

DECEMBER 15, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, IL 62560

ST. MAURICE

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 am St. Raymond: Daisy Held
10:00 am St. Maurice: Carl Goebel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 am St. Raymond: Dorothy Hough

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 am St. Maurice: Charles & Carmen Davis

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 pm St. Mary: The Living & Deceased
Members of the
Linda Carter Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 am St. Raymond: Roy & Fran Weitekamp
10:00 am St. Maurice: 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 (Fr. John Hannigan)
4:00 pm St. Maurice
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 or
January 1 & 2. Adoration resumes on January 8 & 9, 2025*

*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 December 25 or January 1.
Adoration will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.*

FATHER'S COLUMN

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?"

We naturally tend to gravitate toward relationships with persons who share our values, our desires, and expectations. However, at the same time, we also gravitate toward persons whose experiences, wisdom, and knowledge can challenge us and lead us beyond where we are.

Our desires and expectations to know what we should do and who we should be leads us to seek Jesus. John the Baptist pointed his listeners to Jesus as the One who would fulfill their expectations. Each day brings us persons who point us to that same presence of Jesus. Then as now, Jesus is the Good News who shows us what we should do and how we should be.

Our hearts long to know not only a good direction for our lives, but also to know someone who might show us the way. At some time or other we have all chosen a mentor, spiritual director, counselor, teacher, idol, coach - someone whom we trust, respect, and who can engender in us the willingness to give ourselves over to their judgment. Such persons incarnate Jesus who, indeed, acts through them.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 16: St. David, King and Prophet

December 17: St. Daniel, Prophet

December 18: St. Malachy, Prophet

December 19: Blessed Urban V, Pope

December 20: St. Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch

December 21: St. Peter Canisius,
Jesuit and Doctor of the Church

December 22: St. Francesca Saverio Cabrini, Virgin

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, Dec 14:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, Dec 21:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, Dec 24:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, Dec 29:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, Dec 31:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

LECTORS

Saturday, Dec 14:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, Dec 21:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, Dec 24:
Tony Krager

Saturday, Dec 29:
Dan Martin

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, Dec 31:
Kathy Rovey

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 15

LECTOR Gerry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Ed Goebel
Larry Goebel

USHERS Mark Langen
Brian & Suzanne Grundy

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

LECTOR Dale Brockamp
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Gerry Goebel
John Bergschneider

USHERS Mark Langen
Brian & Suzanne Grundy

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

LECTOR Ed Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
John Bergschneider

USHERS Mark Langen
Brian & Suzanne Grundy

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Macie Ferrill and Gentry Dunkirk
Rian Deardorff

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 7/8

St. Mary: \$2,197

St. Raymond: \$5,539

St. Maurice: \$1,426

OUR PRAYER LIST

Trent Boston, Albert Emery, Luanne Stewart, Mary Lou Langen, Kristi Hester, Jim Weitekamp, Donna Boeh, Terry Goby, Janet (Cobb) Myers, Chuck Sale, Brant Weitekamp, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Vickie Norris, Greg Weitekamp, Katrina Cunningham, Glenn Rovey, Enriqueta Hernandez, Brandi Malutinok, Martha Beeler, 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 Participating in Angel Tree Program

Please bring wrapped gifts (do not use gift bags) with the child's card taped on the outside back to the church no later than Sunday, December 15.

Farmersville KC Monthly Sunday Breakfast

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

St. Raymond Christmas Choir Practice

Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Raymond

St. Mary Christmas Choir Practice

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

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 Schedule Change

The December class was held on Wednesday, December 11 instead of December 18.

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Mary Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating our church for Christmas after Mass on December 21. Please bring an ornament for the Family Tree in the lobby.

St. Raymond Christmas Decorating

Everyone is invited to help decorate for Christmas immediately after Mass on Sunday, December 22.

St. Raymond Welcomes New Member in Baptism

Riely Jo Jaeger, daughter of Hanna and Brett Jaeger, was baptized on Sunday, December 1. Congratulations and welcome to our parish family!

St. Raymond CCW Thank You

Thank you for everyone's generosity in supporting the Thanksgiving Foodless Bakesale for the Panhandle Food Pantry. We graciously donated \$1,650.

Study on The Gospel of Matthew taking Holiday Break

We are taking a break for the holidays so there will be no sessions this week through December 31. We will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

QUIZ TIME WITH FATHER

Last week's Answer :

What is the dogma of the Immaculate Conception?

- d. Mary was conceived immaculately in her mother Anna's womb and was preserved from sin.

The Sacrament of Confession

- a. almost always must be received before Communion by anyone guilty of a mortal sin since his last confession.
- b. is not necessary because you can privately and sincerely confess your sins to God.
- c. must be received by all Catholic adults at least once a year (one of the six precepts of the Church).
- d. is useless if you have committed one of the four sins that cry to heaven for vengeance: murder (Gen 4:10), sodomy (Gen 18:20-21), oppression of the poor (Ex 2:23), and defrauding workers of just wages (Jas 5:4).
- e. none of the above.

Mortal Sin

- a. is nowhere mentioned in Scripture.
- b. is a theological construct from the Church of the Middle Ages, and since Vatican II, we recognize that there are only two kinds of sins, venial and serious.
- c. is the same as serious sin; only the words are different.
- d. makes it impossible for you to get to heaven, no matter what you do.
- e. none of the above.