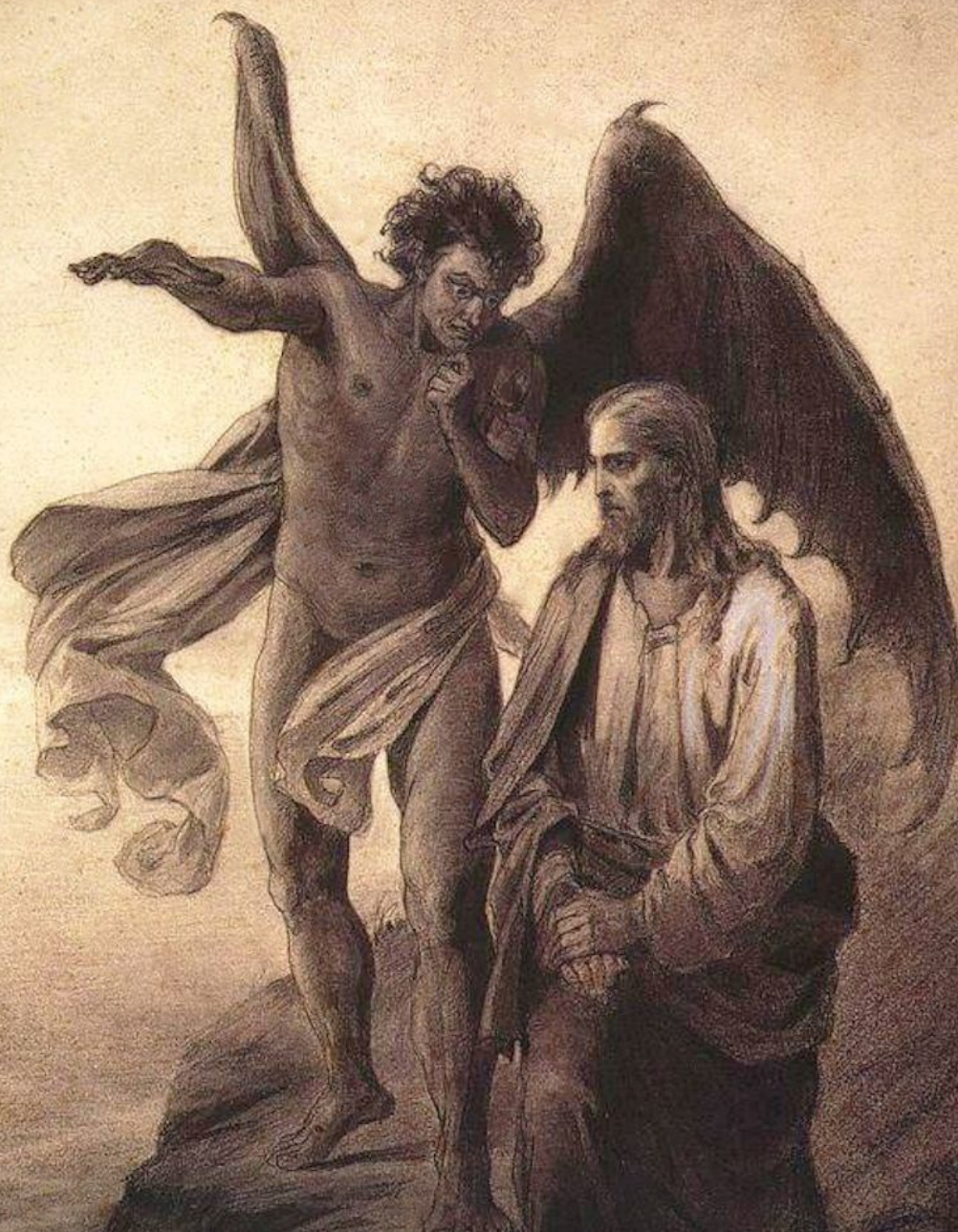


MARCH 9, 2025 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



THE PARISHES OF

**ST. MARY**

310 Nobbe St.  
Farmersville, IL 62533

**ST. RAYMOND**

306 S McElroy  
Raymond, IL 62560

**ST. MAURICE**

706 SE 4th St.  
Morrisonville, IL 62546

**Fr. Florent Kanga**, Pastor  
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Bulletin Deadline:  
End of Monday

Parish Website:  
stmrm.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting  
and Investigation: (217) 321-1155

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

5:00 pm St. Mary: Ruthie Aherin

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 am St. Raymond: Roy & Fran Weitekamp  
10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 am St. Raymond: Mary & Robert Millburg

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 am St. Maurice: The Deceased Members of  
the Weitekamp & O'Brien Families

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

5:00 pm St. Mary: Glenn Rovey

### SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 am St. Raymond: Cindy Sale  
10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### STATIONS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 5:00 PM

Rotating between our Parishes:

March 14 St. Mary  
March 21 St. Maurice  
March 28 St. Raymond  
April 4 St. Mary  
April 11 St. Maurice

## 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

## FATHER'S COLUMN

Filled with the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus returned from the Jordan and  
was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days,  
to be tempted by the devil.

