

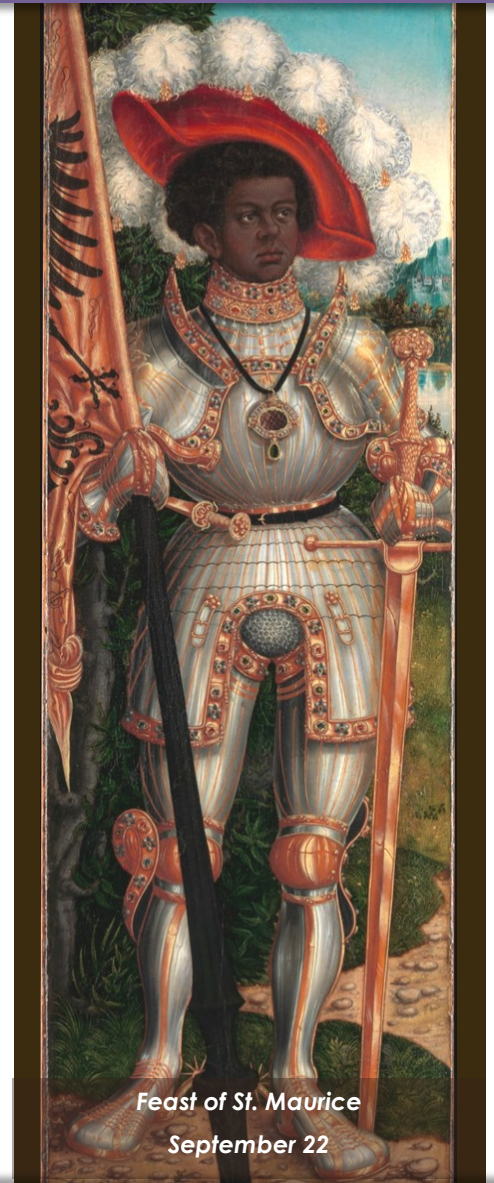
# MARCH 23, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



*Feast of St. Mary (The Assumption)*  
August 15



*Feast of St. Raymond Nonnatus*  
August 31



*Feast of St. Maurice*  
September 22

## 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

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End of Monday  
Parish Website:  
stmrm.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting  
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

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

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marilyn Barto  
10:00 am St. Maurice: Jereme Goebel and  
Natalie Goebel

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 25**

8:00 am St. Mary: Helen Boehler

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

8:00 am St. Raymond: Edward Weitekamp

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 28**

8:00 am St. Maurice: Kenny Rosenthal

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

5:00 pm St. Mary: Margaret "Peggy" Keller

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes  
10:00 am St. Maurice: Bob Mundhenke

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Rotating between our Parishes:

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

### **STATIONS BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS OF LENT**

4:15 pm St. Mary  
7:20 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

*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

The gardener said to him in reply,  
'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

If we had only three years to prove ourselves, or three weeks, or three days, we'd certainly all be in trouble. Because cultivating a skill, a practice, or a project is already hard enough. Cultivating our spirit, perfecting our compassion, and forming our hearts, takes much longer, as long as a lifetime.

In the Gospel today, a lazy fig tree has borne no fruit for three years. But the gardener suggests to the owner to leave the tree for a fourth year, to see if it will bear fruit. Four is a number which often signifies completeness; it allows the tree to live it's full life before judgment is rendered. What judgment will we receive when we complete our lives? Will we have borne fruit?

Jesus makes it clear that people who die tragic deaths are not being punished for their sin. The death of those who are innocent is always heartbreaking and incomprehensible. What good can possibly come from unprovoked destruction or terrible accidents? The only good can be that we who have lost loved ones are called to change: called to change our hearts, called to change our minds, called to deeper compassion for our neighbors and for ourselves, and called with deeper conviction to work for peace and justice in our world.

