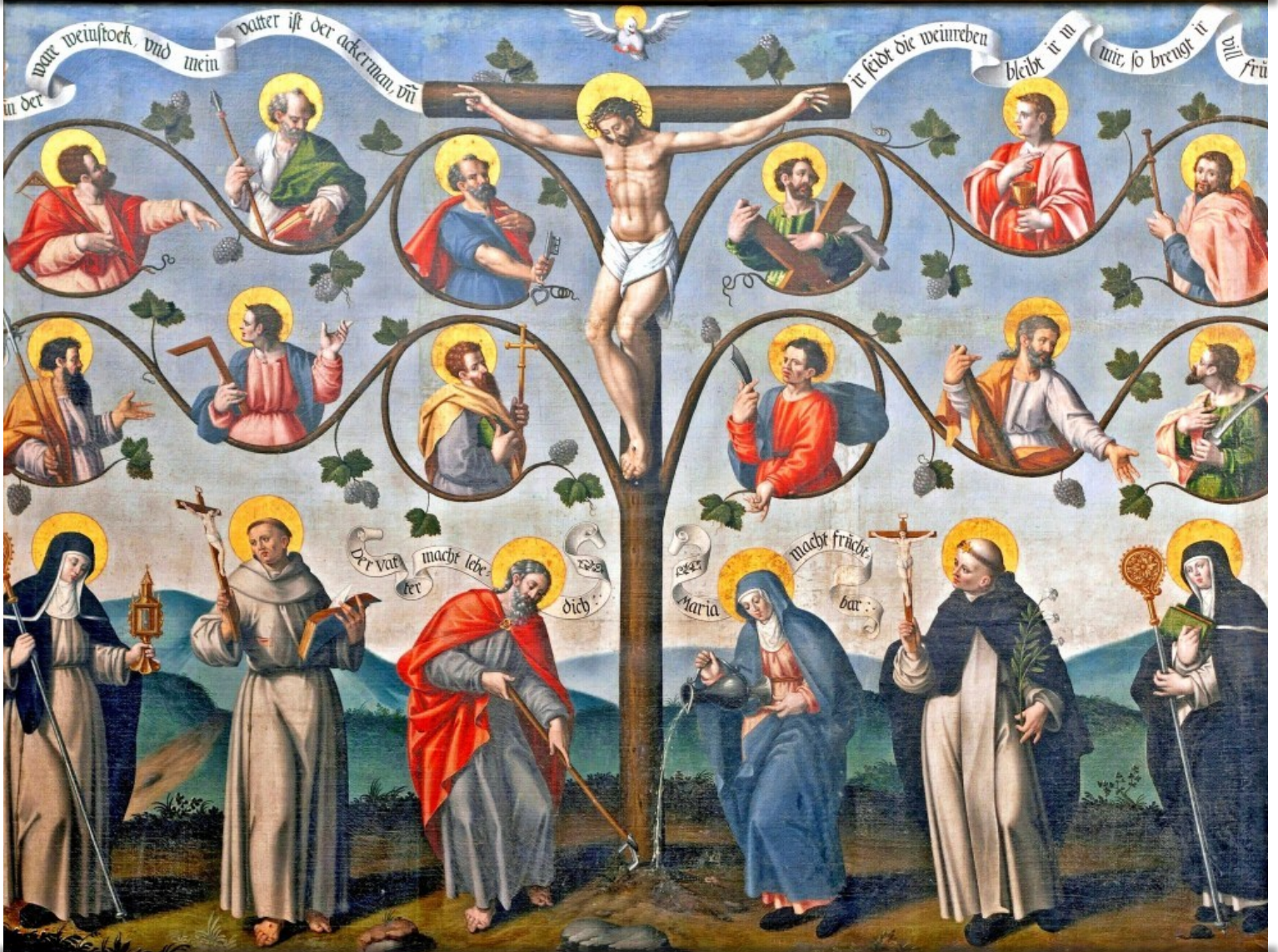


APRIL 28, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## THE PARISHES OF

### ST. MARY

310 Nobbe St.  
Farmersville, IL 62533

### ST. RAYMOND

306 S McElroy  
Raymond, IL 62560

### ST. MAURICE

706 SE 4th St.  
Morrisonville, IL 62546

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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, APRIL 27**

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

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marge Held  
10:00 am St. Maurice: Jereme Goebel  
and Natalie Goebel

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

8:00 am St. Mary: Dorothy Heaton

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

8:00 am St. Raymond: Joe Martin

### **FRIDAY, MAY 3**

8:00 am St. Maurice: Joyce Langen

### **SATURDAY, MAY 4**

5:00 pm St. Mary: Jeff Brown

### **SUNDAY, MAY 5**

8:00 am St. Raymond: David Powley  
10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of our Parishes

## 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

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

In Jesus' image of the vine and branches, we realize that we are connected to one another as Church, we belong to one another as family, we are branches of the same vine planted by the Father, the vine grower.

In Christ, we are sustained in God's grace throughout time and space; despite our different races and creeds, our nationalities and cultures, we are branches that draw life from this same root. On the night before he died (the setting of the Gospel of this Sunday), Jesus reminds his disciples of every generation that, in his love, we are "grafted" to one another in ways we do not completely realize or understand. As branches of Christ the Vine, we are part of something greater than ourselves, something that transforms us and goes beyond our fragile lives.

Our lives can become strangled by fear and self-satisfaction. The demands on our lives that render us unable to love can be the overgrowth of the branch that isolates us from others, and keeps us in isolation and loneliness. When this happens, we can be assured that the Father, the vine grower, will "prune" away the excess and the useless, the dysfunctional and the broken part of us in order that we might produce more fruit.

Our place at God's table in eternity, our worthiness to be called disciples of Christ is determined not by races, not by titles, not by our facility to talk about our beliefs, not by our self imagined greatness, but by our belief in Jesus our Risen Lord, and our remaining courageously in him. We are united to him as a branch to the vine in vital connection. As the branch is pruned to bear more fruit, so anyone who remains in Christ should expect to be "pruned" to bear more fruit as well.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, April 27:  
Mary Jane Schmidt  
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, May 4:  
Glenn Rovey  
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, May 11:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Glenn Rovey

Saturday, May 18:  
Patty Clarke  
Mary Ann Rimini

#### LECTORS

Saturday, April 27:  
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, May 4:  
Carol Hupp

Saturday, May 11:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, May 18:  
Tony Krager

Saturday, May 25:  
Dan Martin

### ST. RAYMOND

#### MAY

LECTOR Linda Hocking  
CANTOR Deb Held  
HOSPITALITY Carl Walch

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Verne Pinkston  
John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
May 5 - Mary & Julie Krager  
May 12 - Dick Lyons  
May 19 - Carl Marten  
May 26 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:  
Sun, May 5 - Dan Held  
Sun, May 12 - Denny Held  
Sun, May 19 - Avery & Luke Pope  
and Austin Nicol  
Sun, May 26 - Morgan Hampton

### ST. MAURICE

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

LECTOR ..... Catherine O'Connell  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Dale Brockamp  
Gerry Goebel  
Ed Goebel

USHERS ..... Dan Johnson  
Linda Johnson  
Bill O'Connell  
Mark Langen

SERVER  
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

#### SUNDAY, MAY 5

LECTOR ..... Dereke Dunkirk  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Catherine O'Connell  
Larry Goebel  
Dale Brockamp

USHERS ..... Cindy Folkerts  
Diane McWard-Sullivan  
Albert Emery  
Mark Langen

SERVER  
Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR APRIL 20/21

St. Mary: \$1,062

St. Raymond: \$1,438

St. Maurice: \$1,090

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Raymond Coateny, Brant Weitekamp, Lenora Brown, Trent Boston, Maddie Harris, Alra Mundhenke, Katie Stephenson, Maddie Le, Bernard Jenkins, Margaret Jenkins, Jim Renner, Wyatt Spurgeon, Rosanne Olinger, Drake Lucas, Debbie Lucas, Greg Weitekamp, Jim Weitekamp

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](mailto: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.

## St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

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## May Crowning of the Queen of the Mother Road

May 4, at Our Lady of the Highway shrine, located outside of Raymond at the Marten farm:

22353 W. Frontage Rd. (Old Rt. 66)

Starting at 11:00 am with the Rosary, followed by a picnic lunch.

Please bring your own sack lunch and lawn chair.

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## Family of Faith

3rd Wednesday of the month

May 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

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## Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

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

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## Caruso-Sperl Charitable Trust

The Caruso-Sperl Charitable Trust provides qualified financial assistance toward Catholic K-12 school tuition or for accredited Catholic home school curricula. To learn more about this trust, we encourage you to look under the Parish Life (Parochial School Education) tab at [www.sacredheartvirgen.com](http://www.sacredheartvirgen.com).

To request application materials, contact Larry James at 217-725-4473 or [larrita@royell.org](mailto:larrita@royell.org). Application materials processed from schools need to be postmarked by May 3, 2024.

## Volunteers Needed for St. Raymand Funeral Dinners

Ladies of St. Raymond, if you would be interested in helping out with our church funeral dinners, it would be appreciated! Extra hands are always welcome.

Please send your name and number to Julie Rosenthal at 217-259-3110

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## When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

Session 6: In the world, not of the world

Each Tuesday with 2 options for location/time:

- 10:00 am in Farmersville at the Rectory
- 6:30 pm in Raymond at the K of C hall

Anyone is welcome to join us any week, even if you did not register.

## FATHER'S Q & A

### Correct answers from the last issue:

Question 1: C. Set a guard and sealed the stone (Matthew 27:62-66)

Question 2: C. Before dawn on Sunday (John 20:1; Matt 28:1; Mark 16:1)

### This week's questions:

Question 1: In the Gospel of Matthew we read, "There was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone, and \_\_\_\_\_. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow" In what chapter and verse is the answer found?

- A. Sat on it
- B. Broke it
- C. Hid himself
- D. Departed

Question 2: In the Gospel of Matthew, the soldiers were terrified when they saw the angel, and they told the chief priests what happened. These priests schemed with the elders and came up with a plan. What did they do? In what chapter and verse is the answer found?

- A. Bribed the soldiers to lie.
- B. Told Pilate, the governor, that the soldiers were lying.
- C. Asked the governor to persuade the soldiers to not say anything.
- D. Nothing. Nobody would believe the soldiers anyway.