Lent is about growing in our relationship with God, which informs our choices, affecting how we understand ourselves and how we relate to others. Special helps are given to us during this season: the rich Lenten Scriptures, the penitential practices we embrace, the extra prayer and devotional opportunities. Lent is a rich time to grow in who we are and strengthen the clarity about which we face temptations and make choices.

Just before embarking on his public ministry, Jesus spent forty days in the desert fasting and praying. Jesus focuses fully on God. With the temptations, the devil focuses fully on Jesus. In their confrontation, the cosmic powers of good and evil face one another, and in clear and committed choice, Jesus reveals who the victor is, at this moment and in the ultimate future.

Our forty days in the Lenten desert must include the prayer and fasting that marked Jesus' time in the desert. This will help us focus our lives more perfectly on God.

We, too, will face our own demons. We, too, will have the opportunity to make clear and committed choices that reveal who we are and our relationship with God. We are encouraged and strengthened to make right choices because of the victory over evil already won by Jesus. This is the victory we celebrate at Easter. This is the new life toward which we journey during Lent.

## QUIZ TIME WITH FATHER

Answer from February 23 :

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

e. none of the above

Each sacrament confers a specific grace oriented toward achieving the particular purpose of the sacrament.

The efficacy of a sacrament is not dependent on the holiness of the person administering it. Someone in the state of mortal sin can perform a valid baptism, for example, and a priest in mortal sin can perform a valid Mass. The phrase *ex opere operato* means "from the work worked" and indicates that the efficacy of a sacrament is due to the sacrament that is being performed, regardless of the merits or demerits of the person performing it.

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# MINISTRY SCHEDULES

## ST. MARY

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 8:  
Patty Clarke  
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, March 15:  
Mary Jane Schmidt  
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, March 22:  
Emily Martin  
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, March 29:  
John &  
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, April 5:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Emily Martin

### LECTORS

Saturday, March 8:  
Carol Hupp

Saturday, March 15:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, March 22:  
Tony Krager

Saturday, March 29:  
Dan Martin

Saturday, April 5:  
Kathy Rovey

## ST. RAYMOND

### 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, MARCH 9

LECTOR ..... Catherine O'Connell  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Dale Brockamp  
John Bergschneider  
Gerry Goebel

USHERS ..... Mark Langen  
Steve & Mellisa DeBrun

SERVERS ..... Nathaniel DeBrun  
Rian Deardorff

### SUNDAY, MARCH 16

LECTOR ..... Dereke Dunkirk  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Charlie Golitko  
Larry Goebel  
Ed Goebel

USHERS ..... Mark Langen  
Steve & Mellisa DeBrun

SERVERS ..... Macie Ferrill  
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR MARCH 1/2

St. Mary: \$536

St. Raymond: \$16,674

St. Maurice: \$2,451

### ( QUIZ TIME WITH FATHER CONTINUED )

It is true that sacraments signify and confer grace, but the conferral is not automatic or in spite of the dispositions of the intended recipients. You won't have your sins forgiven when the priest absolves you in the confessional, for example, if you don't want your sins to be forgiven or if you are not truly sorry for them.

All seven sacraments were instituted by Jesus Christ. This was taught formally by the Council of Trent against the position of the Protestant Reformers, who said that most of the sacraments were human inventions.

## OUR PRAYER CORNER

Deanne Kirby, Heather Miller, Virginia Murphy,  
Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Vickie Norris, Millie Olsen,  
Greg Weitekamp, Georgetta Dean, Debbie Lucas,  
Drake Lucas, Gail Meisner, Larry Lanter, Jim Weitekamp,  
Brant Weitekamp, 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 Food Pantry Service Project**

Please bring your filled totes back to the church today, Sunday, March 9.

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## **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.*

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## **St. Raymond CCW Meeting**

Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm  
in the Parish Rectory  
All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend

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## **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.

If you are at all interested in joining this ministry, please come join us as well. We are always happy to welcome new ministers!

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## **Pro-Life Prayer**

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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## **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

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## **Raymond KC Fish Frys**

Every Friday from March 7 to April 11, 4:30 to 6:30  
Inside Dining, Drive-Thru, and Carryout

\$15 meal includes: fried fish (pollock fillets), potato wedges, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, and cake.

## **Stamp Out Cancer Fundraisers**

The Stamp Out Cancer Celebrity Teams are holding fundraisers March 8 - March 11. A letter with more information is posted in the vestibule at St. Raymond and St. Mary. All money raised will benefit the Montgomery County Cancer Association.

For more, call Charlene Millburg at 217-827-1969 or Rachel Treece at 217-565-1943

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## **CCW Springfield Deanery Meeting**

Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 am  
at St Cabrini Parish (1020 N. Milton, Springfield)  
Our guest speaker is Erica Smith, Executive Director of Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach Program

Lunch will be provided by Linda Denny, a St. Cabrini parishioner. A \$5 donation for lunch is suggested.

Please RSVP by March 12 to  
Linda Denny at [dennym1@comcast.net](mailto:dennym1@comcast.net) or  
Deborah Pilapil at [debpil@yahoo.com](mailto:debpil@yahoo.com)

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## **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](mailto:gma.sullivan80@gmail.com)

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## **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

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## **2024 Contribution Statements**

If you did not receive an emailed statement and would like one, please contact Kateri at [kmarten@stmr.org](mailto:kmarten@stmr.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.