

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 am St. Raymond: Wanda Miller

10:00 am St. Maurice: John B. Fahl

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 am St. Mary: Mary Ellen Rogers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Hoph & Powley Families

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 am St. Maurice: Fr. Davies Edassery

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:00 pm St. Mary: Bridget Jordan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of our Parishes

10:00 am St. Maurice: Howard & Rita Fishburn

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

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Wednesday

FATHER'S COLUMN

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

It is common that, after joining a new group, newcomers quickly take on the identity of that group they have joined; for example, the new little Scout wants to sleep in his uniform; the new recruit begins to use military slang; the new college student buys everything possible with the college logo. However the newbies quickly learn that belonging to a group implies long-term commitment, many demands, and resolution of differences. In this Gospel Jesus is talking about the commitment, demands, and resolution of differences that must occur in the Church that he is establishing.

Jesus has a realistic view of the community of believers he is founding. While he gives a blueprint for resolving differences, the more critical teaching he gives is that he is present to those who gather in his name, and it is his Presence that enables the resolution of conflicts, the unity of the community, and their growth in the Life he offers.

In a small parish, conflicts about how liturgy should be celebrated, how children should be formed in the faith, how the poor should be served, how the finances should be managed, how decisions are made, do occur. These can evolve into full-blown community-shattering and prayer-destroying objections when the people involved cannot get beyond themselves and their own narrow understanding of things, likes and dislikes, or agendas.

On the other hand, when time is taken for pious and consistent prayer, when Jesus is addressed as present in the midst of the community, when the good of all is put before personal preferences, then the unity of the community is preserved, rifts are reconciled, and the work of salvation moves forward.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

Can we see and taste the changes of the bread and wine when they become the Body and Blood of Christ?

No.

The great theologian St. Thomas Aquinas explained that everything is made up of "substance" and "accident."

Substance is the core of the item, what makes it be that particular thing and nothing else. Accidents are the qualities of a particular thing.

So, for example, the substance of a stone is the essence that makes this particular object a stone as distinct from being a piece of wood. It is often intangible, nonphysical, immaterial, impalpable.

An accident, on the other hand, is a tangible quality that can vary. This particular stone looks blue and feels cold. "Blue" and "cold" are accidents.

At the Consecration, the substance of the bread and wine changes to be the Body and Blood of Jesus. The accidents of the bread and wine remain the same. In other words, it still looks like bread, it tastes like bread, it feels like bread, but it isn't bread any longer.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sep 9 - Patty Clarke
& Mary Ann Rimini
Sep 16 - Mary Jane Schmid
& Patty Clarke
Sep 23 - Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt
Sep 30 - Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey

LECTORS

Sep 9 - Tony Krager
Sep 16 - Dan Martin
Sep 23 - Kathy Rovey
Sep 30 - Carol Hupp
Oct 7 - Mary Jane Fuchs

ST. RAYMOND

SEPTEMBER

LECTOR Linda Hocking
CANTOR Deb Held
HOSPITALITY Allen Poggenpohl
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Jerry & Donna Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Sep 3 - Mary & Julie Krager
Sep 10 - Dick Lyons
Sep 17 - Carl Marten
Sep 24 - Noller/Morehouse
SERVERS:

Sep 3 - Denny Held
Sep 10 - Dan Held
Sep 17 - Avery & Luke Pope
Sep 24 - Morgan Hampton

ST. MAURICE

SEPTEMBER 10

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Ed Goebel
Marietta Dunkirk
Charlie Golitko
LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
USHERS Steve Weitekamp
Jim Schneider
Mark Langen

SERVER

Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SEPTEMBER 17

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Gerry Goebel
Marietta Dunkirk
Charlie Golitko
LECTOR Dale Brockkamp
USHERS Steve Weitekamp
Jim Schneider
Mark Langen

SERVERS

Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2/3

St. Mary: \$1,282

St. Raymond: \$2,761

St. Maurice: \$1,121

OUR PRAYER CORNER

Billy Dean Murphy, Rosanne Olinger, Callie Jones, Larry Goebel, Gary McKinnie, Ed Weitekamp, Greg Weitekamp, Jeff Brown, Drake Lucas, Carrie Alkire, Kathy Beckmier, Joe Cray, Brant Weitekamp, Chuck Sale, Martha Reed, Janet Locander, Steve Mundhenke, Mikah Marten

To add a name to the prayer list, please email Kateri at kmarten@stmr.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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Thank You!

St. Maurice Parish would like to thank the family and friends of NIDE GRUNDY for their generous donations to St. Maurice Church.

St. Raymond CCW Meeting

Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm in the church rectory. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

St. Raymond Pray Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 95th annual convention: "Christ is Alive"

Wednesday, September 27, 8 am – 4:30 pm
Sacred Heart Griffin High School's west campus
11:00 am Mass at St. Agnes Church with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
Key-note speaker: Cathy Becker, Director of faith formation for St. Agnes Parish
Talk: "New maps for a new landscape"
will guide participants in looking at the changing landscape of people involved in our faith, find the fixed landmarks, and how to chart a new map with new routes to bring people back to the faith, engage new seekers of the faith, and find hope in our faith.
Registration: \$50.00 (includes morning refreshments and lunch)
Registration forms can be found in the back of each church or at dio.org.
For more information contact Janet Zimmerman at Janetzim14@yahoo.com or 217-494-4743.

Diocesan Annual Respect Life Mass and Rosary Walk

Saturday, October 7 at Holy Family Parish in Granite City. 9:00 am Mass celebrated by our Bishop, followed by a prayer procession around the abortion facility. Lunch and speaker will follow the procession.

A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sudan's vast Diocese of El Obeid covers an area nearly one-third larger than the state of Texas. In light of the need for clergy and religious sisters and brothers to minister to Catholics spread out across the large area, the diocese prioritized vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life at its 2019 annual pastoral conference. The diocese entered into a partnership with the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio in South Sudan so that students from El Obeid could join a preliminary course in Yambio leading into their first year of seminary studies. With assistance from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Diocese of El Obeid recruited 15 new seminarians and four young women who entered the novitiate with the Congregation of Precious Blood Sisters in Nairobi, Kenya. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, the seminary in Juba, South Sudan, reopened in 2021 with 35 seminarians from the Diocese of El Obeid. On August 15, 2021, one of the seminarian beneficiaries of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa's grant to the diocese was ordained a deacon, and others will be able to continue their studies.

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been making real differences in the lives of Catholics in Africa for more than 15 years through its support of seminary training, the formation of religious sisters and brothers, and other pastoral ministries that address the needs of the rapidly growing African Church. When you participate in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, you play a key role in forming today's seminarians to become the pastoral leaders of tomorrow.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that it can educate and form seminarians to minister to the faithful as the Church continues to grow there. Please be generous to this collection for the solidarity fund through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois