

# AUGUST 24, 2025 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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  
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stmrm.org

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and Investigation: (217) 321-1155

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

5:00 pm St. Mary: Velma Langen

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 am St. Raymond: Richard Uhrig

10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 am St. Raymond: Patrick Boehler

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 am St. Maurice: Kenny Rosenthal

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

5:00 pm St. Mary: Margaret "Peggy" Keller

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

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

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

*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

August 25: St. Louis, King of France

August 26: St Zephirin, Pope

August 27: St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine

August 28: St. Augustine,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

August 29: St. Ermete, Martyr

August 30: Sts. Felix, Priest and Adauto, Martyrs

August 31: St. Raymond Nonnatus,  
Patron of St. Raymond Parish

## FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus answered them,  
"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough.

God has promised salvation from that first fall of humanity in the Garden of Eden; God has never forsaken us. While salvation is a gift freely given by God, we must choose it, work at it, desire it with all our hearts.

This Sunday's Gospel uses two images that indicate to us that we have to work hard to go through a narrow gate and locked door. We must squeeze and push our way through life if we wish to be saved. We must squeeze out any weakness that leads us astray; push aside anything that gets between God and us. In order to squeeze and push our way to salvation, we must be strong.

What strength is needed to enter "through the narrow gate," the locked door? It is the strength that comes from living so that the "master of the house" knows us and opens to us. The strength that comes from faithful living in the "kingdom of God." The strength of conviction in following Jesus and seeking his way over our own way.

This strength only comes from God who offers it to everyone, those "from the East and the West, and from the North and the South." Because of this strength, we choose to journey "to Jerusalem," we choose to pass through death to Life, we choose salvation. Only this strength is truly "strong enough," for it is God's very Self, God's very Life.

Yes, God desires that we be saved. The door of salvation is open to all those who have chosen to pass through the "narrow gate" of self-surrender and the locked door of restrained passions and false desires.

So, why would we choose this journey? We choose it because the immediate destination (Jerusalem, with its promised death) is the way to a greater destination (new and eternal Life).

By "making his way to Jerusalem," Jesus is being faithful to his own mission; by going to Jerusalem, he fulfills his Father's will even when that means he must suffer and die.

Jesus walks the journey with us and shows us the way to what we desire most for our lives, our salvation. Our salvation is a great gift from God but it is not without cost. We must pass through the "narrow gate" of conforming ourselves to Jesus and participating in his dying and rising.

Being disciples of Jesus, then, demands more than being in Jesus' company (for example, being faithful to personal prayer and celebrating liturgy); it means we must take up the mission of Jesus to die and rise, that is, we must be always on the way to "Jerusalem."

What limits the scope of our salvation is not God's reach (which is to East, West, North, and South; that is, salvation is offered to all people) but our response: we gain eternal salvation by the difficult and demanding path of following Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, we do this by dying to self and being faithful disciples, every new day...

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, August 23:  
Mary Jane Schmidt  
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, August 30:  
Emily Martin  
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, September 6:  
John &  
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, September 13:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Emily Martin

Saturday, September 20:  
Patty Clarke  
Mary Ann Rimini

#### LECTORS

Saturday, August 23:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, August 30:  
Tony Krager

Saturday, September 6:  
Dan Martin

Saturday, September 13:  
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, September 20:  
Carol Hupp

### ST. RAYMOND

#### AUGUST

LECTOR Doris Morehouse  
CANTOR Tim Mizera  
HOSPITALITY Dennis Rosenthal  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
Larry Weitekamp  
Dianne Hampton

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
August 24: Noller/Morehouse  
August 31: Dick Lyons

SERVERS:  
Sun, Aug 24: Avery & Luke Pope  
Sun, Aug 31: Denny Held

#### SEPTEMBER

LECTOR Lindsay Wagahoff  
CANTOR Deb Held  
HOSPITALITY Allen Poggenpohl  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
John Barto  
Neil Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:  
Sept 7: Hocking/Krager  
Sept 14: Dick Lyons  
Sept 21: Carl Marten  
Sept 28: Noller/Morehouse

