

JANUARY 5, 2025 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 am St. Raymond: Sheila Masten

10:00 am St. Maurice: Richard & Lou Norris

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 am St. Mary: Timothy Jordan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: Richard Uhrig

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 am St. Maurice: Kenneth Rosenthal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 pm St. Mary: Helen Boehler

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Mary Eileen Weitekamp

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

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

Adoration will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 6: St. Carlo da Sezze, Franciscan

January 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Dominican

January 8: St. Severin, Abbott

January 9: St. Andrew Corsini, Priest

January 10: St. Agatone, Pope

January 11: St Peter of Caesarea

January 12: St. Antonio Maria Pucci, Priest

FATHER'S COLUMN

When Jesus was born ...

magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him
homage."

Today's readings are excellent reminders that we encounter God in a variety of people, places, circumstances, and situations. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul explicitly states that both Jews and Gentiles are welcome in God's kingdom: "The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." This statement of welcome and inclusivity reminds us that all people bear God's image. SO now, question! Do we treat others with the God-given dignity they deserve?

Likewise, the magi travel from their home country to the home of Jesus where they meet Jesus Christ, the Savior and the Lord. They were outsiders in Judea, with different beliefs, customs, and culture. Even so, God transcends these differences and the magi warmly interact with Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Rather than fearing people who were different, Mary and Joseph welcomed these magi into their home and showed them hospitality, remaining open to a sharing of words and gifts.

Just as God is encountered through people, the feast of Epiphany is a beautiful celebration of God present and active in nature. The magi notice God's presence in the beauty and wonder of a star in the night sky. God speaks to these travelers from the East via creation. How do we encounter God in creation? Do we take the time to not only acknowledge God's creative works but to also dedicate ourselves to stewardship of these gifts? Care for our common home is an important element of Catholic social teaching, for we respect and honor God's presence in the created world. If they were not deeply attuned to this reality, the magi would not have found the Christ Child they were seeking. May we, like the magi, be willing to see God's presence in all people, places and things.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Jan 4:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, Jan 11:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, Jan 18:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, Jan 25:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, Feb 1:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

LECTORS

Saturday, Jan 4:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, Jan 11:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, Jan 18:
Tony Krager

Saturday, Jan 25:
Dan Martin

Saturday, Feb 1:
Kathy Rovey

ST. RAYMOND

JANUARY

LECTOR Verne Pinkston
CANTOR Tim Mizera
HOSPITALITY Phil Borgic
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Tricia Pinkston
Neil Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Jan 5: Hocking/Krager
Jan 12: Dick Lyons
Jan 19: Carl Marten
Jan 26: Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -
Wed, Jan 1:
Sun, Jan 5: Dan Held
Sun, Jan 12: Avery & Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol
Sun, Jan 19: Denny Held
Sun, Jan 26: Avery & Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Gerry Goebel
John Bergschneider
Marietta Dunkirk

USHERS Mark Langen
Richard Grundy
Larry & Karen Goebel

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

LECTOR Dereke Dunkirk
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Ed Goebel
Dale Brockamp
Larry Goebel

USHERS Mark Langen
Richard Grundy
Larry & Karen Goebel

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 28/29 + DEC 31/JAN 1

St. Mary: \$1,517 + \$255

St. Raymond: \$3,133 + \$875

St. Maurice: \$6,468

OUR PRAYER LIST

Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, Gail Meisner, Larry Lanter, Trent Boston, Albert Emery, Mary Lou Langen, Kristi Hester, Jim Weitekamp, Donna Boeh, Terry Goby, Janet (Cobb) Myers, Chuck Sale, Brant Weitekamp, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Vickie Norris, Glenn Rovey, Enriqueta Hernandez, 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.

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.

St. Raymond Sunday Social **Canceled**

Today's Sunday Social is canceled due to inclement weather. Our next social will be February 2.

St. Raymond Food Pantry Service Project

Totes will be available today Sunday, January 5. Please bring your filled totes back to the church next Sunday, January 12.

Study on The Gospel of Matthew

We resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

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

Please note: our 2 locations are not in sync on sessions.

Teen Bible Study

Meeting again this Wednesday, January 8 at the St. Maurice parish rectory
Pizza at 6 pm, session starts at 6:30 pm

QUIZ TIME WITH FATHER

Last Week's Answer :

Holy Communion may be received by.....

c. Catholics in the state of grace, but not by Protestants, even if they are in the state of grace.

Since Protestants do not believe as Catholics do regarding the Real Presence, they may not receive Communion, even if they are in the state of grace.

The very act of receiving Communion is a visible sign that you believe exactly as the Catholic Church teaches concerning the Real Presence.

Hosts used for Communion.....

e. none of the above

Canon 924 of the Code of Canon Law states:

" The most holy eucharistic sacrifice must be offered with bread and with wine in which a little water must be mixed. The bread must be only wheat and recently made so that there is no danger of spoiling. The wine must be natural from the fruit of the vine and not spoiled." Canon Law 926 also states that the bread must be unleavened bread (bread not prepared with rising agents).

St. Maurice Senior Citizens Activity Day

All Senior Citizens are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and bingo.

Sunday, January 12th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
at The Fuller Street Building (old KC Hall)

Desserts and drinks will be provided, and there will be exciting prizes for the winners.

Questions? Contact Marietta Dunkirk at 217-825-6018

St. Raymond Decorating Thank You & Take Down Date Announcement

Thank you all for your time and help in decorating our church!

We will be taking down decorations after Mass next Sunday, January 12. Your help will be greatly appreciated again.

Raymond KC Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner

Sunday January 12, 10:30 to 12:30
Drive-Thru Only

\$15 meal includes half chicken, mashed potatoes & white gravy, corn, dinner roll, and choice of cake

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

Farmersville KC Monthly Sunday Breakfast

January 19, 7:30 to 11:00 am at the KC Hall

St. Maurice Altar Server Appreciation Party

All servers are invited to an exciting time at Malibu Jack's, White Oaks Mall's indoor theme park.

Sunday, January 19, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
We will meet at Malibu Jack's
Supper will follow at a pizza place

If you plan to attend, please RSVP number attending to Claire Weitekamp at 714-204-1300 or Marietta Dunkirk at 217-825-6018