

O Mary,  
conceived  
without sin,  
pray for us  
who have  
recourse  
to thee!



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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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Rita Milburg

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 am St. Mary: Fr. Florent Kanga

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am St. Raymond: Wanda Miller

-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 - EVE

5:30 pm St. Mary: Dan Murphy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

*There will be no 8 am morning Mass at St. Maurice*

5:30 pm St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes

7:00 pm St. Maurice: Priests Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 pm St. Mary: Lyle & Marylyn Leonard

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Carl Goebel

## - CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE -

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 15, 6:00 pm at St. Maurice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm St. Mary

4:00 pm St. Maurice (Fr. John Hannigan)

6:30 pm St. Raymond

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 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

*There will be no Adoration on December 20/21 & 27/28*

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 10:00 pm Wednesday

*There will be no Adoration on December 20 & 27*

*St. Maurice Adoration Volunteers Needed :*

*Come join our ministry as a regular Adorer or as a substitute Adorer.*

*We currently have one hour available from Noon - 1:00*

*Contact Patti (217) 825-9811*

## FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!

Now and then we hear, "Watch the ball! Watch the children! Watch for cars!" Phrases such as these reveal that for us human beings, the verb "to watch" is never passive but always active. It involves alertness, discernment, judgment, quickness, action. We watch not simply with our eyes, but with our hearts, with our very being. This is the kind of watching that Jesus in this Gospel commands of us.

Not knowing when the "lord of the house" will return, the servants in the Gospel story must constantly watch for his arrival so that everything in his house will be in order. We too must have our own house in order when Christ the Lord returns. Then he will not find us sleeping, but prepared for his coming in glory.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we are invited to keep our house in order by staying alert to the many ways Christ comes to us now, not just on December 25th. For example, Christ comes to us in the person who has hurt us and whom we need to forgive; in the unjust situation we ought to have the courage to address; in the opportunity to turn the children's quarrel into a learning moment. We learn to look for Christ in persons and situations where we might never dream of seeing him. We watch not simply with our eyes, but with our hearts, our very being.

## EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

### **How should I approach the Eucharist to receive Communion?**

It is important to approach the Lord in Communion with reverence, hands folded in prayer when coming and going from receiving Communion. We should be speaking to Him with love and thankfulness, being conscious of Him while receiving Him. We should avoid distractions, which would take our minds away from the solemnity and awesomeness of what we're doing.

### **Do I make any sign of reverence as I receive the Lord?**

Yes. St. Augustine states how we should conduct ourselves: "It was in His flesh that Christ walked among us and it is His flesh that He has given us to eat for our salvation. No one, however, eats of this flesh without having first adored it... and not only do we not sin in thus adoring it, but we would sin if we did not do so."

The Church asks us to make some external sign of adoration before receiving Christ in the Eucharist, and in the United States, the recommended sign is a bow of the head just before receiving. In other parts of the world, other gestures of veneration (such as kneeling...) could be recommended.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, December 2:  
 Patty Clarke  
 & Mary Ann Rimini

Thursday, December 7 -  
 Holy Day Eve 5:30 pm:  
 Mary Jane Schmid  
 & Patty Clarke

Saturday, December 9:  
 Glenn Rovey  
 & Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, December 16:  
 Mary Ann Rimini  
 & Glenn Rovey

#### LECTORS

Saturday, December 2:  
 Kathy Rovey

Thursday, December 7 -  
 Holy Day Eve 5:30 pm:  
 Carol Hupp

Saturday, December 9:  
 Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, December 16:  
 Tony Krager

Saturday, December 23:  
 Dan Martin

### ST. RAYMOND

#### DECEMBER

LECTOR ..... Tricia Pinkston  
 CANTOR ..... Chris Mizera  
 HOSPITALITY ..... Carl Walch

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
 Carl & Marlene Marten

SERVERS:  
 Sun, Dec 3 - Denny Held  
 Fri, Dec 8 - TBD  
 Sun, Dec 10 - Dan Held  
 Sun, Dec 17 - Avery & Luke Pope  
 Sun, Dec 24 - Morgan Hampton  
 Sun, Dec 24 Christmas Eve -  
 Avery & Luke Pope  
 Mon, Dec 25 Christmas Day -  
 TBD  
 Sun, Dec 31 - Denny Held

