

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 am St. Mary: Margaret "Peggy" Keller

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 am St. Raymond: Richard Uhrig

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 am St. Maurice: Jane O'Toole

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 am St. Raymond: Mary "Toots" Walch

10:00 am St. Maurice: Deceased members of the Sloan & Nolan families

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 22: Sts. Maurice and Companions,
Soldiers & Martyrs

September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina
(Padre Pio), Priest

September 24: St. Pacific of San Severino,
Franciscan friar

September 25: St. Firmin, Bishop of Amiens & Martyr

September 26: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

September 27: St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest, Patron of all the Associations of Charity

September 28: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones."

If any of us were to embezzle funds from an employer, we would end up in jail and with a huge civil lawsuit demanding millions!

Times have not changed: Jesus is not suggesting that the actions of the steward are morally good. The 1st reading is a corrective for the Gospel and steers us toward realizing that what the steward did was certainly wrong. Jesus is instead emphasizing what we must do in order to secure our desired future. In this parable, Jesus urges the "children of light" to imitate the "children of this world."

Disciples of Jesus are to act as prudently and decisively as does the dishonest steward in procuring a desired future ("welcome... into their homes"; "welcomed into eternal dwellings").

They are not, however, to imitate the steward in all things: the dishonest steward served the one master, mammon; disciples must serve God alone.

What is the same about us and the dishonest steward is that we are to be as prudent and decisive in securing our future. What is different is that we are to see beyond the things of this world to a future which only God can provide. We "make friends" with the things of this world as a means to an end: the end shapes our present behavior.

The last line of the Gospel has become a well-known maxim, usually stated "You cannot serve both God and money." The term "mammon" can mean any wealth or possession. Sometimes it is used as that in which we put our trust, almost in the sense of a god. This maxim really asks, which God do we serve?

The answer to that question determines whether or not we share in everlasting life. The context for this Gospel, then, is final judgment; the end is near and so we do anything necessary with prudence and decisiveness in order to be saved.

Moreover, prudence and decisiveness about "mammon" is related to which God we serve. The more we keep our eyes focused on God, the easier it is to keep the things of this world in perspective. "Mammon" is a necessary part of this world. The choice is always to use it with a longer view in sight - eternal life.

The "full account" of our stewardship will not be a matter of spreadsheets. It will be a matter of how well we have been faithful disciples; how well we have consistently kept our life focused on God as the center.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

Saturday, October 18:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

LECTORS

Saturday, September 20:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, September 27:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, October 4:
Tony Krager

Saturday, October 11:
Dan Martin

Saturday, October 18:
Kathy Rovey

ST. RAYMOND

SEPTEMBER

LECTOR Lindsay Wagahoff
CANTOR Deb Held
HOSPITALITY Allen Poggenpohl
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

John Barto
Neil Wagahoff

SERVERS:

Sun, Sept 21: Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy
Sun, Sept 28: Denny Held

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Sept 21: Carl Marten
Sept 28: Noller/Morehouse

OCTOBER

LECTOR Linda Hocking
CANTOR Verne Pinkston
HOSPITALITY Phil Brown
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Donna & Jerry Wagahoff

SERVERS:

Sun, Oct 5: Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol
Sun, Oct 12: Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy
Sun, Oct 19: Dan Held
Sun, Oct 26: Denny Held

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Oct 5: Hocking/Krager
Oct 12: Dick Lyons
Oct 19: Carl Marten
Oct 26: Noller/Morehouse

ST. MAURICE

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 13/14

ST. MARY

Collection: \$580

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$11,802

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$1,341
Attendance: 107

OUR PRAYER LIST

Leon & Marilyn DeBrun, Carl & Pat Durbin, 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. 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 money instead of a baked good, send it to: Marietta Dunkirk, 944 North 200 East Road, Morrisonville, IL 62546.

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.

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.

St. Maurice Welcomes New Member in Baptism

Please pray for and rejoice with Harriet Jean DeGroot, daughter of Aaron DeGroot & Avery Bourne, who was baptized on September 14.

Parish Unit Teen Bible Study

Starting on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 pm in the St. Maurice rectory/school house. Pizza will be served. Bring your Bible!

Dates through the end of this year: October 8, 22, November 5, 19, December 3
Dates for 2026 to be added later.

Parish Unit Youth Religious Education "Family of Faith" Programs

Parents of K through 12 youth please join us for a parents meeting on Sunday, September 28 in St. Maurice Church after the 10:00 am Mass. Refreshments will be served after the meeting next door for a class room open house.

Our first class will be Wednesday, October 1 starting at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided.

All youth who have yet to receive First Communion & Confirmation, and their parents will meet at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville.

All youth who have already received the sacraments up through high school will meet at the St. Maurice rectory/school house. Please bring your Bible!

Class dates through the end of this year: October 1, 15, 29, November 12, 19, December 3
Dates for 2026 to be added later.

Contact Father for more information.

Parish Unit Study of Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Starts Tuesday, October 7

Each Tuesday with 2 options for location/time:

- 10:00 am in Farmersville at the rectory
 - 6:30 pm in Raymond in the CCD Hall
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Extraordinary Ministers at St. Mary to be Commissioned

All our new and already serving Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist will be commissioned at Mass on Saturday, October 11.