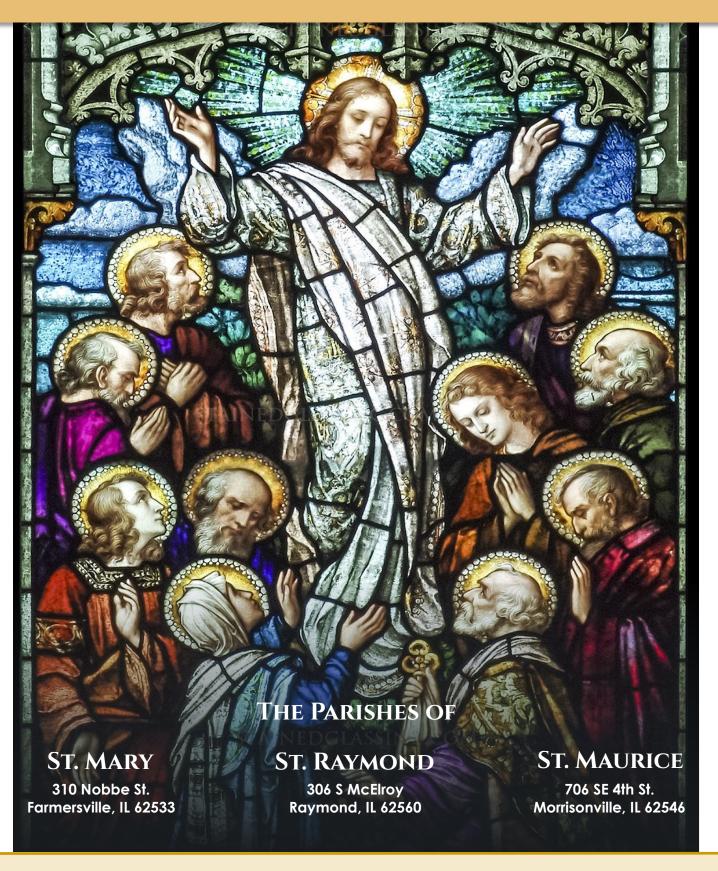
MAY 12, 2024 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 11

5:00 pm St. Mary: Margie Aherin

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of our Parishes 10:00 am St. Maurice: Antoinette Painter and Catherine "Mick" Sheedy

TUESDAY, MAY 14

8:00 am St. Mary: Carl & Georgeann

Rossmiller

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

8:00 am St. Raymond: Bill & Jeanette Broaddus

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:00 am St. Maurice: Kenny Rosenthal

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am St. Raymond: Peggy Shea Weitekamp 10:00 am St. Maurice: Amanda & Kenten

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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 Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

Jesus' ascension is both an ending and a beginning. The resurrection appearances of Jesus are now at an end; his revelation of the kingdom of God is complete; the promise of the Messiah is fulfilled.

Now begins the work of his disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed.

It is not a promising start. Like any beginning or transition in life, it is a moment of great uncertainty, confusion, and apprehension. Christ places his church in the hands of a company of illiterate fishermen and otherwise unremarkable people. What began with those followers of Jesus has grown and flourished through the centuries to this parish family of ours. The church Jesus leaves to them is rooted not in buildings or wealth or systems of theology but in faith nurtured in the human heart. A faith centered in wisdom and trust that is empowering and liberating, a faith that gives us the strength and freedom to be authentic witnesses of the risen One, who is present among us.

On the mount of the ascension, Jesus calls us to be his "witnesses," to tell others about the good that God has worked in the Easter mystery. Jesus asks us to be witnesses of God's presence in our midst, to be agents of hope, to be prophets of compassion and peace. We who have heard the story of Jesus and beheld his presence in the reconciling love we have experienced in our own lives are now called to bring that love into the lives of others and into the lives we share as families, as the church, as humankind. We are called to continue Jesus' work to teach, to witness, and to heal in our own small corners of the world, to hand on the story that has been handed on to us about Jesus and his Gospel of love and compassion.

FATHER'S Q & A

Correct answers from the last issue:

Answer 1: C. Peter and John (John 20:2)

This week's questions:

Question 1: While outside the tomb, two angels asked Mary why she was weeping. Then, Jesus asked her the same question. Mary thought He was a gardener. She answered... In what chapter and verse is the answer found?

