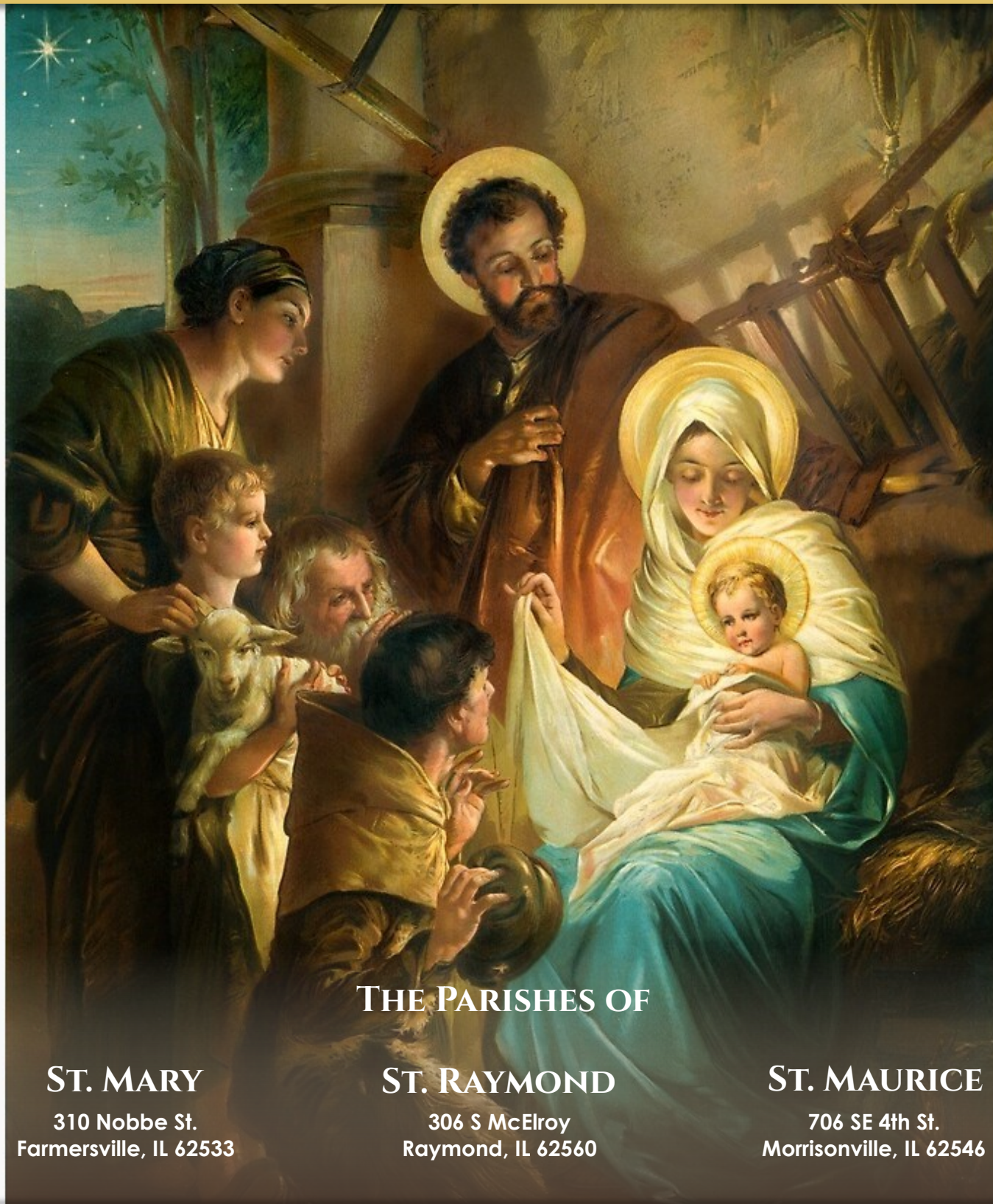


DECEMBER 31, 2023 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



## 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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End of Monday

Parish Website:  
stmrm.org

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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marge Held

10:00 am St. Maurice: Merle Ree Millburg

- SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD -

*This is one of 3 holy days that, if it falls on a Saturday or Monday (as it does this year), then the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. Thus this is not a holy day of obligation.*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am St. Raymond: Bernie Leitschuh

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 am St. Mary: **No Mass**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 am St. Raymond: Patrick Boehler

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 am St. Maurice: Kenneth Rosenthal

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 am St. Raymond: Shirlen Rosenthal

10:00 am St. Maurice: Richard & Lou Norris

## 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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him.

In any given family, if each member were asked to write down five characteristics of that family, how many of these lists would include the word "holy"? Probably not one of them. So, what's the problem here? Is being holy too grand a goal? too challenging? too unlikely? too abstract? too saintly?

