

OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERY LIFE

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*"You who are my messenger,
in you I place my absolute trust."*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Respect Life Month
October 2023



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

310 Nobbe St.
Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

306 S McElroy
Raymond, IL 62560

ST. MAURICE

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Noon Monday

Parish Website:
stmrm.org

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 pm St. Mary: The Linda Carter Family,
Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 am St. Mary: Charles & Carmen Davis

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 am St. Raymond: Stephen McCague Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 am St. Maurice: Victoriano Hernandez

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: Mary K. Krager
10:00 am St. Maurice: Darrel Grundy

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

Jesus said to them,
"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are
entering the kingdom of God before you."

Changing one's mind, especially when done often, carries negative connotations of being inconstant, irresolute, uncommitted, indecisive, unreliable. Yet often, situations, behaviors, and intentions actually request a change of mind; for example, when we are clearly wrong about something, or we are misinformed, or we need to change the course of our life so growth can happen. These are examples of the kind of change of mind Jesus calls forth from us.

Following Jesus faithfully requires that our 'yes' to God and each other be honest, our 'no' to what we should not do be firm; our conversion of heart be ongoing and expandable.

Like the first son, like the tax collectors and prostitutes, we must be willing to evaluate our choices and behaviors and bring them in line with what the Lord asks of us. Changing one's mind, choosing conversion of self, is a matter of complete honesty with self, God, and others.

But then, how can we be honest with ourselves, with God, and with others?

Sometimes others show us the way when they challenge our behaviors, principles, attitudes, words. Sometimes prayer opens us to God's will and the kind of self-examination that will lead us to say "yes" to God. Sometimes when we are like the second son and the chief priests and elders and don't intend to

be honest or obedient, the negative consequences of our choices weigh upon us and bring us to a change of mind and heart. Conversion of self is a lifelong process of growth and openness to what God asks of us.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

What kind of posture is proper during the Our Father?

Some local communities and individuals have the informal practice of holding hands during the Our Father, or of people extending their hands in imitation of the gesture prescribed for the priest during the prayer. The gesture proper to the faithful during the prayer is called the "orans," that is, the hands joined together in the traditional posture of prayer or with arms extended toward God like the priest.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sep 30 - Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey
Oct 7 - Patty Clarke
& Mary Ann Rimini
Oct 14 - Mary Jane Schmid
& Patty Clarke
Oct 21 - Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt

LECTORS

Sep 30 - Carol Hupp
Oct 7 - Mary Jane Fuchs
Oct 14 - Tony Krager
Oct 21 - Dan Martin
Oct 28 - Kathy Rovey

ST. RAYMOND

OCTOBER

LECTOR Doris Morehouse
CANTOR Verne Pinkston
HOSPITALITY Phil Brown
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Linda Hocking
John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Oct 1 - Mary & Julie Krager
Oct 8 - Dick Lyons
Oct 15 - Carl Marten
Oct 22 - Noller/Morehouse
Oct 29 - Dick Lyons

ST. MAURICE

OCTOBER 1

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Larry Goebel
Catherine O'Connell
John Bergschneider

LECTOR Rita Sloan
USHERS Ed Voorhees

Linda Voorhees

SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

OCTOBER 8

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Charlie Golitko
Larry Goebel
Catherine O'Connell

LECTOR Larry Goebel
USHERS Ed Voorhees

Linda Voorhees
Mark Langen

SERVER

Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 23/24

St. Mary: \$1,210

St. Raymond: \$1,880

St. Maurice: \$1,268

OUR PRAYER CORNER

Vickie Norris, Chuck Sale, Martha Reed, Ron Cole, Billy Dean Murphy, Rosanne Olinger, Callie Jones, Larry Goebel, Gary McKinnie, Ed Weitekamp, Greg Weitekamp, Drake Lucas, Carrie Alkire, Kathy Beckmier, Joe Cray

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.

Family of Faith Starting Soon

Family of Faith is our parish unit's Family oriented youth education program. Registration will be available after St. Maurice's Mass on Sunday, October 15. The first class will be Wednesday, October 18 at the Morrisonville K of C Hall. Contact Fr. Florent for more information.

