023, we served 39 households. That totaled 95 students. Each received 6 gifts, so $95 \times 6 = 570$ gifts given throughout the Panhandle district (in 2022 we only had 62 students). Please share a huge thank you to everyone that helped fill the need."

- Darrin Daugherty