

December 18, 2022 4th Sunday of Advent



St. Mary

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St. Maurice

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217-526-3363



St. Raymond

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62560
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Please contact Father if a family member is in the hospital or otherwise needs to see a priest. Please let him know of family members that are homebound or in a care facility.

If you have a scheduled medical procedure, let him know or see him after Mass to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISM: Call Parish Priest at least 6 weeks prior to desired date. (Must Be Registered)

WEDDINGS: Call Parish Priest 6 months prior to the desired date (Must be Registered)

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon Monday - email Kateri Marten at kmarten@stmrm.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number—217-321-1155 or www.dio.org



Father's Corner

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

As we come close to the celebration of our Lord's birth, the Gospel describes the events that led to "the birth of Jesus Christ" at the time of a whole new entry of God into human history.

The Virgin Mary conceived by "the Holy Spirit" and Joseph, reassured by the angel, "took his wife into his home."

Mary and Joseph symbolize how we ourselves are invited to give "birth" to Jesus in our own time. By opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit and cooperating with God's plan for our life, we too, like Mary and Joseph, allow a whole new advent of God into human history. Through that opening of ourselves, Emmanuel truly becomes "God with us."

As we approach the celebration of the Christmas mystery, we too must heed the angel's invitation. When it comes to the story of Jesus' presence in the world, each of us, disciples of today, must continually choose to receive him into our home, into our heart, like Joseph and Mary.

Christmas, the mystery of the "Emmanuel, God-with-us", cannot therefore be simply a day in our liturgical calendars, or a simple season of the year. Christmas shall be the eternal mystery of making Jesus present among us through the goodness and sweetness of our lives. We give birth to Emmanuel by being obedient to God's will and by encountering the Presence of this Savior all year long, each single day. Through the grace of baptism each of us carries within ourselves this "God-with-us" who is our Savior. Each of us has the capacity to embrace this divine presence and to make that presence known to all we meet on our path.

Come Emmanuel, come!



- Diocesan Year of the Eucharist -

Where does the Mass come from?

Jesus Christ, Who is the God-Man, initiated the Mass at the Last Supper, before He died on the Cross, to redeem the world from sin and death. He instituted the Mass and the Eucharist to perpetuate the Sacrifice of the Cross – to be continued throughout the ages until the end of time, as He said, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Has the Mass always been the same?

The major parts of the Mass have existed from the beginning, while the Church's leadership occasionally, as the Holy Spirit guides, makes revisions to some of the prayers and usually minor parts of the Mass. The Mass is the Center of the Church and of the Christian life and the greatest part of God's Revelation in Jesus Christ. Jesus teaches about the Mass and the Eucharist in chapter six of John's Gospel; in the Last Supper Gospel accounts; and in Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians (11:17-34). From the beginning, the Church has always celebrated the Mass and believed in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Book of Acts speaks of the early Church dedicating itself to "the breaking of Bread" (Acts 2:42), which is historically synonymous with the offering of the Sacrifice of the *Mass*.

Why don't all the Christian denominations celebrate Mass?

From the beginning, all Christians celebrated in common the Mass and believed in the Eucharist. That was until Martin Luther, who had been a Catholic priest for fifteen years, broke with the Catholic Church on October 31, 1517. By the year 1600, there were over two hundred Protestant interpretations of Christ's words "This is My Body... This is My Blood." Even until today, Protestants don't believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist (although some believe in some form of presence in communion) nor celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass with the Catholic understanding of transubstantiation.

Family of Faith

Dates to save:
January 18th || February 15th
March 15th || April 19th || May 17th

K of C Hall in Morrisonville 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Reconciliation Times

Morrisonville: Saturday 3:00 pm –3:30 pm

Farmersville: Saturday 4:00 pm—4:30 pm

Raymond: Sunday 7:00 am—7:30 am

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th

St. Mary - 4:00 pm
St. Maurice - 4:00 pm
St. Raymond - 6:00 pm

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th

St. Raymond - 9:00 am

Bible Study

There will be no bible study on
December 20th or 27th for the holidays

Winter Weather Mass Schedule Notice

As winter approaches, please note that if school is canceled due to bad weather, weekday mass will also be canceled.