Our God is not the God of us alone. God is foremost the God of our ancestors, the God of our neighbors, and will be the God of our descendants. In the midst of this Lenten season, as Christian churches throughout the world prepare for the joy of Easter, may we remember that we share the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, not only with other Christians, but also with our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters as well. Our God calls us to live in solidarity and compassion. We are all called, together, to do God's will.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

March 24: St. Oscar Romero, Martyr

March 25: St. Lucy Filippini, Virgin

March 26: St. Castulus, Martyr

March 27: St. Rupert, Bishop

March 28: St. Castor, Martyr

March 29: St. Eustasius, Bishop

March 30: St. John Climacus, Abbott

# MINISTRY SCHEDULES

## ST. MARY

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 22:  
Emily Martin  
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, March 29:  
John &  
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, April 5:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Emily Martin

Saturday, April 12:  
Patty Clarke  
Mary Ann Rimini

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19:  
Mary Jane Schmidt  
& Patty Clarke

### LECTORS

Saturday, March 22:  
Tony Krager

Saturday, March 29:  
Dan Martin

Saturday, April 5:  
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, April 12:  
Carol Hupp

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

## ST. RAYMOND

### MARCH

LECTOR Jerry Wagahoff  
CANTOR Tim Marten  
HOSPITALITY Greg Beck

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Donna Wagahoff  
Carl Marten

### HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

March 23: Noller/Morehouse  
March 30: Dick Lyons

### SERVERS:

Sun, March 23: Avery & Luke Pope  
Austin & Addy Nicol

Sun, March 30: Denny Held

### APRIL

LECTOR Christine Meisner  
CANTOR Chris Mizera  
HOSPITALITY Joe Pope

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Larry Weitekamp  
Dianne Hampton

### HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

April 6: Hocking/Krager  
April 13: Dick Lyons  
April 20: Carl Marten  
April 27: Noller/Morehouse

### SERVERS:

Sun, April 6: Avery Pope  
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff

Sun, April 13: Dan Held

Holy Thursday, April 17:  
TBD

Easter Sunday, April 20:  
Avery & Luke Pope  
Austin & Addy Nicol

Sun, April 27: Denny Held

## ST. MAURICE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

LECTOR ..... Gerry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Charlie Golitko  
John Bergschneider  
Marietta Dunkirk

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

SERVERS ..... Nathaniel DeBrun  
Rian Deardorff

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

LECTOR ..... Pat Wolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Dale Brockamp  
John Bergschneider  
Catherine O'Connell

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

SERVER .....  
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR MARCH 15/16

St. Mary: (March 8+5: \$2,596) \$1,533

St. Raymond: \$3,368

St. Maurice: \$1,200

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Ron Painter, Janet Cobb Myers, Mike Colbrook, Carol Ann Harding, Martha Reed, Deanne Kirby, Heather Miller, Virginia Murphy, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Vickie Norris, Millie Olsen, Greg Weitekamp, Georgetta Dean, Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, Jim Weitekamp, Brant Weitekamp, Mike Sheedy

## Easter Triduum Parish Unit Choir Practice

Practices will rotate between our parishes on Mondays starting at 6:30 pm

March 24 - St. Raymond

March 31 - St. Maurice

April 7 - St. Mary

Parishioners from all three of our parishes are welcome!

## 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

## 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.

## Farmersville KC Monthly Sunday Breakfast

There will be no breakfast in April

## St. Maurice Extraordinary Minister Training

Thursday, April 3 at 6 pm at St. Maurice church

## Parish Unit Altar Server Training

Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 am at St. Raymond church

## St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us Sunday, April 6 after Mass for coffee, donuts & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

## St. Maurice Senior Citizens Event

Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and bingo. Invite your senior friends, family and neighbors!

Sunday, April 6, starting at 2:00 pm

at The Fuller Street Building

Desserts and drinks will be provided.

Questions? Contact Marietta Dunkirk at 217-825-6018

If you need a ride to this event, we are happy to assist! Just contact Brian Grundy at 217-823-9874

## St. Raymond Ladies Spring Fling

Mark your calendars! April 9 at the Raymond KC Hall

## St. Maurice Welcomes New Member in Baptism

Please pray for and rejoice with

Nash Carl Goebel, son of Carl & Kaylee Goebel, who was baptized on March 9.

## QUIZ TIME WITH FATHER

Last Week's Answer :

**Which of these sacraments does not forgive mortal sins?**

b. The Eucharist

Explanation: During the Mass, venial sins can be forgiven either during the penitential rite or through the reception of Holy Communion.

Mortal sins cannot be forgiven in these ways.

"The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: .....the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance." CCC1532

This Week's Question :

**How many people appear by name in the Stations of the Cross? Who are they?**