

OCTOBER 26 2025

30TH 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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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00 pm St. Mary: Ruthie Aherin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Dennis White and
Bernard "Doc" Millburg

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 am St. Raymond: Richard Uhrig

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 am St. Maurice: Pat Forbes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER

8:00 am St. Raymond: Ed Weitekamp

10:00 am St. Maurice: John & Mary Lou Langen

*Note: Because All Saints Day falls on a Saturday
this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.*

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

October 27: St. Evaristus, Pope

October 28: Sts. Simon and Jude (Taddeus),
Apostles

October 29: St. Felician, Martyr

October 30: St. German, Bishop

October 31: St. Alphonse Rodriguez, Jesuit

November 1: All Saints

November 2: All souls

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said, "I tell you, the latter went home justified,
not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of this thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time,
compares a pious Pharisee and a sinful tax collector. As with
the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, which we reflected
upon on the twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, most of us
would immediately identify with the sinful tax collector and his
humble prayer. None of us would admit to be like the Pharisee.

Yet, some of us really are like the Pharisee in that we put our
pious acts above everything else and think that this is how we
are justified. For example, some of us fill our houses with statues
and personal small shrines, and say prayers constantly, but are
anything but charitable and self-giving toward others.

Others constantly judge the prayer practice of others, or
what they perceive to be inadequate prayer practices,
thinking they themselves have the right formula or use the best
prayer attitudes.

Actually, probably most of us have something of both the
Pharisee and tax collector in us.

So this Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to assess not only
our prayer life, but also our basic attitude toward God. This
Gospel recounts in a striking parable the teaching of Ben
Sirach from the first reading: "the prayer of the lowly" is willingly
and speedily heard by God; "it pierces the clouds; it does not
rest till it reaches its goal." Unexpectedly, it is the sinful tax
collector, and not the pious Pharisee, who goes home justified.
Although the Pharisee is faithful to pious practices, he is missing
the heart of prayer and the core of faith demonstrated by the
tax collector: dependence upon God ("be merciful") and
humble acknowledgment of one's true identity ("me a sinner").

Such self-abasement would seem to create a greater
distance between the holy God and the sinful tax collector,
but the opposite is true. The tax collector's humility draws him
closer to God and allows him to go home justified.

For ourselves to go home justified, we need to imitate the
practices of the Pharisee in being faithful to prayer and Gospel
living. But we must always pray and live in the humble spirit of
the tax collector. This is how we are justified. The Pharisee uses
his pious practices to separate himself from "the rest of
humanity." Authentic religious practices for the Pharisee and for
us today, ultimately lead us to communion with God and one
another and being in right relationship.

The Pharisee distances himself from the rest of humanity; the
tax collector, in his acknowledgment that he is a sinner,
identifies himself with humanity. The Pharisee focuses on
himself, the tax collector focuses on God. The Pharisee is
thankful for his own actions; the tax collector simply
acknowledges how God acts ("be merciful").

Therefore, the issue here is not whether one ought to perform
pious practices; of course we should! The real issue is whether
those practices witness to our true selves before God.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, October 25:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, November 1:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, November 8:
Tony Krager

Saturday, November 15:
Dan Martin

Saturday, November 22:
Kathy Rovey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, October 25:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, November 1:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, November 8:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, November 15:
Carolynn Clark
& Emily Martin

Saturday, November 22:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

ST. RAYMOND

OCTOBER

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

SERVERS:
Sun, Oct 26: Denny Held

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Oct 26: Noller/Morehouse

NOVEMBER

LECTOR Doris Morehouse
CANTOR Tim Mizera
HOSPITALITY Gabe Pope
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Larry Weitekamp
Dianne Hampton

SERVERS:
Sun, Nov 2: Dan Held
Sun, Nov 9: Denny Held
Sun, Nov 16: Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff

Sun, Nov 23: Dan Held
Sun, Nov 30: Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Nov 2: Hocking/Krager
Nov 9: Dick Lyons
Nov 16: Carl Marten
Nov 23: Noller/Morehouse
Nov 30: Dick Lyons

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

LECTOR Larry Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Gerry Goebel
Larry Goebel
Linda Sheedy

USHERS Ed & Linda Voorhees
Joe & Andrea Grundy

SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

LECTOR Ed Goebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Diane McWard-Sullivan
Brian Grundy
Larry Goebel

USHERS Pat & Glenna Wolf

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

LECTOR Elaine Wagner

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Carl Goebel
Ed Goebel

USHERS Pat & Glenna Wolf

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR OCTOBER 11/12

ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,136

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$1,774

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$1,572
Attendance: 105

OUR PRAYER LIST

Andy Foote, Marcia Rosenthal, Cheryl Hampton,
Pat Durbin, Jim Klaus, Georgetta Dean, Debbie Lucas,
Drake Lucas, Larry Lucas, Regan Morris, Jim Weitekamp,
Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Brant Weitekamp,
Trent Boston

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

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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Maurice to Host Parish Unit Fun Night

Sunday, October 26, starting at 5 pm at St. Maurice. Come join us for an evening of games, laughter, pumpkin painting, and a wiener roast. Hot dogs, chips, smores, and drinks will be provided. All paper products will be furnished.

For questions contact Marietta Dunkirk 217-825-6018. We hope to see you all there!

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Maurice to Hold Open House for Old Rectory/Rental House -Bob Montgomery

Sunday, November 2 after mass until ~1:00 pm the old rectory will be open on for any parishioners who would like to view it.

St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us Sunday, November 2 after Mass for coffee, donuts & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

Jerseyville Deanery CCW Meeting

Thursday, November 6 at St. Michael's in Greenfield, IL. Registration at 8:30 am, ceremony honoring deceased women of the deanery and Rosary at 9:00 am followed by 9:30 am Mass.

Fr. John Hannigan will be celebrating all Masses on the weekend of November 15/16.

Baby Bottle Campaign Supporting Loving Arms

Our parish unit is sponsoring the Baby Bottle campaign to support Loving Arms pregnancy center in Taylorville. Bottles can be returned anytime during October.

St. Raymond Collecting Coats & Gloves for Food Pantry

Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting new coats and gloves of any size to be donated to our local food pantry. Boxes to collect donations are located in the vestibule of our church

FAITH FORMATION

Parish Unit Study of Mary

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

Parish Unit Teen Bible Study

Next study is on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm in the St. Maurice rectory/school house. Pizza will be served. Bring your Bible.

Study dates through the end of this year:

November 5, 19, December 3

Dates for 2026 to be added later.

Parish Unit Youth Religious Education Programs

Next class is on Wednesday, October 29 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 29, November 12, 19, December 3

Dates for 2026 to be added later.



Extraordinary Ministers Commissioned at St. Maurice on September 21