

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 am St. Mary: Helen Boehler

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 am St. Raymond: Weitekamp & Mattli
Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 am St. Maurice: All Souls

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:00 pm St. Mary: Velma Langen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes
10:00 am St. Maurice: Geneva Abell

-THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY-
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 am St. Mary: Glenn Rovey
4:30 pm St. Raymond: Toots Walch
7:00 pm 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

ST. RAYMOND

8:30 am Wednesday - 8:00 am Thursday

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 9:00 pm Wednesday

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 1: Saint Charles de Foucauld
December 2: St. Silverius, Pope
December 3: St. Francis Xavier, Jesuit
December 4: St. John Damascene,
Priest and Doctor of the Church
December 5: St. Sabas, Abbott
December 6: St. Nicholas of Bari, Bishop
December 7: St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark.

They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

Many of us during the weeks of December prepare for the coming of guests into our homes at Christmas time: we clean, we hang decorations, we bake goodies, we buy gifts, prepare meals. What we can easily miss is that these preparations are our way of coming to our guests, our very preparations are a kind of presence to, attentiveness to, our guests even long before they arrive on our doorstep. The care with which we prepare for Christmas celebrations indicates the care we have for our family and guests and our desire to be truly present to them. It is also practice in how we "stay awake" for God's coming to us and how we prepare ourselves to come to God.

Attentiveness is an essential ingredient of presence. This is no less true of our discerning God's Presence in our midst than it is of anticipating the presence of families and friends.

In the Gospel of this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus admonishes us to "stay awake." While he is directly speaking to the future event of the coming of the Son of Man (actually, he himself in all his divine glory) at the end of times, we can also understand staying awake as related to present events. We know that many people recorded in the Gospel could not accept who Jesus was, could not see him for the divine Person he was, in spite of all the wonders he performed, all the incredible teachings he presented, all the invitations to embrace something greater than he represented. These people were not awake at all to the signs of divine Presence,

"As it was in the days... so will it be"; with these words Jesus points to patterns in human conduct. Humans have been both unfaithful and faithful to God's ways: have not paid attention to God's instructions; have not been awake, have not stayed awake to God's comings. The people in the days of Noah did not know that the flood was coming; Jesus' hearers did not know when the Son of Man would come. We, however, do know that Jesus has come, that he has taught us the way of faithfulness, and has brought us salvation. We need only to "stay awake."

Advent is about our coming to God. Our staying awake is a matter of preparing well for the divine Guest who dwells in our hearts always.

Come Jesus come.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, November 29:
Kevin Clark

Saturday, December 6:
Carol Hupp

Monday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, December 13:
Tony Krager

Saturday, December 20:
Dan Martin

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve:
Kathy Rovey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, November 29:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Carolyn Clark

Saturday, December 6:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Monday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, December 13:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, December 20:
Carolynn Clark
& Emily Martin

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

Mon, Dec 8: Volunteer
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 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TBD

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 22/23

ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,821

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$2,295

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$2,824
Attendance: 89

OUR PRAYER LIST

Carl Armes, 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@stmm.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

Family of Faith Advent Dinner and Prayer Retreat

All classes will meet inside our Rectory/School
on December 3 at 6:00 pm for a delicious home made
dinner made by the Sheedy and Durbin Family.

Following dinner, Fr. Florent will lead us in a mini
Advent Family Prayer Retreat inside the church.

St. Mary Participating in Christmas Toy Drive

Please bring new, unwrapped toys and place
them in the box in the vestibule.
This project is sponsored by Illuminatus.

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.

**St. Martin's
Cemetery arch
has returned to
it's proper place
after repairs.
Thanks to
all that helped!**