### ST. MAURICE

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

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

USHERS ..... Marilyn Boston  
Linda Sheedy & Brenda Deardorff

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

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

LECTOR ..... Dale Brockamp  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Catherine O'Connell  
Gerry Goebel  
Charlie Golitko

USHERS ..... Marilyn Boston  
Linda Sheedy & Brenda Deardorff

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

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

LECTOR ..... Dereke Dunkirk  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Dale Brockamp  
Gerry Goebel  
Larry Goebel

USHERS ..... Jim Schneider  
Steve Weitekamp

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

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR AUGUST 16/17

St. Mary: \$2,757

St. Raymond: \$ 2,324

St. Maurice: \$3,284

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Georgetta Dean, Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, Larry Lucas, Regan Morris, Jim Weitekamp, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Brant Weitekamp, Terry Shutt, John Bergschneider, Carter Cwiertniak, Monte Busen, Gail Meisner, Darlene O'Brien, Martha Beeler, Trent Boston, Carol Ann Harding, Martha Reed, Greg Weitekamp

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

### Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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### St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us Sunday, September 14 after Mass for coffee, donuts & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

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### 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

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### Thank You to St. Raymond

"I wanted to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution towards my trip to Italy with Lincoln Land. Your support means so much to me and has made this once in a lifetime opportunity possible. I was



able to gain new experiences in the beautiful and historic country of Italy, while also becoming educated in Italy's cultural rich agriculture practices. I am incredibly thankful for your generosity!

Warm regards,  
Avery Pope"

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**To add a name to the prayer list**, please email Kateri at [kmarten@stmr.org](mailto:kmarten@stmr.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.

### St. Louis School looking for Drivers

Volunteer driver(s) for both the morning and afternoon routes for both Raymond and Morrisonville vans, to and from St. Louis Catholic School in Nokomis. Must be in good health, have a valid driver's license and have taken or be willing to take the Diocese of Springfield's Safe Environment Training and Background check. Please call 217-563-7445 and ask to speak to the principal, Mr. Tony Bodnar, if you can help!!

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### Coat Drive to be held by Blessed Hope Church

Blessed Hope is partnering with Project Third Day to host a coat drive on Saturday, September 13. They will be accepting new or gently used coats. The goal is to have them available for pickup on Saturday, October 18. For questions, contact Jonathon Wagahoff 217-836-0860 or Amy Barnes 618-570-9089

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### Catholic Charities Notre Dame vs. Navy Raffle Fundraiser

Carlinville Catholic Charities is selling raffle tickets for this year's Notre Dame vs. Navy football game to take place in South Bend on November 8. The fundraiser offers the opportunity to win 2 tickets for excellent seats at the game, a special parking pass, a \$100 Meijer gift card, and a \$100 American Express gift card that can be used for anything including lodging.

Online raffle tickets will be sold for \$20 each at <https://cc.dio.org/events/carlinville-notre-dame-raffle> or by scanning the QR code. Physical tickets may be purchased at the Carlinville Catholic Charities office located at 525 W. Second South Street in Carlinville or at the Catholic Charities Thrift Shop located at 20



Carlinville Plaza. Proceeds from the Notre Dame Raffle fundraiser will go towards supporting the programs of Carlinville Catholic Charities. The drawing will take place on Friday, October 17 at 3:00 pm at the Carlinville Catholic Charities office.

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### SDCCW Convention Coming in October

To be held on Wednesday, October 1 at St Paul's in Highland. All women are invited to attend. Last year over 240 women from across the diocese attended. Deadline to register is September 14. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of our parishes. If your parish runs out of forms, contact Kateri at [kmarten@stmr.org](mailto:kmarten@stmr.org). Questions? Call SDCCW President Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743.