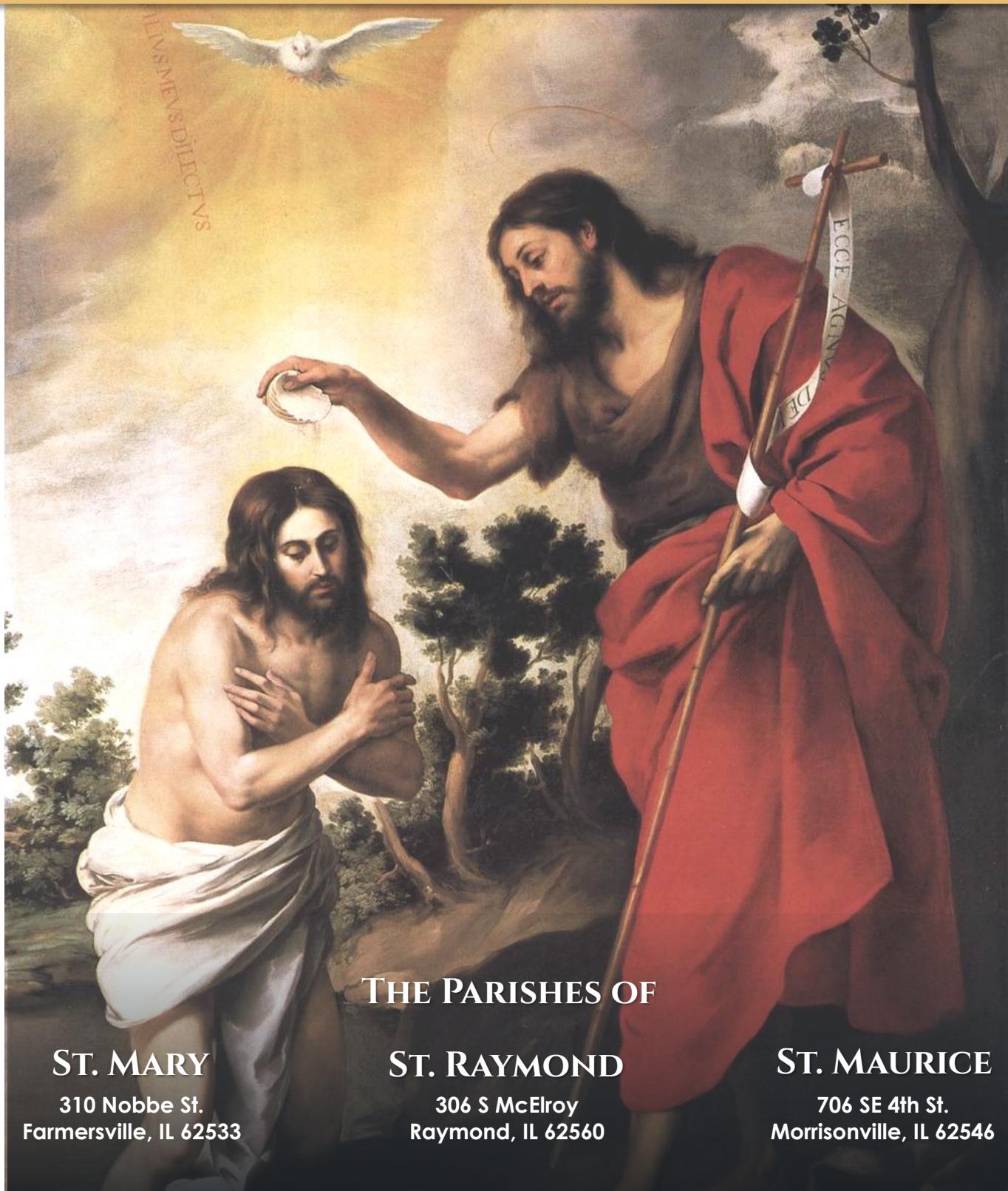


JANUARY 11, 2026 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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End of Monday
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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 am St. Raymond: Denny & Danny Held and Clarence & Jan Smith

10:00 am St. Maurice: Mary Eileen Weitekamp

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 am St. Mary: Glenn Rovey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 am St. Maurice: Nide Grundy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

5:00 pm St. Mary: Helen Boehler

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: John Langen

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

January 12: St. Antonio Maria Pucci, Priest

January 13: St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor

January 14: St. Felix of Nola, Priest

January 15: St. Mauro, Abbot

January 16: St. Marcellus I, Pope and Martyr

January 17: St. Antony, Abbot

January 18: St. Prisca

WINTER WEATHER MASS NOTICE:

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

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

Water is the most abundant substance on our earth. We drink it, we wash with it, we play in it, we transport on it, we grow food with it, we dilute with it, we sit on a beach and dream with it.

Consider any given day and how often water comes into play. Yet, unless the water is shut off to our homes or places of work, we seldom think about it. It's just there everywhere and all the time. Water is so easy to take for granted.

Given the abundance and usefulness of water, it ought to be no surprise that our first sacrament, Baptism, uses water as its primary symbol. And just like the water around us, we can so easily take our baptism for granted.

This celebration and it's Gospel can be a reminder to us that we can never take either water or our Baptism for granted. Too much is at stake.

