

DECEMBER 1, 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“May you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 am St. Raymond: John Hough

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am St. Maurice: Nida Grundy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:00 pm St. Mary: Lyle & Marylyn Leonard

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: Mary Lou Butler

10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

-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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 20, 6:00 pm at St. Raymond

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm St. Mary

4:00 pm St. Maurice (Fr. John Hannigan)

6:30 pm St. Raymond

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am St. Raymond

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 December 25 & 26

*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

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to his disciples:

"when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Advent is a season of preparation. We prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the feast of Christmas. We prepare spiritually to greet Christ when he comes again. And we also look to how we can prepare our world to become more and more like the kingdom of God where love and justice rule. Advent is a time when we live this preparation in an intentional manner, but waiting and preparing are constant characteristics of the Christian life.

At this point in the year, it is almost winter, with shorter daylight hours, changing weather patterns, and increased busy-ness as we already shop, bake, clean, decorate, etc. New seasons always call for newness, for adjustments, not just in clocks, clothing, and calendars but also in the way we approach each other and the tasks of Christian living before us.

The Gospel of this first Sunday of Advent calls us to look to the signs of the times for Christ's coming. The second reading reminds us that who and how we live today are some of the very signs we must discern. To be sure, Christ will come at the end of time with judgment and redemption. But this does not have to make us miss his many presences now with their challenge of growing in holiness and loving as he does.

The "anxieties of life" often blind us enough to the genuine signs of Christ's presence and his multiple saving actions. This time of year is filled with all kinds of distractions. The Advent season invites us to a more balanced perspective on what we are really about: continually opening ourselves to Christ's presence. Thus Advent calls us to do deeper discernment about our lives and this very discernment is already a way to prepare for Christ's comings now and in future glory.

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.

Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Nov 30:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, Dec 7:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

The Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec 9:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

Saturday, Dec 14:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, Dec 21:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

LECTORS

Saturday, Nov 30:
Tony Krager

Saturday, Dec 7:
Dan Martin

The Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec 9:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, Dec 14:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, Dec 21:
Mary Jane Fuchs

ST. RAYMOND

DECEMBER

LECTOR Tricia Pinkston
CANTOR Chris Mizera
HOSPITALITY Mark Meisner
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

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

ST. MAURICE

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

LECTOR Rita Sloan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
Marietta Dunkirk
Dale Brockamp

USHERS Mark Langen
Brian & Suzanne Grundy

SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER 23/24

St. Mary: \$1,263

St. Raymond: \$2,234

St. Maurice: \$2,518

OUR PRAYER LIST

Mary Lou Langen, Kristi Hester, Jim Weitekamp, 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

Remember to pray for our Pope, Bishop, priests and seminarians, and for the increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life.

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

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Raymond Parish Christmas Party

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

RSVP by Sunday, December 1 by returning your form or by calling Missy Dean at 217-556-2439

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

Study on The Gospel of Matthew

Each Tuesday with 2 options for location/time:

- 10:00 am in Farmersville at the Parish Rectory

- 6:30 pm in Raymond at the KC Hall

Teen Bible Study

Meeting each Wednesday

at the St. Maurice parish rectory

Pizza at 6 pm, session starts at 6:30 pm

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 Food Pantry Service Project

Totes will be available Today to take home and fill with food for our local food pantry. Please bring your filled totes back to the church next Sunday, December 8.

Many of the totes that were handed out the first month of this project have not been brought back. If you have taken a tote with no intention of filling it, please bring it back empty. These totes are solely handed out with the intention that they will be brought back with food for the Food Pantry and are not free bags to take for personal use. Thank you.

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.

St. Raymond Participating in Angel Tree Program

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

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 2: St. Bibiana

December 3: St. Francis Xavier, Jesuit

December 4: St. John Damascene,
Priest & Doctor of the Church

December 5: St. Sabas, Abbott

December 6: St. Nicholas, Bishop

December 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan
& Doctor of the Church

December 8: St. Eutychius, Pope