

APRIL 21, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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
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and Investigation: (217) 321-1155

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:00 pm St. Mary: Mary Brown

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 am St. Mary: Patrick "Patty" Whalen

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 am St. Raymond: Edward Weitekamp

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 am St. Maurice: Sr. Leola Brown

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marge Held

10:00 am St. Maurice: Jereme Goebel
and Natalie Goebel

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: "I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

To be a disciple of Jesus is not simply to be a 'hired hand' who acts only to be paid, who is concerned only with his or her own welfare. Christ the Good Shepherd calls us to approach our lives, not with the limited, unfeeling, money-centered, self-interest of the hired hand, but with Jesus' sense of loving and compassionate concern for all men, women, and children. In embracing the christian attitude of humility and compassion for the sake of others, in 'laying down' our own lives for our brothers and sisters, we will one day 'take up' our lives again in the Father's Easter promise.

The Gospel of the Good Shepherd of this Sunday is a lesson in leadership that is centered in the way Jesus serves us. To act in the interest of those in our care, to freely place our own social status at the service of others, is to embrace the model of Christ the Good Shepherd.

Christ calls each one of us to realize that the gifts, the talents, and abilities that God has entrusted to us are not for our own selfish profit or for our own elevation. These gifts were given to us to help us fulfill our vocations as 'good shepherds': to seek out and bring back the lost, scattered, and forgotten; to enable people to move beyond their fears and doubts and realize their own gifts and talents; to bring the peace and justice of God into our own relationships and communities.

But the truth is that our lives are filled with noise and distractions and calamities that drown out the voice we desperately try to hear: the voice of calm, the voice of reason, the voice of assurance, the voice of unconditional and unqualified love. Such is the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd who speaks to us in the quietness of our hearts, in the unqualified love of our family and friends, in the cries of those who call out to us in need. The grace we should ask for, is to hear the Easter Christ's voice of mercy, justice, and reconciliation amid the demanding and conflicting voices that shout at us every day of our lives.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, April 20:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, April 27:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, May 4:
Glenn Rovey
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, May 11:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Glenn Rovey

LECTORS

Saturday, April 20:
Dan Martin

Saturday, April 27:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, May 4:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, May 11:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, April 18:
Tony Krager

ST. RAYMOND

APRIL

LECTOR Christine Meisner
CANTOR Tim Marten
HOSPITALITY Joe Pope
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Dianne Hampton
Larry Weitekamp

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

SERVERS:
Sun, April 7 - Dan Held
Sun, April 14 - Denny Held
Sun, April 21 - Avery & Luke Pope
Sun, April 28 - Morgan Hampton

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Marietta Dunkirk
John Bergschneider
Gerry Goebel

USHERS Dan Johnson
Linda Johnson
Bill O'Connell
Mark Langen

SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Dale Brockamp
Gerry Goebel
Ed Goebel

USHERS Dan Johnson
Linda Johnson
Bill O'Connell
Mark Langen

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR APRIL 13/14

St. Mary: \$1,030

St. Raymond: \$2,893

St. Maurice: \$1,178

OUR PRAYER LIST

Lenora Brown, Trent Boston, Maddie Harris, Alra Mundhenke, Katie Stephenson, Maddie Le, Bernard Jenkins, Margaret Jenkins, Jim Renner, Wyatt Spurgeon, Rosanne Olinger, Drake Lucas, Debbie Lucas, Greg Weitekamp, Jim Weitekamp, Wayne Angle, Danny Fark, Tricia Fark, Jason Fark, Vickie Norris

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 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.

St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

3rd Sunday of the month
April 21, 7:30 am to Noon
at the Farmersville K of C Hall

May Crowning of the Queen of the Mother Road

May 4, at Our Lady of the Highway
shrine, located outside of Raymond
at the Marten farm:
22353 W. Frontage Rd. (Old Rt. 66)

Starting at 11:00 am with the Rosary,
followed by a picnic lunch.

Please bring your own sack lunch
and lawn chair.

Family of Faith

3rd Wednesday of the month

May 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fuller
Street Building in Morrisonville

Caruso-Sperl Charitable Trust

The Caruso-Sperl Charitable Trust
provides qualified financial
assistance toward Catholic K-12
school tuition or for accredited
Catholic home school curricula. To
learn more about this trust, we
encourage you to look under the
Parish Life (Parochial School
Education) tab at
www.sacredheartvirgen.com.

To request application materials,
contact Larry James at
217-725-4473 or larrita@royell.org.
Application materials processed
from schools need to be
postmarked by May 3, 2024.

When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

Session 5: The Living Flame of Love

Each Tuesday with 2 options for location/time:

- 10:00 am in Farmersville at the Rectory
- 6:30 pm in Raymond - this week's session will be at the CCD hall instead of the K of C hall due to a scheduling conflict.

Anyone is welcome to join us any week, even if you did not register.

FATHER'S Q & A

Correct answer from the last issue:

A. Asphyxiation

Explanation: The cause of death listed for a crucified man would be asphyxiation. Crucifixion involved the person being nailed or tied to a cross, which would restrict their ability to breathe properly. The position of the body and the weight of hanging from the arms would put pressure on the chest, making it difficult to inhale and exhale. Over time, this would lead to a lack of oxygen and ultimately result in asphyxiation.

This week's questions:

Question 1: In the Gospel of Matthew, the chief priests didn't want the Jews to believe in Jesus. They told Pilate that Jesus' disciples may try to "steal" His body and claim He rose in three days. What did they do? In what chapter and verse is the answer found?

- A. Nothing, Pilate wouldn't hear their concerns. He would wash his hands again.
- B. They camped in front of the stone for four days and nights.
- C. Set a guard and sealed the stone.
- D. They paid Barrabas to watch over the tomb.

Question 2: In the Gospels of John, Mark, and Matthew, when did Mary Magdalene and Mary (the mother of James) visit Jesus's tomb and discover He was gone? What chapter and verse?

- A. Noon on Sunday
- B. Mid-morning on Sunday
- C. Before dawn on Sunday
- D. Before dawn on Saturday