

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent



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Bulletin Disruption

The company who has printed our bulletins suddenly went out of business. This bulletin for February 26th is the last one they will print. If you've been receiving the bulletin via email, this was also handled by JS Paluch and you won't receive the bulletin via email until we move to a new email platform.

We are working on finding a new way to print bulletins, but it could take a few weeks. **In checking with other vendors, we are finding that continuing to print our current bulletin content and page count would more than double our cost.** This is a good opportunity to reevaluate our bulletin size, content, and need for paper bulletins. Your feedback will be very important in this process. Our goal is to serve our parishioners' needs in a fiscally responsible way.

Please visit:

stmrm.org/bulletins

then click on the "Complete Bulletin Survey" button to provide your feedback on what content is most important to you in the bulletin.

Please complete the survey by March 12

At stmrm.org/bulletins, you can also find all our current and past bulletins. We will continue to post bulletins to the website regardless of how soon we can line up a new printer.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition.

Father's Corner

Led by the Spirit into the desert.

There are many kinds of deserts. And some deserts are actually full of life if we take the time to see and scrutinize the surroundings. We will see the cacti; we will see flowers, we will see all sorts of tiny creatures moving around; ants, spiders, geckos, scorpions, kangaroo rats and even serpents, like rattlesnakes. Other deserts are nothing but barren sand. Lent invites us into a desert. What desert do we enter? What do we discover? Whom do we encounter there?

The Gospel says "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert." He felt the powerful energy of all the forces which tempt humans to abandon our fidelity to who we are and to God who made us.

To each temptation made by the devil, Jesus responded from the Scriptures. "It is written..." he said. Jesus knew the Truth of himself and acted with fidelity.

"It is written..." Do I know what is written? When was the last time I gazed into my Bible? What was the last Gospel or epistle I read? Do I live what is written? Where is it written?

Lent is our personal training period to build up spiritual strength to withstand the dangers of temptation because, everywhere we are confronted by what tempts us to turn away from God.

In face of temptation, we have the model of Jesus himself who knows the struggle and gives us the strength to choose rightly, by the power of God's Word.

For all of us, temptation always presents a choice. At all times but especially during Lent we improve our strength to choose God by following Jesus into the desert.

Lenten Regulations from the Diocese of Springfield

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, this year falls on a Friday during Lent.

For a just cause in individual cases, a pastor can grant a dispensation from the obligation of observing a day of penance or can grant a commutation of the obligation into other pious good works (per canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law). The faithful who are desirous of such a dispensation or commutation of the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, should speak with their pastor. Otherwise, we are to adhere to the obligation of abstaining from meat on this day as on the other Fridays of Lent.

ABSTINENCE - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

FAST - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

What is the importance of the priest at Mass?

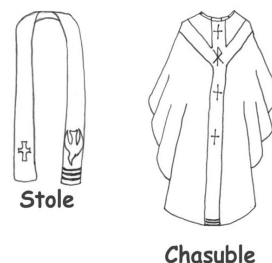
The Mass or the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist depends in a special way on the Sacrament of Holy Orders, which is the sacrament the ordained deacon, priest, and bishop receive. For a Mass to be celebrated, a priest or bishop is needed, since only they can consecrate the elements of bread and wine. Deacons and other ministers have important roles as well, even though their presence is not necessary for the celebration of the Mass. The priest is the principal minister at Mass.

The Eucharistic Prayer (said between the 'Holy Holy Holy' hymn and the 'Our Father' prayer) is the high point of the entire Mass, and the most important role of the priest at Mass is to say these prayers of consecration.

What are the special clothes a priest wears?

At Mass, the celebrant (priest or bishop) wears liturgical vestments. His vestments include a Chasuble, which is an outer garment worn at Mass. He also wears a Stole, which is a long and thin liturgical vestment worn around the neck under the Chasuble.

These garments are colored to match the liturgical color of the season or feast of the Church. The altar cloth often matches the liturgical color of the priest's vestments. The colors are usually as follows: Green in Ordinary time, white for Easter/Christmas seasons, purple for Lent and Advent, and red for Pentecost, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and on the feast of the Apostles and martyrs. Optionally blue garments can be worn at Marian celebrations and black at the Feast of All Souls and funerals.



Where does the priest and servers get ready for Mass?

The Priest (deacon and servers) gets dressed and ready for Mass in a room called the Sacristy. This room contains all the garments for the priest to wear and the other supplies for the altar servers and the Mass.

In some churches there is also a special sink in the sacristy, called the sacrarium, which leads not to a drain but directly to the earth. The water from washed Mass linens (purificators) and purified Mass vessels is poured down the sacrarium drain after each Mass.