This Gospel tells us otherwise. Holiness is as concrete as faithfully being guided by God's laws and other just laws, fulfilling our obligations in life, being open to the Presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, clearly and courageously speaking out our convictions and faith values, growing in our right relationships with God and others.

Ultimately, holiness is a call to live faithfully God's Life that is within us under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Family that we know from the Gospels and which we celebrate this Sunday, experienced challenges and difficulties just as we do in our own families and lives. They were able to overcome these difficulties because they remained faithful to what God asked of them. Our challenge as holy Christian families and holy people is to discern God's will for us in our lives, respond with courage through the power and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and grow in our right relationship with God and others.

May your family be blessed in this new year 2024!

### Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

- Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, 325)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, December 30:  
Glenn Rovey  
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, January 6:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Glenn Rovey

Saturday, January 13:  
Patty Clarke  
& Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, January 20:  
Mary Jane Schmidt  
& Patty Clarke

#### LECTORS

Saturday, December 30:  
Carol Hupp

Saturday, January 6:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, January 13:  
Tony Krager

Saturday, January 20:  
Dan Martin

Saturday, January 27:  
Kathy Rovey

### ST. RAYMOND

#### DECEMBER

LECTOR Tricia Pinkston  
CANTOR Chris Mizera  
HOSPITALITY Carl Walch  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Carl & Marlene Marten

SERVERS:  
Sun, Dec 31 - Denny Held

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
Dec 31 - Dick Lyons

#### JANUARY

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet  
CANTOR Deb Held  
HOSPITALITY Phil Borgic  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Tricia Pinkston  
Neil Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
Jan 7 - Mary & Julie Krager  
Jan 14 - Dick Lyons  
Jan 21 - Carl Marten  
Jan 28 - Noller/Morehouse

### ST. MAURICE

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

LECTOR ..... Catherine O'Connell  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Charlie Golitko  
Gerry Goebel  
Dale Brockamp

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

SERVERS  
Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

LECTOR ..... Dereke Dunkirk  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Catherine O'Connell  
Marietta Dunkirk  
John Bergschneider

USHERS ..... Larry Goebel  
Karen Goebel  
Mark Langen

SERVERS ..... Macie Ferrill  
and Gentry Dunkirk

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 23/24 + 24/25

St. Mary: \$4,555

St. Raymond: \$7,971

St. Maurice: \$7,070

## OUR PRAYER CORNER

Pam Bates, Paul Held, Donna Lemon, Randy Prange, 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 Jenkins, Callie Jones

Remember to pray for our seminarians and for the increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life.

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

### It's a Birthday Party!

Please help us celebrate Virginia Murphy's 100 birthday with a card shower and open house on Saturday, January 6 from 2 to 4 pm at the Farmersville K of C hall. You are also invited to join us at the 5 pm Mass that evening at St. Mary.

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### Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

3rd Sunday of the Month  
January 21, 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. 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

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### Winter Weather Mass Notice

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

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### Email Bulletin

If you would like to receive our weekly email bulletin, please let Kateri know at [kmarten@stmrm.org](mailto:kmarten@stmrm.org)

### Adult Faith Formation: What We Believe

#### Session 6: The Church

In this session we will cover The Church; how it was established by Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit and how the church lives out its four marks by being one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic.

We resume on [Wednesday, January 3.](#)

Father will be out of town on Tuesday, January 2 so we will move the first class to Wednesday with times and location remaining the same:

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

We will resume our regular Tuesday schedule the following week.

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### Family of Faith

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

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

## EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

### How does Mass end?

Just as Mass began with certain prayers, so it ends in a similar fashion with the concluding prayer. The priest gives a final blessing and dismisses the assembly.

Sometimes, a few brief announcements precede the priest's prayers at this time. Then priest dismisses the assembly.

Note that in 2008, the Holy Father added three new dismissals to the Roman Missal (main book used at Mass) in order to stress that we are sent as missionaries into the world. These are the newest words in the 2000-year history of Catholic worship. In addition to "Go forth, the Mass is ended" (which is the new translation of 'Ite, missa est'), the new dismissals are:

"Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

"Go in peace."

The priest then kisses the altar, as when he began Mass, and he leaves with the others, as in the entrance procession, usually accompanied by a song. All give thanks and praise to God!