

APRIL 7, 2024 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, IL 62560

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End of Monday

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5:00 pm St. Mary: Karl Jordan

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 am St. Raymond: William & Lucille Edmiston
10:00 am St. Maurice: Donnie Harris and Billy Harris

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 am St. Mary: Dale Millburg

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

5:00 pm St. Mary: Frank & Eleanor Baros

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 am St. Raymond: Deceased Members of the
Armes and Janssen Families
10:00 am St. Maurice: Marge Brockamp

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

When do we get angry? When we feel threatened. When someone angers us. When we feel strongly about something. Jesus goes on the offense in this Gospel, not because he is threatened or angry, but because he feels strongly about the disciples. He cares for them and he wants them to know that he is risen from the dead, that he has not forsaken them, and that he wishes to remove any obstacles to their belief in him and following him.

Since his Passion and death, the disciples are locked in, traumatized, afraid. The risen Jesus appears and removes the obstacles of their disbelief, he removes their concern for their own safety, and their paralysis in response to his crucifixion. He removes these obstacles by bestowing peace upon them, giving them the Spirit, and empowering them to forgive. The disciples see the risen Jesus and they are changed: they start to believe. When we too experience the risen Jesus' presence and power, we also are changed, we come to deeper belief.

The risen Jesus gives us everything we need to see him and believe in him. We respond to his Presence by being willing to change. We move from hardness of heart to forgiveness of those who have hurt us. We move from fear of losing the regard of others to embracing publicly Gospel values. We move from solitude, loneliness and discouragement to being loving and serving disciples. We reveal that we have seen the risen Jesus, that we have come to believe more deeply in him, and have been changed.

FATHER'S Q & A

Correct answer from the last issue:

A. 500+

Explanation: After Jesus' resurrection, there were over 500 witnesses who saw him alive. This is mentioned in the Holy Scriptures in 1 Corinthians 15:6, where Saint Paul states that Jesus appeared to more than 500 brothers at one time. This large number of witnesses provides strong evidence for the reality of Jesus' resurrection and the impact it had on his followers.

This week's question:

The Romans got involved in the case regarding the trial of Jesus because...

- A. The Jewish authorities couldn't execute.
- B. They didn't agree with Jewish justice.
- C. They were the Conquering army.
- D. They were uncompromising about such things.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, April 6:
 Glenn Rovey
 & Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, April 13:
 Mary Ann Rimini
 & Glenn Rovey

Saturday, April 20:
 Patty Clarke
 Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, April 27:
 Mary Jane Schmidt
 & Patty Clarke

LECTORS

Saturday, April 6:
 Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, April 13:
 Tony Krager

Saturday, April 20:
 Dan Martin

Saturday, April 27:
 Kathy Rovey

Saturday, May 4:
 Carol Hupp

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 7

LECTOR Rita Sloan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Catherine O'Connell
 Marietta Dunkirk
 John Bergschneider

USHERS Dan Johnson
 Linda Johnson
 Bill O'Connell
 Mark Langen

SERVER
 Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

LECTOR Dale Brockamp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 Charlie Golitko
 Larry Goebel
 Ed Goebel

USHERS Dan Johnson
 Linda Johnson
 Bill O'Connell
 Mark Langen

SERVER
 Nathaniel and Nicholas DeBrun

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR MARCH 30/31

St. Mary: \$2,915

St. Raymond: \$3,462

St. Maurice: \$2,500

OUR PRAYER LIST

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, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Brant Weitekamp

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

St. Maurice Cemetery Announcement

Please remove all ground decorations by April 13 for the mowing season. Thank you.

St. Raymond Ladies Spring Fling

April 17, 6:00 pm at the KC Hall

Includes a light meal and entertainment by the LHS Drama Club with music from Peter Pan.

Family of Faith

3rd Wednesday of the month

April 17, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

Other class dates: May 15

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

Rosary Repair

If anyone has a rosary in need of repairs, please contact Jim Sale at 217-229-3485.

Email Bulletin

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

Volunteers Needed at St. Mary

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Fr. Florent or Mary Jane Schmidt.

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

Session 3: Trust and Surrender

Each Tuesday with 2 options for location/time:

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

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

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:



My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.