Our 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, Mike Colbrook, 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, Nide Grundy, Ramona Grundy, Dale Gudgel, William Gudgel, Bobbie Harker, Elayna Harker, Cameron Harmon, Gail Hartman, Harold Haslett, Richard Haynes, Gary Held, Colette Herrmann, 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, Carolyn Prose, Roy Prose, Mary Ellen Rogers, Opal Ryan, 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

Stations of The Cross

5:00 pm on Fridays of Lent
Stations will rotate between our parishes

March 3 - St. Maurice
March 10 - St. Raymond
March 17 - St. Mary
March 24 - St. Maurice
March 31 - St. Raymond

Operation Rice Bowl

Rice bowls are available in the vestibule for you to use during Lent in order to collect money for Catholic Relief Services

Reconciliation Times

St. Maurice - Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
St. Mary - Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
St. Raymond - Sunday 7:00 am - 7:30 am

Family of Faith

Dates to save:: March 15th || April 19th || May 17th
K of C Hall in Morrisonville 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Louis School Hiring Principal for 2023-2024 Academic Year

St. Louis School is hiring a principal for the 2023-2024 academic year. Candidates should be a practicing Catholic with appropriate experience who have a strong desire to build Catholic culture and grow the faith environment of our school.

Applicants may apply by submitting their resume and cover letter to Fr. Michael Meinhart at
311 S. Elm Street, Nokomis, IL. 62075.



**Raymond
Knights of Columbus
Weekly Lenten Fish Fry**

Now open for Dine In! - Drive-Thru - Carry Out
Every Friday
February 24th to March 31st
Serving from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Fried Fish, Potatoes Wedges, Baked Potato,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Cake
\$13.00 -or- 2 for \$25.00

Kids Pricing (Indoor Dining Only)
Age 10 and under \$7.00
Preschool Free

Bible Study

Tuesdays
St. Mary at 10:00 am
St. Raymond at 6:30 pm

Join us in praying for life

Every Friday morning at 9:00 am
in St. Raymond's main church

A Thank You from Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your generous donation of 10 packs of diapers, 12 packs of wipes, 3 cans of formula and a box of bottled formula to Loving Arms. We at Loving Arms are encouraged and excited that you have chosen to begin this year by blessing us with a material donation. The start of a new year is also the start of new opportunities to serve women in crisis situations. Your donation will be a wonderful blessing to our clients as well as those of us that serve at Loving Arms.

Thank you for giving so generously to our ministry.

In His Service,
Cathy Coker, Executive Director

Illinois March for Life in Springfield

Tuesday, March 21st

The day will start with Mass at 10:00 am,
at the Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus,
1 University Plaza, Springfield.

At 12:00 pm, the Illinois March for Life will hold a
rally in front of the State Capitol, 2nd Street, at the
Lincoln Statue. A march around the State Capitol
complex will begin after the rally.

The Mass, rally and march are intended for 7th-12th
graders, college students, and adults.

To register to attend the Mass and March go
to **illinoismarchforlife.org**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Msgr. David Hoefler
November 27– December 7, 2023

Sail the Sea of Galilee, walk the Via Dolorosa,
visit the baptismal site in the Jordan River,
daily Mass, sight-seeing, and so much more!

For more information, email
holylandtoursllc@gmail.com or
edanaher@dio.org

Register at holylandtoursllc.com

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Hosted by Fr. R. Dean Probst
October 17 - 26, 2023

Visiting: Caesarea, Haifa, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee,
Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem

For more information contact
618-783-8741 (Office)
217-494-6326 (Cell)
rdprobst@gmail.com

Scholarship for Female Seniors Offered by the Springfield Diocesan CCW

The SDCCW's Scholarship Program is offering four
\$1,500 college scholarships to four outstanding
Catholic female high school seniors who exemplify
SDCCW's mission, values of leadership,
and faith and service.

Applications are due April 1st and are available in the
vestibule of each parishes.

Jerseyville Deanery CCW Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Benld
Registration begins at 8:30 am
\$6 each (includes lunch)
Mass at 9:00 am followed by the Rosary

SDCCW Lenten Retreat "Our Journey of Faith"

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic
Women invites all women to attend our annual
Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield.

Beginning 9:00 am on Tuesday March 28th
and ending at noon on Wed. March 29th

Kim Paden, retreat master, will take us on "our
journey of faith". She is the Chair of the
Spirituality Commission for the National Council
of Catholic Women and writes periodically for
The Catholic Post, the newspaper for the Catholic
Diocese of Peoria.

