



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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ST. RAYMOND

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:00 pm St. Mary: Bob Jordan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Nicholas DeBrun
By: Emma, Lucas & Noah Grundy

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 am St. Mary: James Murphy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 am St. Raymond: Vic & Ruth Leith

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am St. Maurice: Edward Weitekamp

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 am St. Raymond: Anita Hall

10:00 am St. Maurice: Dennis White and
Merle Ree Millburg

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

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 9:00 pm Wednesday

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Order of the Servants of Mary

February 18: Bl. John of Fiesole, Dominican

February 19: St. Conrad, Religious

February 20: St. Leo of Catania, Bishop

February 21: St Peter Damian,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

February 22: St. Maximianus, Bishop

February 23: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

FATHER'S COLUMN

Raising his eyes toward his disciples Jesus said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation."

Among some of the contemporaries of Saint Luke, there was a presumption that the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the oppressed, were outside the venue of God's blessings and graciousness. At the same time, it was believed that those who were wealthy and powerful had been blessed by God.

Jesus' sermon corrects these presumptions by teaching that God's blessings are not conditioned by economic or social status but are the free gift of God's graciousness. The only condition for God's blessings is clearly spelled out in the first reading: "trust in the Lord." Similarly, woes are the consequence of those who turn to themselves, "whose hearts turn away from the Lord."

Jesus, following a long biblical tradition, sets up a sharp contrast delineating two ways of life.

The first is the "way of the just" as the Responsorial Psalm mentions it. The way of the just consists in "trusting in the Lord" as we read in the First reading. Those who follow this path are "blessed" as the Lord proclaims in the Gospel.

The second path in life is the "way of the wicked" as equally mentioned in the Responsorial Psalm; which is to "trust in human beings" as we hear from the First reading. Those who follow this path are cursed: the Gospel says, "woe to them." In other words, blessings are available according to whether we trust in the Lord and follow God's way.

In the new world proclaimed by Jesus in the Good News, blessings are signs that we have recognized that the source of everything is God. We are blessed when we surrender to God, and God alone. The Good News in the Gospel of this Sunday is that, whether we are rich or poor, oppressed or secure, if we trust in God, we are blessed. Blessings are dependent simply upon our trusting in God, our placing ourselves in God's hands. Thus, walking in God's way is a blessed life even if one is poor, hungry, or sorrowful; not walking in God's way is a life of woe even if one is rich, full, or content. There is only one way in which a disciple can walk, and that way is to walk in God's way.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, Feb 15:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, Feb 22:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, March 1:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, March 8:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

Saturday, March 15:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb 15:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, Feb 22:
Tony Krager

Saturday, March 1:
Dan Martin

Saturday, March 8:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, March 15:
Carol Hupp

ST. RAYMOND

FEBRUARY

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet
CANTOR Verne Pinkston
HOSPITALITY Denny Held
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Tricia Pinkston
John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Feb 2: Hocking/Krager
Feb 9: Dick Lyons
Feb 16: Carl Marten
Feb 23: Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:
Sun, Feb 2: Avery & Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol
Sun, Feb 9: Avery & Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff
Sun, Feb 16: Denny Held
Sun, Feb 23: Dan Held

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

LECTOR Rita Sloan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
Dale Brockamp
Gerry Goebel
USHERS Mark Langen
Eric & Becky O'Brien
SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

LECTOR Dale Brockamp
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
John Bergschneider
Ed Goebel
USHERS Mark Langen
Eric & Becky O'Brien
SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Gerry Goebel
Larry Goebel
USHERS Mark Langen
Eric & Becky O'Brien
SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY 8/9

St. Mary: \$1,172

St. Raymond: \$1,201

St. Maurice: \$656

OUR PRAYER LIST

Virginia Murphy, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Vickie Norris, Millie Olsen, Greg Weitekamp, Georgetta Dean, Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, Gail Meisner, Larry Lanter, Trent Boston, Albert Emery, Mary Lou Langen, Kristi Hester, Jim Weitekamp, Brant Weitekamp, Enriqueta Hernandez, Mike Sheedy

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

Farmersville KC Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday, February 15, 4:00 to 7:00 at the KC Hall
Dine in or Carry out

\$15 meal includes: 2 pork chops, baked potato,
green beans, and cake

Farmersville KC Monthly Sunday Breakfast Schedule Update

There will be no breakfast in February, March, or April.

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 CCD Hall

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

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

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

QUIZ TIME WITH FATHER

Last Week's Answer :

Which sacraments can be received only once?

- d. Confirmation, baptism and holy orders.

Each of these sacraments may be received only
once (for holy Orders, only once at each level:
deacon, priest, bishop), because each of these
three sacraments leaves an indelible mark on the
soul called "character". Likewise with Baptism and
Confirmation: once baptized or confirmed, always
baptized or confirmed.

Thank You from the Glenn Rovey Family

Thank you so much for your caring support and prayers
during Glenn's illness and passing. A special thank you
to Fr. Florent for his home visits and the beautiful
Funeral Mass. We appreciate our parish family.

2024 Contribution Statements

Last week we emailed out 2024 contribution
statements to everyone in our parish unit that we
have an email for. Emails would have come from
[Pushpay.com](https://pushpay.com). If you did not receive an emailed
statement and would like one, please contact Kateri
at kmarten@stmrm.org or call the St. Raymond office
at 217-229-4435 and we will be happy to get you a
printed copy.

SDCCW Lenten Retreat

All women of our diocese are invited to the Springfield
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's annual Lenten
Retreat "Walking with Jesus through Holy Week"

At the Villa Maria in Springfield

With Deacon Jeff Beals as retreat master

Begins with lunch at noon on Tuesday, March 25
and concludes at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, March 26.

Registration form with cost are available in the
church vestibule. Registration deadline is March 15.
Contact Mary Ann Sullivan: gma.sullivan80@gmail.com

Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 22

At St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland

Guest Speaker: Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

Opining with Adoration at 7:00 am and Rosary at 7:30.
Mass is at 8:00 followed by breakfast and our speaker.

Register deadline is March 1. Space is limited!

Register online at www.stpaulhighland.org or via the
paper form available in the vestibule of your church.

For more info email: womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com
or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916

Help Needed

The Girard Dominican Nuns are looking for volunteers
to help clean a home on their property which will be
use to house young ladies coming to visit their
convent in hopes of joining the order.

If you are interested aiding in this project in any way,
call Marcella at Sacred Heart Church in Virden at
21-965-4545.