

DECEMBER 10, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Prepare the Way*  
FOR THE LORD

## THE PARISHES OF

### ST. MARY

310 Nobbe St.  
Farmersville, IL 62533

### ST. RAYMOND

306 S McElroy  
Raymond, IL 62560

### ST. MAURICE

706 SE 4th St.  
Morrisonville, IL 62546

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End of Monday

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stmr.org

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and Investigation: (217) 321-1155

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### 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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 am St. Mary: Joyce Langen

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 am St. Raymond: William Tucker

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 am St. Maurice: Lorraine Luczak and  
Michelle Fuchs

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00 pm St. Mary: Dorothy Heaton

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 am St. Raymond: Daisy Held

10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

## - 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

What we are expecting radically affects how we prepare. A couple expecting a new baby, for example, prepares a nursery. A family expecting to go on a vacation prepares reservations, clothing, the car. A child expecting the first day of school prepares pencils notebooks, backpack. The preparation matches necessarily the expectation. No matter what our preparation, however, the coming of the Lord always exceeds our expectation.

John the Baptist is telling the people that the One who is coming will exceed their expectation. He will be mightier than John because he will baptize with the Holy Spirit his coming will initiate unprecedented, life-transforming change.

During this Advent are we primarily preparing ourselves for a life-transforming change or merely preparing to celebrate a secular and materialistic Christmas? What are our expectations? How does John the Baptist challenge us with a new set of expectations? Who helps us listen to John and respond? What prepares us to open ourselves to respond more fully to the Spirit with whom we have been baptized? Do our responses show that we know our expectations will be exceeded? What really prepares us for the changes the coming of the Lord will bring into our lives?



# MINISTRY SCHEDULES

## ST. MARY

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, December 9:  
Glenn Rovey  
& Mary Jane Schmid  
Saturday, December 16:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Glenn Rovey  
Saturday, December 23:  
Patty Clarke  
& Mary Ann Rimini  
Saturday, December 24 -  
Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm:  
Mary Jane Schmid  
& Patty Clarke

### LECTORS

Saturday, December 9:  
Mary Jane Fuchs  
Saturday, December 16:  
Tony Krager  
Saturday, December 23:  
Dan Martin  
Saturday, December 24 -  
Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm:  
Kathy Rovey  
Saturday, December 30:  
Carol Hupp

## 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 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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

LECTOR ..... Dale Brockamp  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Marietta Dunkirk  
Gerry Goebel  
Charlie Golitko  
USHERS ..... Brian Grundy  
Suzanne Grundy  
Mark Langen  
SERVERS ..... Macie Ferrill  
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 2/3

St. Mary: \$3,130

St. Raymond: \$4,092

St. Maurice: \$2,297

## OUR PRAYER CORNER

Martha Beeler, 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, Callie Jones

To add a name to the prayer list, please email Kateri at [kmarten@stmr.org](mailto: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.

## Winter Weather Mass Notice

If school is canceled due to bad weather, weekday mass will also be canceled.

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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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## Ladies Advent Meditation by Candlelight

All the ladies of our three parishes are invited to an evening of prayerful Advent meditation. Wine & cheese social to follow.

Thursday, December 14  
6:30 pm at the St. Raymond rectory  
Bring a candle

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## 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 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



Congratulations to the young people of our parishes who recently received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation!

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## 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.

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## Adult Faith Formation: What We Believe

Session 5 : The Holy Spirit, the Breath of God

In the last two sessions, we learned about God the Father and God the Son (Jesus). In this session, we'll explore the third person of the trinity: the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is sometimes called the least understood person of the trinity, yet he is the giver of life and breath that infuses the world.

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

Session 5 on December 12 will be the last session of 2023 before taking a break for Christmas. We will resume with Session 6 on January 2.

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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