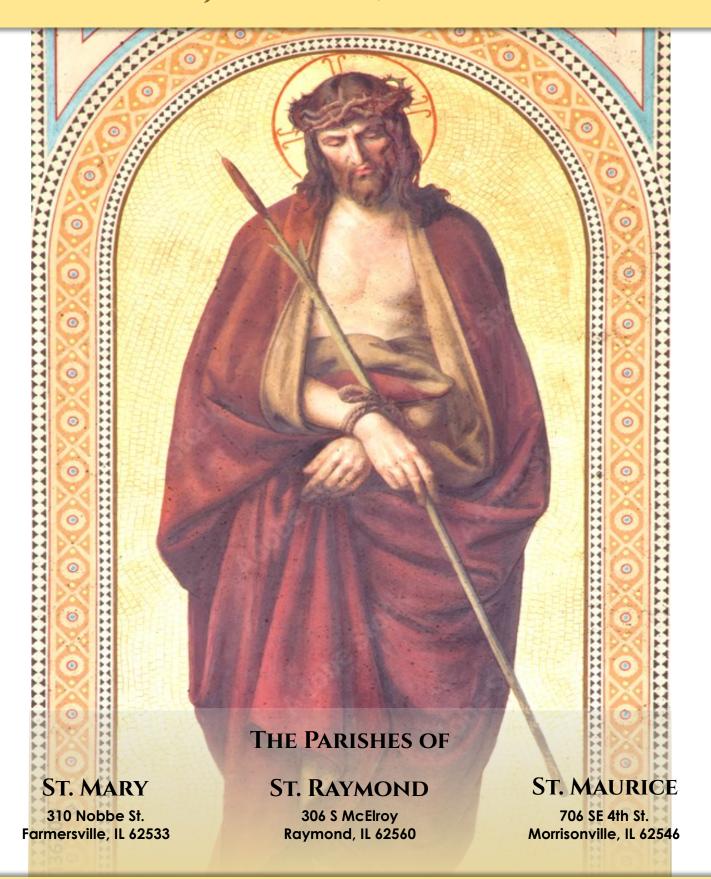
NOVEMBER 24, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marilyn Barto

10:00 am St. Maurice: Howard & Rita Fishburn

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 am St. Raymond: Sheila Masten

THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 am St. Mary: Karl Jordan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 am St. Maurice: Joe Brockamp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:00 pm St. Mary: The Linda Carter Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Rita Millburg

-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
Even though this falls on a Monday,
there is an obligation to attend Mass on this Holy Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 pm St. Mary: 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 There will be no Adoration on November 27 & 28

Adoration will be held in the main church while our chapel is having repair work done

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 9:00 pm Wednesday There will be no Adoration on November 27

FATHER'S COLUMN

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.

For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Realistically, we all live in both the world of Pilate and that of Jesus. We have one foot in the world of fighting, falsehood, and stubbornness and the other foot in the world of life, truth, and openness. We spend all our lives getting both feet into one world or the other. Which world do we choose?

Jesus is on trial before Pilate. The stakes are high: the verdict is life or death. Yet Jesus and Pilate seem to argue over words about worlds. Does Jesus look like a king? No. Does Jesus act like a king? No. Does Jesus say he is a king? Not really, even though he admits, "My kingdom does not belong to this world."

Born in poor surroundings, yet he was born "to testify to the truth." A King, indeed! Jesus "was born" and "came into the world" to establish his kingdom over the ruling forces of this earthly world. Jesus is our King: our model, our head. He embodies the fullest expression of what God intends for human beings: "testify to the truth," belong "to the truth," and listen and heed Jesus' voice.

The kingdom of Jesus is not found in the world's centers of power, as it is not of this world. It is built not by deals among the world's powerful economy, but by the calloused hands of faithful and generous souls. Christ's reign is not influenced by political or economic power but by compassion, humility, and justice. We who have been baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ are called to keep our eyes on that heavenly kingdom.

The kingship of Jesus is partially realized when we embrace a vision of humankind as a family made in the image of God, a vision of one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, a vision of the world centered in the hope and compassion taught by Christ.

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ this King, the Anointed One of God who comes to reveal the truth of God's love for all of us. In the Gospel, we realize the essential truth of life: that we are loved by the God who created us to a degree we cannot begin to fathom; that we are loved by a God who refuses to give up or reject or destroy his beloved creation, a creation that has hardly lived up to its promise; that we are loved by a God who humbles himself to become one of us in order to make us like him, to realize that we have been created in his image by his very breath blown into our hearts. It is that very "truth" that stood right before Pilate, and he was unable to fathom it.

To be a faithful disciple of Christ is to be a servant to the truth that is the complete and unconditional love of God for humankind: love that liberates and renews, that gives and sustains life and hope, that illuminates our vision and understanding to enable us to see our world in the intended design of God.

Jesus makes clear what his kingdom is. Do we hear him? Do we follow him?

