

JULY 20, 2025 | 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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ST. RAYMOND

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End of Monday
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 19

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

SUNDAY, JULY 20

8:00 am St. Raymond: Deceased Members of the
Weitekamp and Oller Families

10:00 am St. Maurice: Richard Norris

TUESDAY, JULY 22

8:00 am St. Mary: Helen Boehler

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

8:00 am St. Raymond: Melinda Marten

FRIDAY, JULY 25

8:00 am St. Maurice: Mary Lou Langen

SATURDAY, JULY 26

5:00 pm St. Mary: Mary Brown

SUNDAY, JULY 27

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Ed & Nita 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

*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

July 21: St. Ezechiel, Prophet

July 22: St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord

July 23: St. Bridget, Religious

July 24: St. Christine, Virgin and Martyr

July 25: St. James the Greater, Apostle

July 26: Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

July 27: St. Celestin I, Pope

FATHER'S COLUMN

The Lord said to her in reply,

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

On a purely human level, this Gospel appears like an ordinary family with two or more children. How many parents haven't heard complaints from siblings about "He won't help me?"

Jesus responds to Martha's indignant question ("do you not care... by myself to do the serving?") with something Martha probably wasn't too happy to hear: "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

What, exactly, is the "better part"? The first reading sheds a positive light on Martha's actions, for Abraham and Sarah behave much as she does in receiving their guests. In juxtaposition with the first reading, the Gospel is not so much criticizing Martha's busyness as it is calling her to a deeper level of hospitality. Both Martha, Abraham, and Sarah go to great, lavish lengths with their hospitality ("much serving," "tender, choice steer"). Why does Martha receive a rebuke and Abraham a son?

The Gospel demonstrates many expressions of hospitality: welcoming, talking, serving. While each expression is valuable, none is complete in itself nor an end in itself. There is no one way to be hospitable. Neither are all expressions of hospitality equal, which is the point that Jesus makes in the Gospel.

Hospitality in its deepest meaning makes possible a personal encounter of the kind that Mary is having with Jesus. This is the "better part" to which Jesus refers. Hospitality (genuine welcome of the other and surrender to the other) sets up the possibility of hearing the visitor's message and facilitating the encounter. One critical aspect of discipleship is listening. Thus, the "better part" is listening to Jesus, being attentive to Jesus' presence, responding appropriately.

Abraham is totally attentive to the three strangers: he greets them and bows down in respect, he extends an invitation to remain a while, and then acts after he has listened to the strangers' reply ("do as you have said"). In contrast, Martha is "anxious and worried." She loses sight of her guest and gets wrapped up in her task, as well-meaning as that may be, note that Jesus does not refuse Martha's hospitality: he does not ask her to forget about serving and come listen to him. The gospel teaches about surrendering to the Lord.

Martha surrendered to anxiety and worry rather than to the presence of her guest. What is the "better part"? As important as certain aspects of hospitality are, the "better part" is to listen and surrender to the presence of the Lord. Faithful discipleship depends upon surrendering and listening to these aspects of hospitality. Faithful discipleship depends upon encountering the Lord.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, July 19:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, July 26:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, August 2:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, August 9:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

Assumption of Mary
Friday, August 15:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

LECTORS

Saturday, July 19:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, July 26:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, August 2:
Tony Krager

Saturday, August 9:
Dan Martin

Assumption of Mary
Friday, August 15:
Kathy Rovey

ST. RAYMOND

JULY

LECTOR Verne Pinkston
CANTOR Deb Held
HOSPITALITY Jeff Hampton
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Linda Hocking
Carl Marten

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
July 6: Hocking/Krager
July 13: Dick Lyons
July 20: Carl Marten
July 27: Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:
Sun, July 6: Denny Held
Sun, July 13: Dan Held
Sun, July 20: Avery & Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff
Sun, July 27: Avery & Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, JULY 20

LECTOR Pat Wolf
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
Dale Brockamp
Charlie Golitko

USHERS Dale & Kendra Brockamp

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, JULY 27

LECTOR Larry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Ed Goebel
Gerry Goebel

USHERS Dale & Kendra Brockamp

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

LECTOR Ed Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Dale Brockamp
Larry Goebel
Gerry Goebel

USHERS Marilyn Boston
Linda Sheedy

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR JULY 12/13

St. Mary: \$594

St. Raymond: \$1,202

St. Maurice: \$1,795

OUR PRAYER LIST

Terry Shutt, John Bergschneider, Don Ottonger, Carter Cwiertniak, Monte Busen, Gail Meisner, Darlene O'Brien, Georgetta Dean, Brant Weitekamp, Martha Beeler, Trent Boston, Carol Ann Harding, Martha Reed, Deanne Kirby, 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.

Jerseyville Deanery CCW Meeting

Wednesday, July 23
at Ss. Mary and Joseph Church in Carlinville.
Registration at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:00.
\$6.00 fee includes lunch.
Fr. Brian Alford will speak on topic "Angels from A to Z"

St. Maurice to visit The Village Tea Room

Join us Friday, July 25 to visit The Village Tea Room in Springfield. We will meet in front of St. Maurice Church at 10:30 am. Hope we will have a good crowd!
To reserve your spot call Marietta Dunkirk at 217-825-6018

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Maurice to Host Altar Server Pizza and Swim Party for all Servers in Our Parish Unit

Friday, August 1, starting at 6:30 pm
at the home of Gary & Marietta Dunkirk in Morrisonville.
Pizza, drinks and cookies will be provided.

All the servers from our three parishes and their families are invited. Hope to see you there!

Springfield Deanery CCW Meeting

Save the date! Saturday, August 2
Beginning at 10 am at the Jacksonville K of C Hall
RSVP by July 26 to Deb Pilapil 217-361-7165 (call or text)

Morrisonville K of C Picnic Queen of Hearts

7:00 pm Saturday, August 9
at the Morrisonville Park Pavillion
Grand prize \$1,000 - Need not be present to win!
Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00
For tickets, contact:
Larry Goebel 217-652-0903
Bill O'Connell 217-823-0410
Craig Moore 217-827-0115
Carl Goebel 217-827-1498

St. Maurice Thank You

Many thanks to all who attended and helped with Morrisonville Community VBS. It was a faith-filled week full of fun and learning!

New Online Giving Available for each of Our Parishes

We now offer a new online giving platform for each parish in our unit. If you wish to access the online giving, go to our parish unit website www.stmrm.org, select your parish on the home page, then scroll to and select the giving card on that parishes page. This will direct you to our new online giving platform, Pushpay, where you can enter a one time or a recurring donation.

The stipend for Mass intentions is \$10.00 per Mass. If you would like to give Father money over this amount as a gift, please give him the extra money separately or make a note with your request that a portion is a gift for Father. Stipend money is sent to Father's order and not given directly to Father.

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

Catholic Charities Summer Hunger Appeal

July kicks off our annual Summer Hunger campaign that helps to fund Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry Program. The Mobile Food Pantry reaches out to feed disadvantaged people facing poverty in rural communities across our 28-county diocese. Our 7 Mobile Food Pantry trucks deliver meat, fresh produce, dairy and nonperishable food items all year long to those in need. We humbly ask you to consider a gift to help us continue to feed God's children through our mission to "extend to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus." Every gift you give, no matter how small, makes a difference. Donate today at: dio.org/ways_to_give/donate or scan the QR code.

