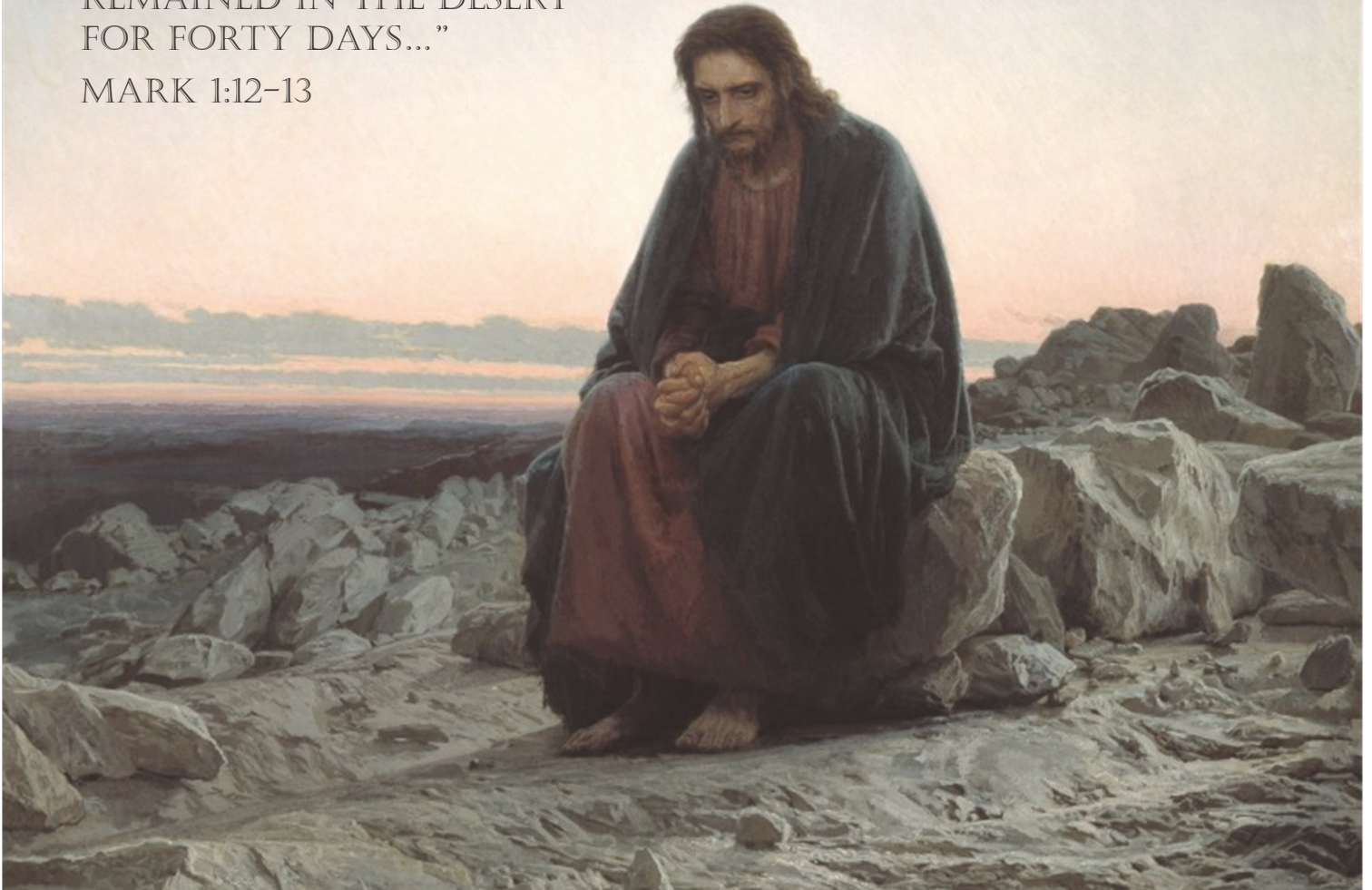


FEBRUARY 18, 2024 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

“THE SPIRIT DROVE JESUS OUT
INTO THE DESERT, AND HE
REMAINED IN THE DESERT
FOR FORTY DAYS...”

MARK 1:12-13



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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Bulletin Deadline:
End of Monday

Parish Website:
stmrm.org

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:00 pm St. Mary: Bea Leonard Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Patrick "Patty" Whalen

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 am St. Mary: Harold Murphy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am St. Raymond: St. Raymond's Priests,
Living and Deceased

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 am St. Maurice: Beverly Weitekamp

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 am St. Raymond: Monica Tucker

10:00 am St. Maurice: Dennis White and
Merle Ree Millburg

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 5:00 PM

Rotating between our Parishes

February 23 St. Mary
March 1 St. Maurice
March 8 St. Raymond
March 15 St. Mary
March 22 St. Maurice

STATIONS BEFORE MASS EACH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:30 pm St. Mary (Starting February 24)
7:25 am St. Raymond
9:35 am St. Maurice

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

WINTER WEATHER MASS NOTICE

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

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Isn't it strange that we live in a society that focuses so much on the external self (what we wear, what we look like, what we possess...), but too often ignores the depths of who we are (our values, who and how we love, our behavior toward others)? The season of Lent offers us the opportunity to do the necessary self-reflection to come into touch with the depths of our unique God-given identity.