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Dec 3 - Mary & Julie Krager  
 Dec 10 - Dick Lyons  
 Dec 17 - Carl Marten  
 Dec 24 - Noller/Morehouse  
 Dec 31 - Dick Lyons

### ST. MAURICE

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

LECTOR ..... Larry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
 Marietta Dunkirk  
 Dale Brockamp  
 Catherine O'Connell

USHERS ..... Brian Grundy  
 Suzanne Grundy  
 Mark Langen

SERVERS ..... Macie Ferrill  
 Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 - HOLY DAY

LECTOR ..... Rita Sloan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
 TBD/ Volunteers

USHERS ..... Brian Grundy  
 Suzanne Grundy  
 Mark Langen

#### SERVERS

Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

LECTOR ..... Gerry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
 Charlie Golitko  
 Larry Goebel  
 Ed Goebel

USHERS ..... Pat Wolf  
 Glenna Wolf  
 Mark Langen

SERVER  
 Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER 25/26

St. Mary: \$1,390

St. Raymond: \$1,531

St. Maurice: \$1,324

## OUR PRAYER CORNER

Ramona Grundy, Wyatt Spurgeon, Jim Renner, Drake Lucas, Lenora Brown, Cheryl Noller, Shirley Mizera,  
 Wayne & Margaret Angle, Greg Weitekamp, Ed Weitekamp, Abby Sinnard, Janet Locander, Steve Mundhenke,  
 Margaret & Bernard Jenkins, Brant Weitekamp, Vickie Norris, Chuck Sale, Martha Reed, Ron Cole, Callie Jones

**Farmersville K of C  
Monthly Breakfast**

3rd Sunday of the Month  
December 17, 7:30 am to Noon  
at the Farmersville K of C Hall

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**St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group**

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

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**St. Raymond's Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 3  
5:30 pm in the K of C Hall.

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**St. Raymond Christmas Choir**

Practice is on Mondays  
6:30 in St. Raymond's church  
Practice dates are as follows:  
December 4, 11, & 17

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**St. Mary Christmas Choir**

Practice is on Wednesdays  
6:30pm in St. Mary's church  
Practice dates are as follows:  
December 6, 13, & 20

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**Note on Decorating Our  
Churches for Christmas:**

Due to the last Sunday of Advent also being Christmas Eve, each of our parishes will be decorating their church the weekend of December 16/17.

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**Indulgences? My soul is 100%  
clean? Seems made up**

Indulgences are a great treasure of the Church that too few take advantage of. But, you may be confused on how they work, what you have to do, what's the point of doing them, and where you can find out what indulgences are available. Fr. Chris House answers all things indulgences! Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

**Family of Faith Class Dates**

December 13 | January 17 | February 21  
March 20 | April 17 | May 15

6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

Questions? Contact Father or Kateri.

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**Adult Faith Formation: What We Believe**

Session 4 : Jesus Christ Our Savior

In this session we will dive deeper into the mystery of Jesus: the heart of our creed and our faith. We'll explore the Incarnation, Mary as the mother of God, Jesus' suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the second coming and judgment.

Each Tuesday with 2 options for location/time:

- 10:00 am in Farmersville at the K of C hall
- 6:30 pm in Raymond at the K of C hall

If you did not register for a workbook but would like to come, you are welcome to join us any week.

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**St. Raymond Angel Tree Program**

Each gift should be wrapped (please do not use gift bags) with the card taped on the outside and returned no later than Sunday, December 10.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity towards this beautiful program!  
Questions? Contact Judie at 217-836-7136

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**Watch the talks from the Eucharistic Congress speakers**

Now you can watch the inspiring, funny, thought provoking, and uplifting talks from the congress. Go to [dio.org/catholictimes](http://dio.org/catholictimes) and click on videos. While you're there, you can check out a recap video of the historic day and watch the Mass. Note, Dr. Scott Hahn's talk is not able to be published due to contract stipulations.

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**Last Chance to Receive an Indulgence by Visiting The Cathedral in  
Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton**

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki received permission from the Holy See, granting a plenary indulgence to those who make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton (the "Old Cathedral") through December 8 2023. One must also partake in the other usual conditions to receive this indulgence by going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope. These acts "may be carried out several days preceding or following the performance of the prescribed works. But it is more fitting that communion and the prayer for the pope's intentions take place on the day the work is performed" (*Handbook of Indulgences, Norms for Indulgences, 23.3*). An indulgence is a gift and grace that remits the temporal punishment due to a sin.