

MAY 18, 2025 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Feast of St. Mary (The Assumption)  
August 15



Feast of St. Raymond Nonnatus  
August 31



Feast of St. Maurice  
September 22

## 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  
Parish Website:  
stmrm.org

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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00 am St. Raymond: Peggy Shea Weitekamp

10:00 am St. Maurice: Amanda & Kenten Deardorff

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

8:00 am St. Mary: Karl Jordan

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

8:00 am St. Raymond: Louis & Sharon Kern

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

8:00 am St. Maurice: Mary Lou Langen

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Hopf Family

10:00 am St. Maurice: Bernard "Doc" Millburg

### MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 26

*Mass will be held at each parishes' cemetery.*

*In case of rain, it will be moved to the church.*

*Bring a lawn chair.*

8:00 am St. Raymond: Anita Hall

10:00 am St. Mary: Glenn Rovey

12:00 pm St. Maurice: The Deceased  
Members of Our Parishes

## 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

*Adoration will be held in the main church while our chapel is having repair work done*

### ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 9:00 pm Wednesday

## FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Most of us get a pile of junk mail every week. Included among these sleek lures is usually a batch of catalogues. Open them up, and frequently sprawled across a product will be the letters NEW! often printed in bright red, very large letters. This advertising maneuver is that, by simply being new, customers will be enticed to buy. And some people have to go the extra-mile to keep up with this newness. Whatever the newest gimmick is, they have to have it. The computer industry is fond of telling us that our brand new computer is really obsolete by the time we get it home and set up.

So how long does "new" really last?

This Sunday's Gospel tells us that some new things last forever! The "new" commandment Jesus gives will last as long as Jesus himself loves.

Last Sunday's Good Shepherd Gospel assured us that his love will last through eternity. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks of his impending departure ("I will be with you only a little while longer"), but his love for us and his command that we love one another in the same way remain forever.

There is another aspect of the "new" commandment besides its eternal endurance, however. This love has a cost. The commandment given in the book of Leviticus was "love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus commands us, however, to love one another as he has loved us. This is a "new love" because it calls for the self-emptying of the slain Lamb. Our paschal transformation challenges us to make the norm of our love not self-love but the self-sacrificing love of Jesus.

This is a demanding love because it will require that we die to self. But this dying to self transforms the world! The divine love to which Jesus calls us produces dramatic results: "a new heaven and a new earth," a "new Jerusalem," indeed the making of "all things new" (from our second reading). This love wipes away every tear and lasts forever.

Our Easter joy is not found in avoiding its costs, but in embracing its price for the sake of the new heaven and earth it promises.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, May 17:  
Mary Jane Schmidt  
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, May 24:  
Emily Martin  
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, May 31:  
John &  
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, June 7:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Emily Martin

Saturday, June 14:  
Patty Clarke  
Mary Ann Rimini

#### LECTORS

Saturday, May 17:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, May 24:  
Tony Krager

Saturday, May 31:  
Dan Martin

Saturday, June 7:  
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, June 14:  
Carol Hupp

### ST. RAYMOND

#### MAY

LECTOR Linda Hocking  
CANTOR Deb Held  
HOSPITALITY Carl Walch  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Verne Pinkston  
John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
May 4: Hocking/Krager  
May 11: Dick Lyons  
May 18: Carl Marten  
May 25: Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:  
Sun, May 4: Dan Held  
Sun, May 11: Avery & Luke Pope  
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff  
Sun, May 18: Denny Held  
Sun, May 25: Luke Pope  
Austin & Addy Nicol

### ST. MAURICE

#### SUNDAY, MAY 18

LECTOR ..... Gerry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Catherine O'Connell  
Dale Brockamp  
Marietta Dunkirk

USHERS ..... Mark Langen,  
Diane McWard-Sullivan,  
Cindy Folkerts, and Albert Emery

SERVERS ..... Macie Ferrill  
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

#### SUNDAY, MAY 25

LECTOR ..... Pat Wolf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Catherine O'Connell  
John Bergschneider  
Ed Goebel

USHERS ..... Mark Langen,  
Diane McWard-Sullivan,  
Cindy Folkerts, and Albert Emery

SERVER .....  
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

LECTOR ..... Larry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Charlie Golitko  
Dale Brockamp  
Gerry Goebel

USHERS ..... Mark Langen,  
Diane McWard-Sullivan,  
Cindy Folkerts, and Albert Emery

SERVERS ..... Nathaniel DeBrun  
Rian Deardorff

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR MAY 10/11

St. Mary: \$1,211

St. Raymond: \$2,328

St. Maurice: \$2,101

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Rose Mundhenke, Georgetta Dean, Brant Weitekamp, Rita Sloan, Martha Beeler, Thelma Goebel, Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, Trent Boston, Ron Painter, Carol Ann Harding, Martha Reed, Deanne Kirby, Heather Miller, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Vickie Norris, Greg Weitekamp, Jim Weitekamp

Remember to pray for our Pope, Bishop, Priests and seminarians, and for the increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life.



### Study on The Gospel of Matthew

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Farmersville  
at the Parish Rectory.

*Note: classes at Raymond have concluded.*

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### Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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### Parish Unit Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass will be at St. Maurice on Sunday, May 25 at 10:00 am. Jr. High, High School and College graduates of all three parishes will be honored and are invited to participate. The graduate can wear their cap and gown if they have one and choose to.

If you have a graduate, contact Deb Forbes at 217-825-3129 (call or text) or email [dforbes@stmrm.org](mailto:dforbes@stmrm.org) to get their information in the bulletin.

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### St. Raymond Pro-Life Group Diaper and Wet Wipe Drive

Now through the end of May, ending on May 25, please bring diapers and or wet wipes to be donated to our local pregnancy care centers to help moms in need.

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### St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us Sunday, June 1 after Mass for coffee, donuts & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

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### St. Raymond Participating in Summer Lunch Program

Each week while the children are out of school, we will be responsible for approximately 15 lunches on Thursdays. Lunches should consist of a sandwich (nut free), chips, drink, and possibly a treat (or other ideas that serve as a meal for kids, i.e. pizza, etc are welcome). Meals need to be dropped off at the Library by 10:45.

If interested in helping in this ministry or for more info, call or text Marlene Marten at 217-254-3224

### Memorial Day Field Mass in Springfield

9:00 am on Memorial Day, Monday May 26  
at the Father Howard Altar located  
in Calvary Cemetery of Springfield

The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki will be the principal celebrant, accompanied in procession by local priests and members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Limited seating will be available, and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. In lieu of golf cart transportation this year, guests needing special assistance can be dropped off closer to the Father Howard Altar.

Call the Calvary Cemetery office at 523-3726  
Monday- Friday 8am-4pm with any questions.

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### St. Louis Catholic School Nokomis Registration Open

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year for children Pre-k through 8th grades. Transportation is available for Hillsboro, Raymond and Morrisonville students! Interested individuals can contact the school for a registration packet by calling the school office at 217-563-7445 or emailing at [school@slsk8.org](mailto:school@slsk8.org).



Congratulations to the youth of our parishes who received First Holy Communion and Confirmation!

Pictured left to right: Noah Deardorff, Allan Fleigle, Josie Armentrout, Camden Bethard, Adelyn Nicol, Rian Deardorff, and Lucy Wagahoff