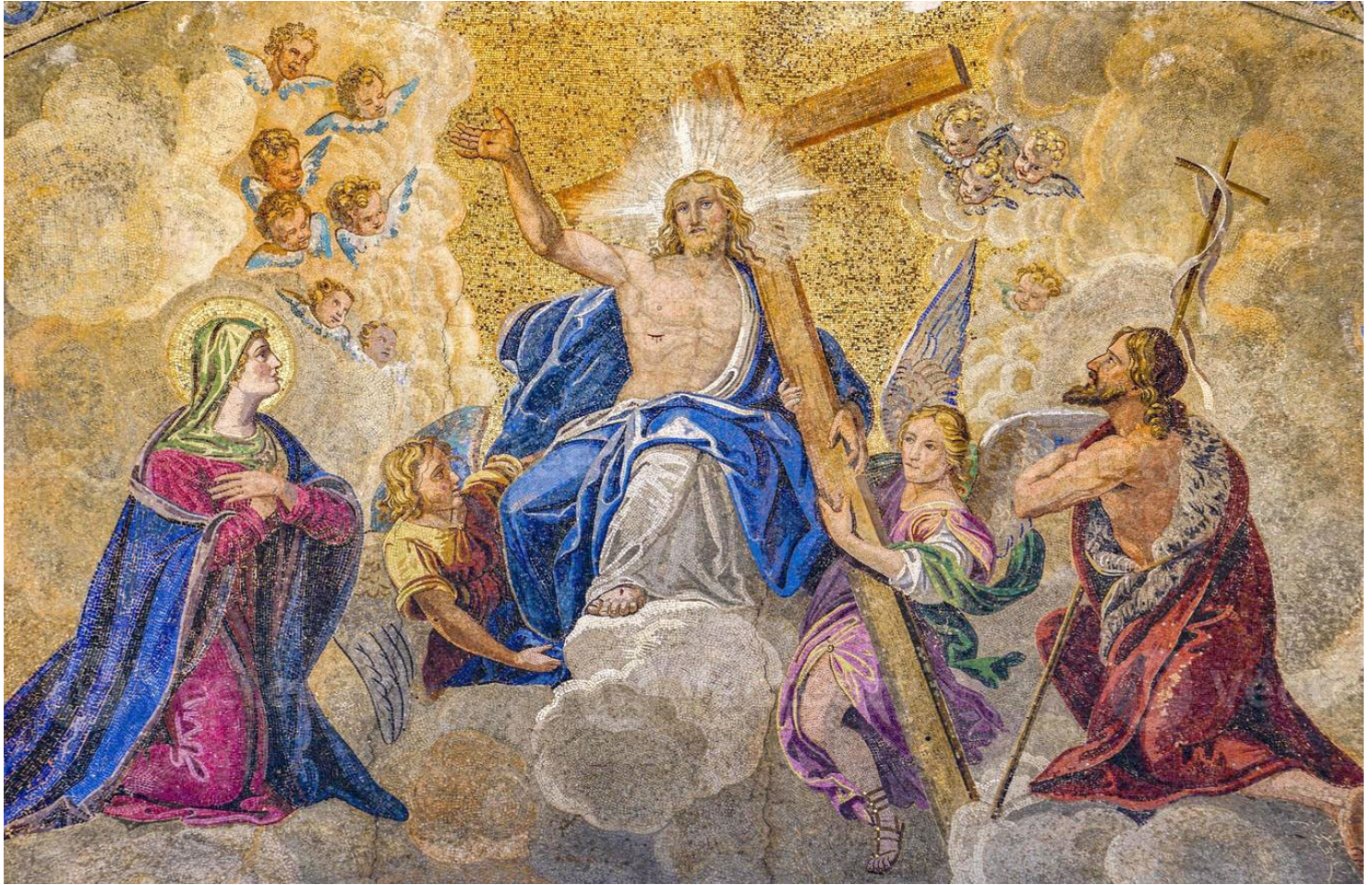


NOVEMBER 23, 2025
JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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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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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marilyn Barto

10:00 am St. Maurice: John & Dena Fahl

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am St. Mary: Glenn Rovey

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 am St. Raymond: Toots Walch

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 am St. Maurice: Gerald Dean

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:00 pm St. Mary: Carl & Georgeann
Rossmiller

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 am St. Raymond: Ed Weitekamp

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

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

*There will be no Adoration at either parish on
November 26 or 27 for Thanksgiving.*

ST. RAYMOND

8:30 am Wednesday - 8:00 am Thursday

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 9:00 pm Wednesday

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

November 24: Sts. Andrew Dũng Lạc
and his companions, Martyrs

November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria
(Secondary patron Saint of St Maurice Parish)

November 26: St. Siricius, Pope

November 27: St. Vergilius, Bishop

November 28: St. James of the Marches,
Franciscan

November 29: St. Saturnin, Martyr

November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle

FATHER'S COLUMN

Above him there was an inscription that read,
"This is the King of the Jews."

Illness tends to make people grumpy. When we don't feel good, we naturally turn inward upon ourselves. We want whatever we are going through to be over. We want to feel good again and get on with the tasks and challenges at hand. Prolonged illness keeps some people grumpy all the time, while a surprising number of other people seem to be able to rise above their pain and distress and, sometimes even because of it, reach out to others. Jesus, in this Sunday's Gospel, is hanging on a cross. He is in a lot of pain and distress. He's being "sneered at." He's being "jeered." He's being "reviled." But was Jesus grumpy and turned inward upon himself? No!

Three people hang on crosses, suffering and dying. One reviles, the other begs for salvation, the other one promises Paradise. Indeed, only One can promise Paradise. Who but "the Christ of God" could make such a promise? Who but a divine King could reach beyond his own suffering and dying to bestow Life on another? Who but One totally innocent of evil could draw goodness out of one who is "condemned justly"? Three people hang on crosses. One remains condemned. One is redeemed. One will rise from the dead, King of the universe.

