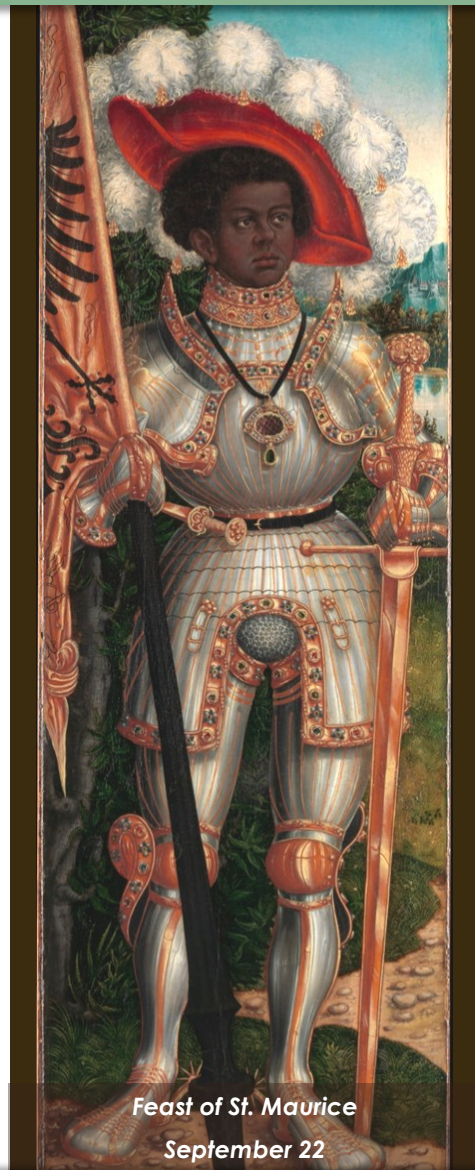




Feast of St. Mary (The Assumption)
August 15



Feast of St. Raymond Nonnatus
August 31



Feast of St. Maurice
September 22

THE PARISHES OF

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ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, IL 62560

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End of Monday
Parish Website:
stmrm.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 am St. Mary: Helen Boehler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Poor Souls

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 am St. Maurice: Marge Brockamp

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

5:00 pm St. Mary: Velma Langen

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes
10:00 am St. Maurice: Howard & Rita Fishburn

SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Deceased Members of The Forones Family
5:30 pm St. Mary: Alicia Beard and Family
7:00 pm St. Maurice: Lawrence "Tuffy" Held

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 24: St. David of Wales, Bishop
February 25: St. Nestor, Bishop and Martyr
February 26: St. Faustiniano, Bishop
February 27: St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Religious
February 28: St. Romanus, Abbot
March 1: St. Felix III, Pope
March 2: St. Angela of the Cross, Virgin

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to his disciples:

"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

The Gospel of this Sunday is a continuation of St. Luke's Sermon on the Plain begun last Sunday with the Beatitudes. The blessings mentioned last Sunday lay out the ideals by which we, as Jesus' followers, are to live.

So the Gospel of this Sunday offers something of a blueprint for dying to ourselves so that we can rise to new life in Jesus Christ our master. Just as king Saul was God's anointed, so are we. In Baptism, we too were anointed as God's own and became "priests", "prophets" and "kings." The sacrament of Baptism confers on us this identity which makes it's demands on us. We are to live with the same self-sacrificing attitude as Jesus Christ: love our enemies, go beyond the expected and beyond the needed. To what extent? Jesus tells us that we are to "be merciful, just as our Father is merciful." How much is that? God sent His only Son to teach, suffer, and die for us. Jesus Christ's living example is the measure of our own self-sacrificing for others.

We might become overwhelmed by the demands of this divine self-sacrificing if we do not remember that God is always present to us, measuring out our blessings long before we choose to give to others.

The self-sacrificing becomes easier when we have identified ourselves with Christ; when we work to develop a personal relationship with him; when we keep his name on our lips in all we do. In order words, the first step in self-sacrificing is giving ourselves over to an intimate relationship with God. With that relationship fortifying us, the challenge of the Gospel to be "merciful, just as our Father is merciful" can be undertaken with faith and trust.

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, 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

Saturday, March 22:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb 22:
Tony Krager

Saturday, March 1:
Dan Martin

Saturday, March 8:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, March 15:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, March 22:
Mary Jane Fuchs

ST. RAYMOND

FEBRUARY

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet
CANTOR Verne Pinkston
HOSPITALITY Denny Held
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Tricia Pinkston
John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Feb 23: Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:
Sun, Feb 23: Dan Held

MARCH

LECTOR Jerry Wagahoff
CANTOR Tim Marten
HOSPITALITY Greg Beck
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Donna Wagahoff
Carl Marten

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
March 2: Hocking/Krager
March 9: Dick Lyons
March 16: Carl Marten
March 23: Noller/Morehouse
March 30: Dick Lyons

SERVERS:
Sun, March 2: Denny Held
Ash Wednesday, March 5:

Sun, March 9: Avery & Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff
Sun, March 16: Dan Held
Sun, March 23: Avery & Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol
Sun, March 30: Denny Held

ST. MAURICE

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

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

LECTOR Rita Sloan
Volunteers Needed

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY 15/16

St. Mary: \$884

St. Raymond: \$1,983

St. Maurice: \$1,486

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, 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.

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.

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Raymond Food Pantry Service Project

Totes will be available next Sunday, March 2 to take home and fill with food for our local food pantry.

St. Mary Extraordinary Ministers Workshop

Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 pm
in the St. Mary church basement

All Extraordinary Ministers, whether you have just started in the ministry or have been serving for many years, are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this workshop which will be led by Fr. Florent.

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

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

New Winter Weather Weekday Mass Policy

Our parish unit will no longer be using school cancellations to determine if weekday Mass will be cancelled. Going forward, there will be Mass unless you are otherwise contacted. Please use personal discretion to determine if it is too cold or unsafe for you to attend weekday Mass. If you would like to be contacted in case of a weekday Mass cancellation and have not already been on a list for this in the recent past, please let your parish sacristan know or contact Kateri at kmarten@stmrm.org.

2024 Contribution Statements

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 and leave a message at 217-229-4435 and we will be happy to get you a printed copy.

Disciples of Mercy Ministry at St. Maurice

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

QUIZ TIME WITH FATHER

This Week's Question :

Which one is true? The sacraments.....

- contain the grace they signify and bestow it on the recipients of the sacraments, regardless of their dispositions.
- work ex opere operato, which means that their efficacy depends on the holiness of those (deacon, priest, bishop) administering them.
- all confer the same kind of grace.
- were established by the Church at the first-century Council of Jerusalem.
- none of the above