- A. "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."
- B. "Sir, if You were here, tell me where this Man walked off to."
- C. "Sir, I can tell, you were here and saw what happened. Please tell me."
- D. "Sir, would you mind telling me what happened here?"

Answer 2: B. Went back to their homes (John 20:10)

Question 2: "Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to Him, 'Rabboni!' (which is to say, _____)"
In what chapter and verse is the answer found?

- A. You have risen!
- B. Who are you?
- C. Wow!
- D. Teacher!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

St. Raymond

ST. MAURICE

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, May 11:

Mary Ann Rimini

& Glenn Rovey

Saturday, May 18:

Patty Clarke

Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, May 25:

Mary Jane Schmidt

& Patty Clarke

Saturday, June 1:

Glenn Rovey

& Mary Jane Schmidt

LECTORS

Saturday, May 11:

Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, May 18:

Tony Krager

Saturday, May 25:

Dan Martin

Saturday, June 1:

Kathy Rovey

Saturday, June 8:

Carol Hupp

MAY

LECTOR Linda Hocking
CANTOR Deb Held

HOSPITALITY Carl Walch

EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS

Verne Pinkston

John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

May 5 - Mary & Julie Krager

May 12 - Dick Lyons

May 19 - Carl Marten

May 26 - Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:

Sun, May 5 - Dan Held

Sun, May 12 - Denny Held

Sun, May 19 - Avery & Luke Pope

and Austin Nicol

Sun, May 26 - Morgan Hampton

SUNDAY, MAY 12

LECTOR Gerry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Charlie Golitko John Bergschneider

Ed Goebel

USHERS Cindy Folkerts

Diane McWard-Sullivan Albert Emery

Mark Langen

SERVERS Macie Ferrill

Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

SUNDAY, MAY 19

LECTOR Pat Wolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Dale Brockamp Gerry Goebel

Catherine O'Connell

USHERS Cindy Folkerts

Diane McWard-Sullivan

Albert Emery Mark Langen

SERVER

Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR MAY 4/5

St. Mary: \$993 St. Raymond: \$2,410 St. Maurice: \$1,345

OUR PRAYER LIST

Mike Sheedy, Gabe Shultz, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Raymond Coateny, Brant Weitekamp, 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

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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



St. Raymond Pro-Life Prayer Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am

Family of Faith

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

Farmersville K of C Monthly Breakfast

3rd Sunday of the month May 19, 7:30 am to Noon at the Farmersville K of C Hall

Volunteers Needed for St. Raymand Funeral Dinners

Ladies of St. Raymond, if you would be interested in helping out with our church funeral dinners, it would be appreciated!

Extra hands are always welcome.

Please send your name and number to Julie Rosenthal at 217-259-3110

Email Bulletin

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

St. Raymond Mums for Moms for Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day!

Everyone is welcome to take their Mums for Mom today after mass. The names will be printed in next week's bulletin.

There is still time if you would like to honor a mother, living or deceased. Complete a form or call Missy Dean at 217-556-2439 by today, Sunday, May 12.

New Free Book in Honor of the Month of Our Blessed Mother

Check out the new book available in the vestibule of each of our parishes. This book is a guide to the scriptural rosary. With a scripture verse for each Hail Mary, this book is a companion to help keep your mind focused as you meditate and pray the life of Jesus with his Mother. Whether you have never prayed the rosary before or you have a devotion to it, you will find this little book helpful on your prayer journey.

Parish Unit Graduation Mass

Will be celebrated at St. Maurice on Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 am. Jr. High, High School, and College graduates of all three parishes will be honored and are invited to participate. Graduates are welcome to wear their cap and gown if they have one and choose to. If you have a graduate, to get their info in the bulletin, please contact Deb Forbes at 217-825-3129 (call or text) or email dforbes@stmrm.org

Summer Lunches for Students Program in Raymond

With the end of the school year approaching, I would imagine the we will again be invited to help provide lunches for students during the summer as we did last year.

Is there anyone from St. Raymond who would like to serve as coordinator for this project this year? It simply requires obtaining volunteers to make lunches and creating a schedule for the volunteers. If you are interested, contact me at 217-254-3224.

Thank you! Marlene Marten



Thank You to the crew who removed the leaning tree by the St. Raymond CCD hall on Saturday, May 4: Mike Riggs, Tim Marten, Jason McCallum, John Barto, Allen Poggenpohl, and Denny Held