Although Jesus' kingdom is established from the very beginning of creation, as we see from the second reading, and through the Davidic kingship as we learnt from the first reading, his reign is not one of power but of mercy; not one of self-service but of self-giving; not one of material wealth but of eternal salvation. His throne is a cross. Such a King the world has never seen. Through his suffering and death, this King brings Life to all who are open to receive it. This King offers Paradise to all those who come to him, accept his reign, and remain faithful to the will of his Father. This King remembers each of us and bids us to come into his kingdom, into the eternal Life he won for us.

The cross is where we least expect a king to be. Yet this is where we find Jesus. The cross is where we ourselves least want to be. Yet this is how God's kingdom is established and where our discipleship begins: allowing ourselves to be crucified on the cross of self-giving. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by saving himself but by saving others. Not by turning in on himself but by turning out toward others. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by power but by loving reassurance that Paradise awaits faithful disciples. Only by beginning here, on the cross, can our discipleship end like the Good Thief's, hearing Jesus say to us, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise!"

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, November 22:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, November 29:
Kevin Clark

Saturday, December 6:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, December 13:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, December 20:
Tony Krager

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve:
Dan Martin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, November 22:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, November 29:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Carolynn Clark

Saturday, December 6:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, December 13:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, December 20:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

ST. RAYMOND

NOVEMBER

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

SERVERS:

Sun, Nov 30: Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Nov 30: Dick Lyons

DECEMBER

LECTOR Tricia Pinkston
CANTOR Chris Mizera
HOSPITALITY Mark Meisner
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Carl Marten
John Barto

SERVERS:

Sun, Dec 7: Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff

Sun, Dec 14: Denny Held

Sun, Dec 21: Dan Held

Wed, Dec 24: Avery & Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol

Sun, Dec 28: Denny Held

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:

Dec 7: Hocking/Krager

Dec 14: Dick Lyons

Dec 21: Carl Marten

Dec 28: Noller/Morehouse

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
John Bergschneider
Brian Grundy
Linda Sheedy

USHERS Pat & Glenna Wolf
Joe & Andrea Grundy

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

LECTOR Dale Brockamp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Kendra Brockamp
Gerry Goebel

USHERS Pat & Glenna Wolf
Joe & Andrea Grundy

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

LECTOR Dereke Dunkirk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Diane McWard-Sullivan
Marietta Dunkirk
Brian Grundy

USHERS Brian & Suzanne Grundy
and Family

SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 16/16

ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,394

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$1,914

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$990
Attendance: 132

OUR PRAYER LIST

Larry Lucas, Debbie Lucas, Drake Lucas,
Georgetta Dean, Jacob Mizera, Sara Cawthon,
Martha Beeler, Andy Foote, Marcia Rosenthal,
Pat Durbin, 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. Raymond Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Each Monday at 6:30pm

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Raymond Advent Party

Sunday, December 7 at 5:30 pm at the KC Hall.
RSVP by Sunday, November 30 by turning in your form or by calling Missy Dean at 217-556-2439.

St. Maurice Senior Cookie Exchange

Thursday, December 11 at 2:00 pm at the home of Marietta Dunkirk. Please bring 3 dozen cookies along with the recipe to share with everyone. RSVP to 217-825-6018 so we know how many chairs to have.

St. Maurice Caroling and Pizza

Come caroling with us on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 pm. We will meet at the church to car pool. Pizza will be served at the KC Hall after our caroling.

Please bring a flashlight and your beautiful voices. If you know of any one that would like to hear us carol, please let Marietta Dunkirk know.

St. Maurice Christmas at Josephine's

Join us December 18 to visit Josephine's Tea Room. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am to car pool. Please RSVP to Marietta at 217-825-6018 by December 13 so we may finalize our reservations.

St. Raymond CCW Sponsor Thanksgiving Foodless Bakesale

Proceeds will benefit the Panhandle Food Pantry. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please return envelopes by December 1 by placing in the offering basket.

St. Raymond Participates in Angel Tree Program

In conjunction with other local churches, this program works to brighten the Christmases of underprivileged Panhandle children ages 2 to 12.

Cards with each child's info will be handed out on November 23. Each gift should be returned no later than Sunday, December 14.

Questions? Contact Judie at 217-836-7136

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

Note: the two locations may not be in sync on sessions

Parish Unit Teen Bible Study

Next study is on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm in the St. Maurice rectory/school house. Pizza will be served. Bring your Bible.

Dates for 2026 to be added.

Parish Unit Youth Religious Education Programs

Next class is on Wednesday, December 3 starting at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided.

Dates for 2026 to be added.

St. Mary Food Drive Thank You

Thanks to all who donated to our food drive! It was huge success. Thanks to Bea and Dave Leonard for spearheading it and delivering to the food pantry.

St. Mary Thank You

Thanks to John Cawthon and Gerry Todt for removing cobwebs in the skylight.

St. Maurice Old Rectory Notice

As we continue with plans for the Old Rectory, parishioners who may be interested in items from the structure (such as windows, doors, or other fixtures) are welcome to reach out. The deadline to contact Steve DeBrun at 217-820-4603 is December 1

St. Maurice Choir

We would like to form a choir for St. Maurice to sing at Easter & Christmas if there is enough interest. Anyone (adult or child) interested in singing in the choir is welcome to join. Please call Deb Forbes 825-3129 if interested. When we see who is interested, we will set a schedule for practices.

Loving Arms Missing Baby Bottles

If you took a Loving Arms baby bottle, please return it even if its empty. It keeps the cost down for Loving Arms.