

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025  
23RD 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

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Morrisonville, IL 62546

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End of Monday  
Parish Website:  
stmrm.org

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and Investigation: (217) 321-1155

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:00 pm St. Mary: Mary Brown

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 am St. Raymond: John & Dorothy Krager

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 am St. Mary: Velma Langen

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 am St. Raymond: Sean Hopf

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 am St. Maurice: John (Jack) Sloan

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 am St. Raymond: Madonna Boehl

10:00 am St. Maurice: Howard & Rita Fishburn

## 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 - 9:00 pm Wednesday

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September 8: St. Sergius I, Pope

September 9: St. Peter Claver,  
Jesuit, Apostle of Slaves

September 10: St. Nicholas da Tolentino, Agostinian

September 11: Sts. Protus and Hyacinth, Martyrs

September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

September 13: St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

September 14: St. Albert, Patriarch of Jerusalem

## FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus addressed them,

"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

We take much time and care over major decisions, for example, marrying, buying a house, having children, taking a new job. Nevertheless, each of these actions brings its own surprises, new challenges, and unpredictable costs which were not initially considered.

We get married in loving bliss, and then the reality of sacrificing for the good of the other sets in. We buy a house, and then we discover that it is a "money pit." We begin a new position, and then we discover that the learning curve is steep, indeed.

In the Gospel of this twenty-third Sunday, Jesus speaks to the crowds about calculating costs before beginning human endeavors such as constructing a tower or marching into battle.

As this Gospel demonstrates, the same is true for committed discipleship. But even if we calculate the costs of following Jesus and make the decision, we need to know that more demands will come our way. In following Jesus, no cost is too exorbitant. Nor is every cost predictable.

In this Gospel, Jesus challenges those following him to "calculate the cost" of discipleship. This cost is steep: "hate" family and one's own life, carry one's cross, and renounce all possessions. Moreover, these costs are not borne only once, when we make our decision to follow Jesus; rather, they are actually the daily demands of discipleship!

Jesus teaches the crowds a pretty challenging message about following him: if our absolute priority is not Jesus and his mission, then we "cannot be his disciple." Following Jesus comes ahead of "hate" family and one's own life, difficulties, and possessions.

Jesus is using a very radical language in order to give us a chance to consider carefully what we do when we say yes to discipleship. Like so many things about life, we might enter into following Jesus with great enthusiasm and energy. But the cost of discipleship intensifies continually! The more faithful we are in following Jesus, the greater the cost.

Being a disciple is not something we can undertake lightly. It is a decision to be pondered and weighed. The cost is steep: like Jesus, we give our lives over for the good of others. Are we willing to pay the price? Every day?

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 6:  
John &  
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, September 13:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Emily Martin

Saturday, September 20:  
Patty Clarke  
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, September 27:  
Mary Jane Schmidt  
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, October 4:  
Emily Martin  
& Mary Jane Schmidt

#### LECTORS

Saturday, September 6:  
Dan Martin

Saturday, September 13:  
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, September 20:  
Carol Hupp

Saturday, September 27:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, October 4:  
Tony Krager

### ST. RAYMOND

#### 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

SERVERS:  
Sun, Sept 7: Dan Held  
Sun, Sept 14: Luke Pope  
Austin & Addy Nicol  
Sun, Sept 21: Luke Pope  
Freddie & Lucy  
Sun, Sept 28: Denny Held

### ST. MAURICE

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

USHERS ..... Jim Schneider  
Dan & Debbie Brockamp  
Steve Weitekamp

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

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

LECTOR ..... Gerry Goebel  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Charlie Golitko  
Ed Goebel  
Larry Goebel

USHERS ..... Jim Schneider  
Dan & Debbie Brockamp  
Steve Weitekamp

SERVERS ..... Nathaniel DeBrun  
Rian Deardorff

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

LECTOR ..... Pat Wolf  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
John Bergschneider  
Marietta Dunkirk  
Charlie Golitko

USHERS ..... Jim Schneider  
Dan & Debbie Brockamp  
Steve Weitekamp

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

## COLLECTION TOTALS FOR AUGUST 30/31

St. Mary: \$1,065

St. Raymond: \$1,933

St. Maurice: \$2,005

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Jim Klaus, Georgetta Dean, Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, Larry Lucas, Regan Morris,  
Jim Weitekamp, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Brant Weitekamp, Terry Shutt,  
Monte Busen, Martha Beeler, Trent Boston, Greg Weitekamp

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



### **St. Raymond Monthly Food Pantry Service Project**

Totes will be available next Sunday, September 7 to take home and fill with food for our local food pantry.

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### **St. Raymond Women's Social & Prayer Group**

Join us for a morning of prayer and fellowship  
10 am on Tuesday, September 9  
At the home of Cheryl Gonet,  
112 S. McElroy, Raymond

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### **Pro-Life Prayer**

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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### **St. Raymond CCW Meeting**

Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm in the parish rectory. All ladies are welcome to attend.

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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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### **St. Maurice Senior Activity**

Come join us for laughter and fellowship!  
Wednesday, September 17 we will be venturing to The Palamino Club in Taylorville for lunch. We will meet at 11 am in front of the church so we can arrange for carpooling. If you would like to go, please call Marietta at 217-825-6018 so that we can arrange for seating at the restaurant.

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### **Bake Sale for St. Maurice Cemetery**

We will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, September 21 to benefit the St. Maurice Cemetery. We will be set up after 10 am Mass on the church grounds, if weather is bad it will be in the old convent.

If you would like to donate a baked good, please bring it to the old convent on Saturday, September 20 between 3 and 5 pm. If you have any questions or would like to donate a food item, please contact Marietta Dunkirk at 217-825-6018. If you would like to donate money instead of a baked good, send it to: Marietta Dunkirk, 944 North 200 East Road, Morrisonville, IL 62546.

All help would be greatly appreciated!  
Thank you in advance!!

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**Memorie from the Past**

Photo of youth of St. Raymond on the front step of the church

### **St. Louis School Parents Club Mum Fundraiser**

September 12 4:00-6:00 pm and  
September 13 8:30-1:00 pm  
Mums are \$7.00 ea. and they can be purchased at Nokomis gift and garden. Pre orders can be made by calling 217-563-2736.

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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