With Jesus, we enter the Lenten desert to discern who we are called to be. We identify what tempts us to avoid growing in the gift of our God-given identity as baptized members of the Body of Christ. We emerge renewed in our ability to "believe in the Gospel" and proclaim this Good News by the quality of our daily living.

The Gospels of these six Sundays of Lent will invite us to deepen our identity with Christ and our baptismal call to enter into his saving life and mission. The Gospels will remind us over and over again that this call demands the discipline of dying to self that the world may be raised to new life.

LENTEN SEASON REFLECTION

What biblical event does the time of Lent represent?

- The punishment from God proclaimed by Jonas in Ninive, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" (Jonah 3:1-10)
- The Forty days and nights God made rain fall and destroy the earth while Noah and family were in the arch, along with animals. (Genesis 7:1-24)
- The forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18)
- The forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)
- Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-2, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-2)

[Answer and explanation in the next issue]

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 17:
Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt
Saturday, February 24:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey
Saturday, March 2:
Patty Clarke
& Mary Ann Rimini
Saturday, March 9:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

LECTORS

Saturday, February 17:
Dan Martin
Saturday, February 24:
Kathy Rovey
Saturday, March 2:
Carol Hupp
Saturday, March 9:
Mary Jane Fuchs
Saturday, March 16:
Tony Krager

ST. RAYMOND

FEBRUARY

LECTOR Verne Pinkston
CANTOR Tim Mizera
HOSPITALITY Denny Held
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Tricia Pinkston
John Barto
HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Feb 4 - Mary & Julie Krager
Feb 11 - Dick Lyons
Feb 18 - Carl Marten
Feb 25 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:

Sun, Feb 4 - Dan Held
Sun, Feb 11 - Avery & Luke Pope
Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 -
Avery Pope
Sun, Feb 18 - Denny Held
Sun, Feb 25 - Morgan Hampton

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
Gerry Goebel
Dale Brockamp
USHERS Eric O'Brien
Becky O'Brien
Mark Langen
SERVERS
Macie Ferrill and Gentry Dunkirk

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Dale Brockamp
Ed Goebel
John Bergschneider
USHERS Eric O'Brien
Becky O'Brien
Mark Langen
SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY 10/11

St. Mary: \$952

St. Raymond: \$1,730

St. Maurice: \$1,205

OUR PRAYER LIST

Jim Weitekamp, Wayne Angle, Danny Fark, Tricia Fark, Jason Fark, Vickie Norris, Steve Mundhenke, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Brant Weitekamp, Martha Kay Reed, Chuck Sale, Pam Bates, Paul Held, Donna Lemon, Randy Prange, Martha Beeler, Ramona Grundy, Wyatt Spurgeon, Jim Renner, Drake Lucas, 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.

Farmersville K of C Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday, February 17
4:00 to 7:00 pm

Dine in or carry out

\$15 meal includes:
2 pork chops, baked potato,
green beans, and cake.

Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

3rd Sunday of the month
February 18, 7:30 am to Noon
at the Farmersville K of C Hall

Raymond K of C Weekly Lenten Fish Fry

Our HVAC system is in need of replacement before the summer cooling season, so we will be taking a special collection at the fish fries to help offset this cost. Our campaign goal is \$25,000. Any support is appreciated!

Dine In, Drive-Thru, or Carry Out
Every Friday, through March 22
Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Fried Fish, Potatoes Wedges, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Cake

\$13.00 or 2/\$25.00

Kids Pricing (Indoor Dining Only):
Age 10 and under \$7.00
Preschool Free

St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

St. Raymond Latin Music Resource

Having trouble learning the Latin mass music St. Raymond uses during Lent? Visit stmrm.org/latin for tutorial videos.

Family of Faith

3rd Wednesday of the month

February 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

Other class dates: March 20, April 17, May 15

Contribution Statements Available for St. Raymond and St. Mary

2023 contribution statements for these parishes are now available. If you would like yours mailed, please contact Kateri (kmarten@stmrm.org) or Marlene (mmarten@stmrm.org), or call the Raymond parish office at 217-229-4435.

Lenten Regulations

Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

ABSTINENCE - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

FAST - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Confession Is More Powerful Than An Exorcism

You've seen in the movies the extremeness of an exorcism. But, did you know, Confession is more powerful? Fr. Ambrose Criste, O.Praem., who has performed exorcisms, dives deep into the Rite of Exorcism, what he has experienced as an exorcist, why Confession is more powerful, and tips for how we can fend off evil.

Go to dio.org/podcast or [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

SDCCW Scholarship for Diocesan Catholic Female Seniors

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Scholarship Program is now open for application. Four \$2000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available in the vestibule of each of our churches and are due March 30.