JUNE 1, 2025 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 31

5:00 pm St. Mary: Roy Carter Sr.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marilyn Barto 10:00 am St. Maurice: Nicholas DeBrun

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 am St. Maurice: Raymond O'Brien

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

5:00 pm St. Mary: Velma Langen

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: Vic & Ruth Leith

10:00 am St. Maurice: The People 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

Saints of the week

June 2: Sts. Marcellinus, Priest

and Peter, Exorcist, both Martyrs

June 3: Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions,

Martyrs of Uganda

June 4: St. Francis Caracciolo,

Priest and Founder of the Regular Minimis

June 5: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

June 6: St. Norbert, Bishop

June 7: St. Anthony Mary Gianelli, Bishop

June 8: St. Medard, Bishop

FATHER'S COLUMN

As Jesus blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

When someone we love must leave us, for instance when a parent in the armed services is deployed, when grandparents return to their home in another state after a visit, or when parents send their little ones off to school..., we are saddened. The physical absence of loved ones leaves an emptiness and deep longing in a relationship.

Jesus' blessing of the disciples at the moment of his ascension erased emptiness and longing and instilled in them joy and firmness of purpose. Everything about Jesus' life - preaching and forgiveness of sins, dying, and rising - is passed on to the disciples at Jesus' ascension.

Filled with "power from on high," the disciples returned to Jerusalem from where their ministry would begin. Though they would not escape the plight of Jesus ("the Christ would suffer; the disciple is not greater than his master"), his blessing empowered them to be "witnesses of these things" as sharers in his risen life.

Jesus' ascension is a promise of their own ascension to fulfillment. They saw the end of their mission before they even began their ministry.

When we experience emptiness and longing in our relationship with God, it is sometimes a sign that we have strayed from fidelity to Jesus' ministry and are not living the blessing we have been given. This emptiness and longing calls us to renew our relationship with the risen Lord, our firmness of purpose in continuing the ministry of Jesus, and our keeping before us the promise of our own ascension to fulfillment when our earthly ministry is complete.

Thus, throughout our daily living, we must always remember Jesus' blessing and the empowerment of the indwelling Spirit.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

St. Raymond

ST. MAURICE

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, May 31: John &

Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, June 7:

Mary Ann Rimini & Emily Martin

Saturday, June 14:

Patty Clarke

Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, June 21:

Mary Jane Schmidt

& Patty Clarke

Saturday, June 28:

Emily Martin

& Mary Jane Schmidt

LECTORS

Saturday, May 31: Dan Martin

Saturday, June 7:

Kathy Rovey

Saturday, June 14:

Carol Hupp Saturday, June 21:

Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, June 28:

Tony Krager

JUNE

LECTOR Neil Wagahoff
CANTOR Tim Marten
HOSPITALITY Larry Meisner

EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS

Jerry & Donna Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

June 1: Hocking/Krager

June 8: Dick Lyons

June 15: Carl Marten

June 22: Noller/Morehouse

June 29: Dick Lyons

SERVERS:

Sun, June 1: Dan Held

Sun, June 8: Avery & Luke Pope

Austin & Addy Nicol

Sun, June 15: Denny Held

Sun, June 22: Avery & Luke Pope

Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff Sun, June 29: Dan Held

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

LECTOR Dale Brockamp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

John Bergschneider Gerry Goebel

Larry Goebel

USHERS Mark Langen,

Charlie & Jessica Golitko

SERVERS Macie Ferrill

Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

LECTOR Ed Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Charlie Golitko Marietta Dunkirk

Larry Goebel

USHERS Mark Langen,

Charlie & Jessica Golitko

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun

Rian Deardorff

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR MAY 24/25

St. Mary: \$1,513 St. Raymond: \$4,310 St. Maurice: \$1,466

OUR PRAYER LIST

Madonna Boehl, 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, 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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Raymond Sunday Social

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

St. Raymond Food Pantry Service Project

Totes will be available today Sunday June 1 to take home and fill with food for our local food pantry.

Please bring your filled totes back to the church next Sunday, June 8.

St. Raymond Glads for Dads for Father's Day

Our CCW will once again be sponsoring the Glads for Dads. If you would like to honor a father who is living or deceased, forms will be in the back of the church. Please complete and place forms in the collection basket or call Missy Dean at 217-556-2439 by next Sunday, June 8.

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

2025 Mission-coop Priest Visit in June

Fr. Evans Fwamba will be our mission priest for this year. He will be at each of our parishes on these dates:

Saturday, June 14:

St. Mary 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 15:

- St. Raymond 8:00 am Mass
- St. Maurice 10:00 am Mass

St. Maurice Mass & Picnic in the Park

Mark your calendar! St. Maurice invites all it's members to a fun-filled time in the park!

On Sunday, June 29, our regular 10 am Mass will be said in the Morrisonville Community park. (Please bring your lawn chairs)

A potluck lunch will be held after Mass. Fried Chicken, homemade ice cream, and strawberries will be provided along with table ware and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Games of corn hole, bocci, washers, and pickle ball will be offered for your enjoyment.

If you have any question, please contact any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Hope to see you there!

Dates Fr. Florent will be Gone this Summer

- Father will be gone on Annual Retreat Monday, June 9 through Friday, June 13.
 There will be no weekday Masses this week.
- Father will be gone on vacation Monday, June 30 through Wednesday, July 30.
 Arrangements are still being made, so we do not yet know if there will be weekday Masses during this time or not. Updates to come.

Disciples of Mercy Ministry at St. Maurice

If you or someone you know could benefit from having meals provided while on hospice, recovering from surgery and hospitalization, or welcoming a new baby, or if you would like to join this ministry, contact:

Marietta Dunkirk 217-825-6018, Pat Christian
217-825-9811, or Claire Weitekamp 714-204-1300

Parishioner Information Updates and New Parishioner Registration

If you are a current parishioner in our parish unit and have recently moved, changed phone numbers, or email, please let Kateri know so that we can update your information.

If you would like to join one of our parishes, please contact Kateri and she will help you get registered.

Kateri can be reached at kmarten@stmrm.org Thank you!

To Add a Name to Our 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. 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.