Jesus comes to John, who is baptizing in the River Jordan. John is pointing to a baptism greater than his and to a person greater than he. Jesus asks John to baptize him in order to "fulfill all righteousness" and thus show forth his continuity with the tradition in which John the Baptist stands. But more happens. When the heavens open, the Spirit descends and Jesus is announced as the "beloved Son." A new tradition is born, and humanity's relationship with God is changed forever. We who are baptized into Christ become God's beloved sons and daughters, and God is "well pleased" with us, too, when we are faithful to our relationship with God and to each other.

Through Baptism we are invited into this new tradition. Baptism inaugurates us into a Spirit-filled tradition where a new relationship in a new covenant with God becomes possible. We are invited into a union with God's "beloved Son" that confers on us his identity, his going "about doing good" (as heard from the second reading), his intimate relationship with his father.

We cannot take our Baptism for granted because it is not simply a ritual that happens and is finished, but it is a relationship and way of life to be lived.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, January 10:
Tony Krager
Saturday, January 17:
Dan Martin
Saturday, January 24:
Kathy Rovey
Saturday, January 31:
Kevin Clark
Saturday, February 7:
Carol Hupp
Saturday, February 14:
Mary Jane Fuchs

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 10:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt
Saturday, January 17:
Carolynn Clark
& Emily Martin
Saturday, January 24:
John &
Mary Jo Brown
Saturday, January 31:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Carolynn Clark
Saturday, February 7:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini
Saturday, February 14:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

ST. RAYMOND

JANUARY

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

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

SERVERS:
Sun, Jan 4: Dan Held
Sun, Jan 11: Luke Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol
Sun, Jan 18: Denny Held
Sun, Jan 25: Dan Held

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

LECTOR Elain Wagner
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Larry Goebel
Carl Goebel
USHERS Larry & Karen Goebel
Richard & Rochelle Grundy

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Marietta Dunkirk
Dale & Kendra Brockamp
USHERS Larry & Karen Goebel
Richard & Rochelle Grundy

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Gerry Goebel
Ed Goebel
Linda Sheedy

USHERS Larry & Karen Goebel
Richard & Rochelle Grundy

SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR JANUARY 3/4

ST. MARY
Collection: \$2,352

ST. RAYMOND
Collection: \$5,985

ST. MAURICE
Collection: \$1,712
Attendance:

OUR PRAYER LIST

Jeff Marten, Joan Graham, Lucy McGrath, Mike Armstrong, Toby Dean, Carl Armes, Larry Lucas, Drake Lucas, Georgetta Dean, Jacob Mizera, Sara Cawthon, Martha Beeler, Marcia Rosenthal, Jim Weitekamp, Trent Boston and for the end of all war, especially for peace in Cameroon, Fr. Florent's home in Africa.

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

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Raymond Christmas Decor Take Down

Thank you all for your time to help decorate our Church for Christmas. We will be taking down the decorations after mass on Today, Sunday, January 11. Your help will be greatly appreciated again.

Nokomis supports Seniors

Quilt Raffle and Soup and Sandwich Luncheon Benefit For Nokomis Senior Meals. Free will donation. Sunday, January 11 from 10 am to 1:30 pm at the St. Louis Parish Center in Nokomis

St. Raymond Ladies Social Prayer Group

Next meet is Tuesday, January 13 at 10:00 am located at 112 S McElroy in Raymond. Everyone is welcome!

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

Afternoon Program with Visiting Priest

Have you ever wondered why Catholics believe they receive the true body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ during Mass? Have you ever wondered why Catholics confess their sins to a priest?

Come find out more about these sacraments
Sunday, January 18
2:00 pm at the K of C Hall in Raymond
Fr. Augustine from the Springfield Corpus Christi Priory will lead an afternoon discussion. Bring your questions! Light refreshments will be served.

Fr. Augustine will also be giving the homily at the 8:00 am Mass at St. Raymond and the 10:00 am Mass at St. Maurice on these topics.
Questions? Call Cheryl at 217-415-4949

Panhandle Senior Citizens Meet

Tuesday, January 20 at 11:30
Soup and chili meal with bingo after eating.

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. Raymond Pro-Life Ministry

Collecting Baby Items for Pro-Life Month

Help us support moms in need. Items we're looking for: diapers, wet wipes, blankets, creams/lotion, zinc oxide, changing pads, onesies, sleepers, bottle brush, bibs, burp clothes, baby shampoo, and teethers

Please place items in the back of Church anytime during the month of January.

Bookkeeper/Secretary Needed

Our parish unit is in need of new bookkeepers and secretaries at all three parishes as the current staff is ready to step down. We are in need of either one or two persons covering all 3 parishes in our unit or one or two individuals at each parish. The responsibilities of the jobs would be paying bills weekly, completing statistical and Financial Diocesan reports as required, entering weekly contributions, keeping sacramental records up to date and accurate, making ministry schedules, scheduling Mass intentions, preparing 1099 reports at year end, plus other assignments as necessary. The job would probably take about 6-8 hours weekly at each parish or if one person was serving all three parishes 20-25 hours weekly. We will need one person to design, print and distribute the bulletins for our unit each week.

If you are interested, please call Father Florent 414-460-0335. If you have specific questions concerning the job, you may contact Marlene Marten 217-254-3224, Deb Forbes 217-825-3129 or Kateri Marten kmarten@stmmr.org

St. Maurice Greeters/Ushers

Thanks to all those who volunteer to be Greeters/Ushers at St. Maurice. We appreciate you! We could use a few more greeters. If you have not been asked to be a greeter, but would like to be, please let Deb Forbes know (825-3129) and she will add you to the list. Thank you in advance!!

To Add a Name to Our Prayer List

Please email Kateri at kmarten@stmmr.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.