What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations,
prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and
much more. Bring your sister, your mom, your
friend. All are welcome!

Registration forms with cost and further info are
available in the vestibule of each parish.

St. Mary

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 25

5:00 pm Bob Seelbach
(Kenny & Mary Jane Schmidt)

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 am Dorothy Heaton
(Dorothy Shepherd)

Saturday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 am Danny Millburg
(Marjorie Millburg)

Lector Schedule

Feb 25 - Kathy Rovey
March 4 - Carol Hupp
March 11 - Mary Jane Fuchs
March 18 - Tony Krager
March 25 - Dan Martin

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Feb 25 - Glenn Rovey
March 4 - Mary Ann Rimini
March 11 - Patty Clarke
March 18 - Mary Jane Schmidt
March 25 - Bea Leonard

Finance Council

Bob Wagahoff
Patty Clarke
Donna Krager
Bill Brown
Fr. Florent

Thank You

The Farmersville Kof C would like to thank everyone who attended the Pork Chop Dinner Feb. 18th. Also, thank you to the members, their wives, and non-members who cooked, made cakes, served the meal, took money, and helped clean up, making the dinner a success!



Marriage and Family

Winning an argument is not about proving you're right. It's not YOUR problem or MY problem. It's OUR problem. Sometimes the marriage can win if you lose.

No collection information for February 18th due to the holiday on Monday

St. Maurice

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, February 26

10:00 am Dennis White and Merle Ree Millburg
(Joyce White)

Friday, March 3

8:00 am The Parishioners of
St. Mary, St. Maurice, & St. Raymond
(Fr. Florent)

Sunday, March 5

10:00 am Howard & Rita Fishburn
(Fishburn Girls & Families)

Friday, March 10

8:00 am Deceased members of the Weitekamp &
O'Brien Families
(Mr. & Mrs. Raymond O'Brien)



Food Drive

The Morrisonville Knights of Columbus - Council 1151 is holding a food drive during this Lenten Season. We are announcing a 40 cans for 40 days theme. A collection box will be located in the church's vestibule. We know with our parish's generosity we can easily exceed our 40 can goal. Any canned or non-perishable food items will be accepted. All items will be donated to the Morrisonville – Palmer food pantry.

Ministry Schedule

February 26

USHER: Mark Langen and
Eric & Becky O'Brien
LECTOR: Larry Goebel
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dale Brockamp
ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel & Nicholas DeBrun

March 5

USHER: Mark Langen and
Steve & Mellisa DeBrun
LECTOR: Dale Brockamp
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Charlie Golitko
ALTAR SERVERS: Lucas, Noah, and Emma
Grundy

March 12

USHER: Mark Langen and
Steve & Mellisa DeBrun
LECTOR: Diane McWard-Sullivan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ed Goebel
ALTAR SERVERS: Adelaide & Gentry Dunkirk,
and Macie Ferrill

Contribution Statements now Available

Donation statements are available in the vestibule of the church. If you would like your statement e-mailed to you, please contact Deb Forbes 217-825-3129.

Collection for February 19

Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$700
Catholic Times	\$
Church Improvement Fund	\$
Candle Fund	\$
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$700

Finance Council

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

St. Raymond

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am Terry Brockmeyer
(Juanita Boehler and Family)

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 am Raymond Beiermann
(Mary Marten)

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am Joyce Schiesser
(Terry & Theresa Goby)

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 am Shirlen Rosenthal
(Richard & Sharon Lyons)

Finance Council

Bill Held
Marlene Marten
John Barto
Allen Poggenpohl
Fr. Florent

Stations of the Cross before Mass on Sundays

The Raymond Knights of Columbus will be leading the Stations of the Cross each Sunday before Mass during Lent. Please join us beginning at 7:25 am

February Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Verne Pinkston

CANTOR Tim Mizera

HOSPITALITY Denny Held

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Tricia Pinkston

MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND:

February 26 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:

February 26 - Jacob Mizera

March Ministry Schedule

LECTOR Jerry Wagahoff

CANTOR Verne Pinkston

HOSPITALITY Greg Beck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Carl Marten

MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND:

March 5 - Mary & Julie Krager

March 12 - Dick Lyons

March 19 - Carl Marten

March 26 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:

March 5 - Dan Held

March 12 - Avery & Luke Pope

March 19 - Morgan Hampton

March 26 - Jacob Mizera

Collection for February 19

Envelopes and Loose	\$7,661
Candle offering	\$3
Bell Tower Fund	\$100
Easter Flowers	\$20
Catholic Times	\$
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$70
Total Collections:	\$7,854