Quilt Raffle by the Farmersville Revitalization Committee

Raffle tickets will be sold for a beautiful quilt handmade by Bea Leonard after St. Mary's Mass on Saturday, October 7. 100% of proceeds will go back into the Farmersville community

Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

3rd Sunday of the Month
October 15, 7:30 am to Noon
at the Farmersville K of C Hall

Trivia Night Hosted by the Farmersville K of C

Saturday, October 28
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Tables set for teams of 8,
\$15 per person.
Includes chili & hot dogs,
bring your own beverages.
For information or to sign up, call:
Al Rimini - 217-825-3948
Rory Rossi - 217-306-0094

St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

Email Bulletin

If you would like to receive our weekly email bulletin, please let Kateri know at kmarten@stmr.org

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

In observance of October as Respect Life month, our parishes will be participating in the baby bottle fundraiser to support the Loving Arms Pregnancy Center in Taylorville. Loving Arms supports unexpected mothers by providing pregnancy consultations, parenting classes, baby supplies, and more. So take a bottle, be generous, and return it by October 27.

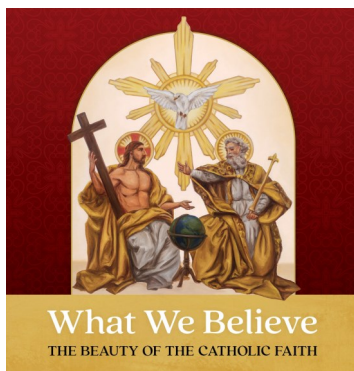


Double your impact!

The Raymond Knights of Columbus will be matching St. Raymond's contributions in the baby bottle fundraiser (up to a \$1,000 cap).



Adult Faith Formation Starting Late October



What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith

What is the Catholic Church all about?
What does it mean to be Catholic?
What do Catholics actually believe?

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

This study is a 10 sessions and we are planning to start late October.

Please register so that we know how many materials to order by using the sign up sheet in the back of church, or by emailing Kateri at kmarten@stmr.org. More information to come.

Diocesan Annual Respect Life Mass and Rosary Walk

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

Get your free tickets now for the Eucharistic Congress

The Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, a Catholic Marketplace, motivating videos, never before seen photos, adoration of our Lord, Confession, and a historic Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, go to dio.org for free tickets and more information.

LOVING ARMS PREGNANCY CENTER MINISTRY INFORMATION



History

The seeds of a crisis pregnancy center that would reach out to young women with God's love and provide help with alternatives to abortion were planted when Carol Heberling shared her vision of a crisis pregnancy center in Taylorville at her church's visioning session. She had heard about ministries like it on a Focus on the Family radio program. Sharing the concern eventually led to pastors and members of area churches coming together in the form of a steering committee which ultimately led to the opening of Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center on Mother's Day in May of 1999.

Mission

To affirm the value of life by providing alternatives through Christ-centered care to those who are at risk or hurt by abortion within Christian County and surrounding areas.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Intervention Programs

Pregnancy Services include pregnancy tests, options counseling, referrals for ultrasound, community and medical referrals and related issues. As part of our options counseling, we also provide resources and referrals for those facing difficult decisions following a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis for their baby. Those resources and referrals include bereavement photography after they baby is born...pictures of them with their baby that they can cherish. This provides them with hope and aids in the grief process (although there is no timeline for grief). It also allows them to love their baby into the arms of Jesus.

Earn While You Learn provides education and resources for parenting and healthy decision making as well as an opportunity to earn material items for baby needs.

Men of Honor connects fathers with mentors who offer support and guidance unique to men.

Prevention Programs

Choices4Life™ is a sexual risk avoidance program helping teens develop life skills needed for a positive future and a healthy marriage later in life.

Woman 360° is a relationship-coaching program empowering women to respect, value, and protect their bodies.

Thrive is a program that helps her recognize and step out of unhealthy cycles to transform her life.

Recovery Programs

Healing the Heart is a confidential faith-based healing and support class for those struggling with the pain of a past abortion.

Love You Forever is an 11-week faith-based study ministering to women who have experienced a pregnancy loss through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death.



MINISTRY UPDATE

Celebrating 24 years!

In 2023, we celebrate our 24th year of sharing the love of Christ as we provide CARE (compassion, assistance, respect, and education) to those facing an unplanned pregnancy and related issues.

Pana Center Open!

As the only pregnancy center in Christian County, we are aware of the pregnancy-related needs in our service area. And we are committed to growing and adapting our center to meet those needs. With that said, we opened a branch at 201 S. Locust Street in Pana in June of 2020. We are enthusiastic about this project and eager to be accessible as the first choice of women facing unplanned pregnancies within Pana and surrounding areas.