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

St. Mary St. Raymond St. Maurice

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NOVEMBER SUNDAY, N

Saturday, Nov 23: LECTOR Doris Morehouse
Patty Clarke CANTOR Tim Mizera
Mary Ann Rimini HOSPITALITY Gabe Pope

Thanksgiving Day EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS

Thursday, Nov 28:

Saturday, Nov 30:

Saturday, Dec 7:

Monday, Dec 9:

Saturday, Nov 23:

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, Nov 28:

Saturday, Nov 30:

Saturday, Dec 7:

Monday, Dec 9:

LECTORS

Mary Jane Schmidt

& Mary Jane Schmidt

& Patty Clarke

Mary Jo Brown

Mary Ann Rimini

& Emily Martin

Carol Hupp

Tony Krager

Dan Martin

The Immaculate Conception

Kathy Rovey

Mary Jane Fuchs

The Immaculate Conception

Emily Martin

John &

Larry Weitekamp Dianne Hampton

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Nov 24 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:

Sun, Nov 24 - Dan Held

DECEMBER

LECTOR Tricia Pinkston
CANTOR Chris Mizera
HOSPITALITY Mark Meisner

EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS

Carl Marten John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Dec 1 - Hocking/Krager
Dec 8 - Dick Lyons
Dec 15 - Carl Marten
Dec 22 - Noller/Morehouse

Dec 29 - Dick Lyons

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SERVERS:

Sun, Dec 1 - Avery Pope

Linda Hocking

Sun, Dec 8 - Denny Held

Sun, Dec 15 - Avery & Luke Pope

Austin Nicol

Sun, Dec 22 - Dan Held Christmas Eve - Tue, Dec 24 -

Avery & Luke Pope

Christmas Day - Wed, Dec 25 -

Denny Held

Sun, Dec 29 - Denny Held

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS John Bergschneider Gerry Goebel Dale Brockamp

LECTOR Pat Wolf

USHERS Mark Langen Ed Goebel

Pat & Glenna Wolf

SERVERLucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

LECTOR Larry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Charlie Golitko Ed Goebel Gerry Goebel

USHERS Mark Langen
Brian & Suzanne Grundy

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun

Rian Deardorff

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER 16/17

OUR PRAYER LIST

Donna Boeh, Lenora Brown, Terry Goby, Janet (Cobb) Myers, Cindy Sale, Chuck Sale, Brant Weitekamp, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Vickie Norris, Greg Weitekamp, Katrina Cunningham, Glenn Rovey, Enriqueta Hernandez, Brandi Malutinok, Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, Martha Beeler, Trent Boston, Mike Sheedy

Parish & Community News & Events

Study on The Gospel of Matthew

<u>There will be no sessions this week.</u>
We will resume on Tuesday, December 3.

Teen Bible Study

<u>There will be no session this week.</u>
We will resume on Wednesday, December 4.

Pro-Life Prayer Meeting

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Raymond Christmas Choir Practice

Rehearsals start Monday, December 2 at 6:30 pm

St. Mary Christmas Choir Practice

Each Wednesday of December leading up to Christmas at 6:30 pm

St. Raymond Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8 at 5:30 pm at the KC Hall.

Ladies Advent Meditation by Candlelight

All the ladies of our three parishes are invited to an evening of prayerful advent meditation.
Wine & cheese social to follow. Bring a candle

Thursday, December 12 6:30 pm at the St. Raymond rectory

Farmersville KC Monthly Sunday Breakfast

December 15, 7:30 to 11:00 am at the KC Hall

Family of Faith

Classes are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville starting at 6:00 pm

St. Raymond Participating in Angel Tree Program

In conjunction with other local churches, this program works to brighten the Christmases of underprivileged Panhandle children.

Cards with each child's info and instructions will be handed out Today, November 24.

Each gift should be wrapped (please do not use gift bags) with the card taped on the outside and returned no later than Sunday, December 15.

Questions? Contact Judie at 217-836-7136

St. Raymond CCW Thanksgiving Foodless Bakesale

Envelopes will be passed out before/after Mass and then also be available in the back of the church. Please return envelopes by December 1 by placing them in the offering basket.

St. Mary Participating in Toy Drive

Please have toys placed in the box in the vestibule by Sunday, December 1. Illuminatus will distributed toys with Christmas baskets for Feed the Need.

Disciples of Mercy Ministry at St. Maurice

This ministry provides meals for those on hospice, recovering from surgery and hospitalization, or welcoming a new baby. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry or if you would like to join, contact: Marietta Dunkirk 217-825-6018, Pat Christian 217-825-9811, or Claire Weitekamp 714-204-1300

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

November 25: St. Peter of Alexandria,

Bishop and Martyr

November 26: St. Siricius, Pope

November 27: St. Vergilius, Bishop

November 28: St. James of the Marches, Franciscan

November 29: St. Saturnin, Martyr

November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle

December 1: St. Charles de Foucauld