Early Bulletin Deadline Notice

Bulletin Date:

January 1, 2023

Submissions due by

9:00 am on:

Wednesday Dec. 21st

PRAYER CORNER

Carrie Alkire, Margaret Angle, Wayne Angle, Ralph Bawden, Speed Beaty, Kathy Beckmier, Carrie Beeler, Martha Beeler, Ivan Benning, Kathy Bergschneider, Larry Bergschneider, Amy Bethard, Cooper Bethard, Helen Boehler, Monte Busen, Kathy Caraway, Tammy Carter, Susie Carter, Gaye Catlin, Raymond Coatney, Ruth Coatney, Jean Cole, Ron Cole, Georgetta Dean, Gerald Dean, Aaron DeJaynes, Carl Durbin, Adam Edwards, Jason Fark, Joyce Fesser, Mary Lou Fleigle, Susan Fleigle, Pat Forbes, Briar Gard, Derek Gatton, Joe Grundy, Dale Gudgel, William Gudgel, Bobbie Harker, Elayna Harker, Cameron Harmon, Gail Hartman, Harold Haslett, Richard Haynes, Gary Held, Ben Hobson, Sarah Hopf, Clarrissa Hupp, Angie Janssen, Gary Jones, Lori Johanson, Bob Karasch, Joan Keller, Larry Lanter, Scott Lindquist, Janet Locander, Drake Lucas, Peter Luczak, Brad Lush, Chad Lush, Christine Lush, Valarie Lush, Debbie Marten, Mike Martin, Alan McFarlin, Erma McKinnie, Frances Meyer, Jonathon Millburg, Boggy Miller, Dan Miller, Deanna Miller, Heather Miller, Chris Mizera, Hans Mizera, Missy Mizera, Shirley Mizera, Alta Mundhenke, Marilyn Murphy, Bodhi Niewinski, Rose Ann Olinger, Trevor James Oller, Millie Olsen, Brenda Ouelette, Ron Painter, Randy Patterson, Diane Pitchford, Michael Poleon, Doc Prose, Roy Prose, Gary Ronchetto, Larry Saxe, Mike Sheedy, Rita Sloan, Dan Smith, Lenora Spencer, Tracy Stephens, Greg Stewart, Teresa Todt, Mary Frances "Toots" Walch, Larry Weber, Brant Weitekamp, Bev Weitekamp, Ed Weitekamp, Greg Weitekamp, Jodi Weitekamp, Steve Weitekamp, Pat Whalen, Jenny White, Larry Williams, Sandy Williams, Mary Zueck

To add or remove someone on the prayer list, please email Kateri Marten at: kmarten@stmr.org

St. Mary

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm The Parishioners of
St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond
(Fr. Florent)

Tuesday, December 20

No Mass

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Dorothy Heaton
(Mary Ann & James Jordan)

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 am Dorothy Heaton
(David & Maria McFeggan)



Finance Council

Bob Wagahoff
Patty Clarke
Donna Krager
Bill Brown
Fr. Florent

No collection information for December 10th due to early bulletin deadline.

Lector Schedule

Dec 17 - Kathy Rovey
Dec 24 Christmas Eve - Carol Hupp
Dec 31 - Mary Jane Fuchs
Jan 7 - Tony Krager
Jan 14 - Dan Martin

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Dec 17 - Glenn Rovey
Dec 24 Christmas Eve - Mary Ann
Rimini
Dec 31 - Patty Clarke
Jan 7 - Mary Jane Schmidt
Jan 14 - Bea Leonard

St. Mary's Christmas Choir Practice

Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:00 pm

Please join us for Christmas choir!

