

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
24TH 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

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Raymond, IL 62560

ST. MAURICE

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End of Monday
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 am St. Mary: No Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 am St. Raymond: No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 am St. Maurice: Nide Grundy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:00 pm St. Mary: Helen Boehler

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes
10:00 am St. Maurice: John B. Fahl

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 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

September 16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope &
Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine,
Cardinal, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

September 18: St. Joseph of Cupertino, Franciscan

September 19: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Taego'n,
Paul Chông Hasang & Companions,
Korean Martyrs

September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone
who believes in him may have eternal life."

The cross upon which Jesus-Christ hung was dead
wood, cut down from what was once a life giving tree.
From this dead wood rises a new Tree of Life: the risen
Jesus who accepted death so that life may be given to
us. God's great love brings life for us, not death.

Yet, this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross might
be confusing, for the wood of the cross conveys death;
but also Life. For this did Jesus "come down from
heaven": so that we might have Life. This feast
celebrates Life, not death.

Jesus came down from heaven and was raised up,
and in this down and up we find new Life. "Up" and
"down" are words that capture seeming contradictions in
this Gospel and on this feast. The space between up and
down, heaven and earth, divinity and humanity is closed
by the obedience, self-emptying, and fidelity of the Son.

This feast day celebrates that on the cross the Son
overcomes these contradictions. We ourselves are
drawn into the mystery of the cross as exaltation by our
belief in the Son. Our faith bridges the space between
God and us, between Life and death, between being
saved or perishing.

However, the cost to us is the same as that for the "Son
of Man": obedience, death. Yet the eternal Life that is
given is worth this and any cost. The depth of God's love
for the world becomes fully revealed in the death of
Jesus on the cross. The Father did not give over the Son
to die, but he did give him to us so that we might share
in his risen Life.

Through the self-emptying obedience of Jesus, the
cross, a sign of shame and dishonor, becomes a sign of
exaltation; not only of Jesus himself whom God lifts up in
glory as we hear from this Sunday second reading, but
also of all of us who look upon the cross in faith and are
lifted up to eternal Life. Jesus being lifted up on the cross
means we can share in the Son's eternal glory.

The challenge of this feast and its readings is to see
through the cross to the eternal Life that it promises. The
way to this eternal Life is through humble obedience and
through believing in God's "only Son". The question the
Gospel leaves with us is, How much do we believe?

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

Saturday, October 11:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

LECTORS

Saturday, September 13:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, September 20:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, September 27:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, October 4:
Tony Krager

Saturday, October 11:
Dan Martin

ST. RAYMOND

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

To add a name to the 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. MAURICE

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

LECTOR Larry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Dale Brockamp
Catherine O'Connell
Marietta Dunkirk

USHERS Jim Schneider
Dan & Debbie Brockamp
Steve Weitekamp

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 6/7

ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,530

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$2,520

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$2,758
Attendance: 87

OUR PRAYER LIST

Leon & Marilyn DeBrun, Jim Klaus, Georgetta Dean, Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas, Larry Lucas,
Regan Morris, Jim Weitekamp, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Brant Weitekamp, Terry Shutt,
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 Sunday Social

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

St. Raymond Monthly Food Pantry Service Project

Please bring your filled totes back to the church today Sunday, September 14.

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.

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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!!

St. Raymond to Host Community Movie Night

September 27, starting at 7:00 pm in the Raymond KC Hall parking lot.

Showing "Uncle Nino"

Bring a blanket and lawn chair, or golf cart.

Calling all Young Men Juniors in High School and Above!

Join Bishop Paprocki and Priests of the Diocese for an Andrew Dinner at 5 pm on Sunday, September 21 at Little Flower in Springfield. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering where we will pray, share a meal, and have conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, email Fr. Zach Samples at zsamples@dio.org.

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. Questions? Call SDCCW President Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743.

St. Raymond Wins 2nd Place for Parade Float

Our float in the Raymond celebration parade was a hit and earned 2nd place. Big thank you to all those involved in any way to make this such a success!



St. Raymond Women's Social & Prayer Group

Our first meeting was truly wonderful, with stories shared and prayers offered up for many.

Next meeting: 10 am Tuesday, October 7