

DECEMBER 28, 2025 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, IL 62560

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End of Monday

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 am St. Raymond: Ed Weitekamp

10:00 am St. Maurice: Merle Ree Millburg

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 am St. Mary: Roy Carter Sr. and Family

- THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD -

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

There will be no morning Mass

4:00 pm St. Mary: Carl & Georgeann Rossmiller

6:00 pm St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am St. Raymond: Richard Uhrig

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 am St. Maurice: Kenneth Rosenthal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

5:00 pm St. Mary: The Deceased Members of the St. Isidore K of C Council #1152

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Richard & Lou Norris

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

There will be no Adoration on December 31/January 1

ST. MAURICE

8:00 am - 9:00 pm Wednesday

WINTER WEATHER MASS NOTICE:

If school is canceled due to bad weather, weekday mass will also be canceled.

FATHER'S COLUMN

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

Parents of small children know the difficulties a long trip can pose. They are hardly in the car and the little ones are either hungry or need to use a restroom. Games, toys, and even tablets seem to keep them occupied only for a short time. Parents pray that they will fall asleep! Even sometimes they plan their trips around nap time, which give them some peace and quiet time. Parents, especially might be able to relate to the Gospel of this Sunday.

Joseph is a Christmas man! Only instead of celebrating, he dreams of what he needs to do to protect his foster Son (and, no doubt, imagines the hardships he must endure). The angel commands Joseph, "rise, take.... flee." This is no easy thing, especially because Joseph is to take his family to Egypt: the very country the Israelites fled centuries before.

The Holy Family is not preserved from life-threatening difficulties every human family faces. Rather, it is in the midst of difficulty that their holiness is tested, deepened, and revealed as a faithful and obedient response to God.

All the wonderful gifts of grace bestowed on the Holy Family: Jesus' miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit, Joseph's being reassured by the angel in taking the pregnant Mary into his home, the virgin birth, adoration of the Infant by angels, shepherds and three kings, did not preserve this family from hardship.

These simple parents surely had their own fears and challenges: Mary's "How can this be" and Joseph's decision to "divorce her quietly." Yet they responded faithfully and obediently to God's messages. They trusted God's ways. They "rose, took" and God was with them.

Indeed, God is present within the very hardships of our life. Holiness is not absence of difficulties, everyone in life faces hardship at some time or another. What makes Jesus, Mary, and Joseph a holy family is their faithful, obedient response to God's messages. Our families (and the family of the Church) are also holy in our responding faithfully to God's will for us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, December 27:
Kevin Clark

Wednesday, December 31
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, January 3:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, January 10:
Tony Krager

Saturday, January 17:
Dan Martin

Saturday, January 24:
Kathy Rovey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, December 27:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Carolynn Clark

Wednesday, December 31
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, January 3:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, January 10:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, January 17:
Carolynn Clark
& Emily Martin

Saturday, January 24:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

ST. RAYMOND

DECEMBER

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

SERVERS:
Sun, Dec 28: Denny Held

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Dec 28: Noller/Morehouse

JANUARY

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet
CANTOR Deb Held
HOSPITALITY Phil Borgic
EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS Tricia Pinkston
Neil Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Jan 4: Hocking/Krager
Jan 11: Dick Lyons
Jan 18: Carl Marten
Jan 25: Noller/Morehouse

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

LECTOR Larry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Catherine O'Connell
Dale & Kendra Brockamp
USHERS Brian & Suzanne Grundy
and Family

SERVER Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

LECTOR Ed Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Catherine O'Connell
Diane McWard-Sullivan
John Bergschneider
USHERS Larry & Karen Goebel
Richard & Rochelle Grundy
SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR DECEMBER 20/21

ST. MARY

Collection: \$3,971

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$1,734

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$7,026
Attendance: 115

OUR PRAYER LIST

Toby Dean, Carl Armes, Larry Lucas, Drake Lucas, Georgetta Dean, Jacob Mizera, Sara Cawthon, Martha Beeler, Andy Foote, Marcia Rosenthal, 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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us Sunday, January 4 after Mass for coffee, donuts & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date: Visiting Priest & Afternoon Program

Fr. Augustine from the Corpus Christi Priory will be visiting on January 18th to concelebrate mass at Raymond and Morrisonville with Fr. Florent and provide an educational program in the afternoon. More details coming soon.

Save the Date for Trivia Night Hosted by the Morrisonville K of C

February 21 at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville
More to follow

St. Mary Toy Drive Thank You

Thanks to all who donated toys for the drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary Decorating Thank You

Thanks to all who stayed after Mass to help decorate for the birthday of our Savior.

Disciples of Mercy Ministry at St. Maurice

If you or someone you know could benefit from having meals provided while on hospice, recovering from surgery and hospitalization, or welcoming a new baby, or if you would like to join this ministry, contact: Marietta Dunkirk 217-825-6018, Pat Christian 217-825-9811, or Claire Weitekamp 714-204-1300

Financially Support Your Parish through Your IRA and Estate Planning

If you are 70.5 or older, you can support your parish directly from your individual retirement account and potentially reduce your taxable income. If you must fulfill a required minimum distribution, your donation is a compassionate way to fulfill this requirement.

Go to bit.ly/ParishQCD to use this free and secure tool to donate from your IRA today.

You can also remember your parish in your estate planning and will.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

December 30: St. Felix I, Pope

December 31: St. Sylvester I, Pope

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

January 2: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzus, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

January 3: St. Anterus, Pope

January 4: St. Angela of Foligno, Franciscan



Fr. Florent Birthday Gift at St. Maurice, a Springfield Diocese made Humeral Veil, for Blessing God's people, with the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.