Marriage and Family

“John (the Baptist) appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Mt 3:1)
In any marriage hurts are inevitable. It may not be major, like a sin, but often small, like a pinch. Is there anything to forgive today?



St. Maurice

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, December 18

10:00 am Charles "Chill" & Carmen Davis
(Charlie Davis)

Friday, December 23

8:00 am Kenten Deardorff
(Dale & Kendra Brockamp)

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Linus & Marie Grundy
(Rose & Bob Gowin)

Sunday, December 25

No Mass

Friday, December 30

8:00 am Marge Held
(Dave & Gloria Mahan)

Ministry Schedule

December 18

USHER: Mark Langen and
Brian & Suzanne Grundy
LECTOR: Diane McWard-Sullivan
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ed Goebel
ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel and Nicholas
DeBrun

December 24 - Christmas Eve

USHER: Mark Langen and
Brian & Suzanne Grundy
LECTOR: Ed Goebel
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Larry Goebel
ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel & Nicholas DeBrun,
Adelaide & Gentry Dunkirk, and Macie Ferrill

St. Maurice Adoration Holiday Schedule

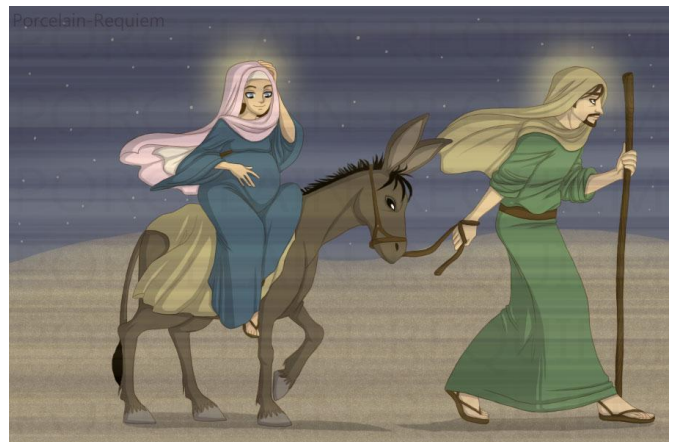
There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on:
December 21
December 28
Adoration will resume normal schedule on
Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Finance Council

John Fleigle
Deb Forbes
Brenda Deardorff
Charlie Golitko
Dale Brockamp
Fr. Florent

St. Maurice Parish is in need
of organists or pianists.
Are you able to play the organ or piano?
Would you consider playing at least one
Sunday Mass a month?
If so, contact Fr. Florent.

No collection information for December 11th due to
early bulletin deadline.



St. Raymond

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am Daisy Held
(Denny & Deb Held)

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 am Orville Tucker
(Mary Marten)

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Shirlen Rosenthal
(Bernard & Margaret Jenkins)

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am The Parishioners of
St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond
(Fr. Florent)

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 am Wanda Miller

Join us for decorating our church for
Christmas today after mass

St. Raymond's Christmas Choir Practice

Monday Dec. 19 at 6:30 pm

Adoration Schedule Changes for the Holiday Season

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on:
Dec. 21 & 22
Dec. 28 & 29

Adoration will resume normal schedule on
Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

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early bulletin deadline.

December Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Tricia Pinkston

CANTOR Chris Mizera

HOSPITALITY Carl Walch & Mark Meisner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER John Barto

MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND:

December 4 - Mary & Julie Krager

December 11 - Dick Lyons

December 18 - Carl Marten

December 25 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:

December 4 - Morgan Hampton

December 11 - Dan Held

December 18 - Avery & Luke Pope

December 24 - Jacob Mizera

Christmas Eve Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Tricia Pinkston

CANTOR Chris Mizera

HOSPITALITY Greg Beck & Joe Pope

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER John Barto

Christmas Day Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet

CANTOR Deb Held

HOSPITALITY Carl Walch & Mark Meisner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Carl Marten

Finance Council

Bill Held
Marlene Marten
John Barto
Allen Poggenpohl
Fr. Florent

