

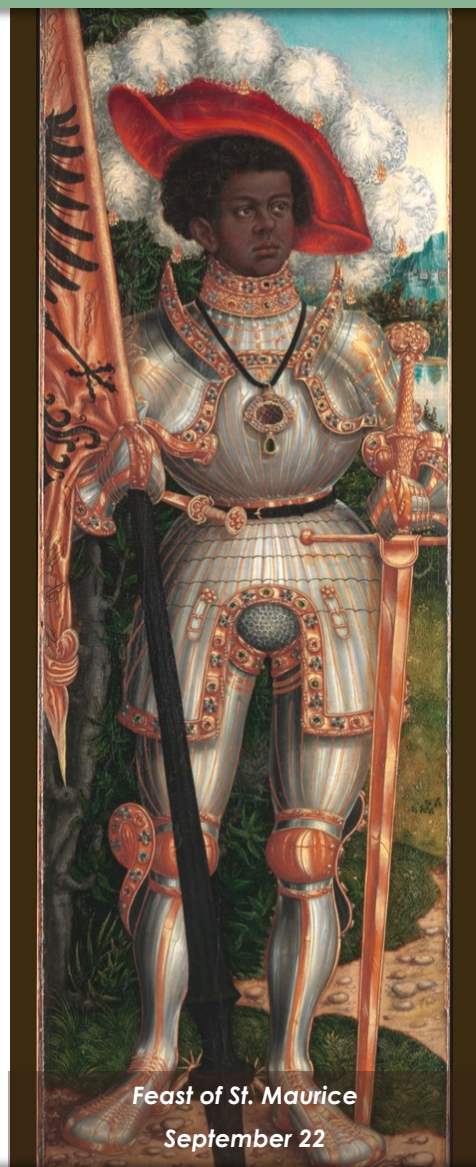
JANUARY 18, 2026  
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

306 S McElroy  
Raymond, IL 62560

ST. MAURICE

706 SE 4th St.  
Morrisonville, IL 62546

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Bulletin Deadline:  
End of Monday  
Parish Website:  
stmrm.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting  
and Investigation: (217) 321-1155

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### 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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 am St. Raymond: Tim Marten and  
Lucia Cuvar

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

8:00 am St. Raymond: Richard Uhrig

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 am St. Maurice: Lou Norris

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 am St. Raymond: Cindy Foote

10:00 am St. Maurice: Dave Sheedy

## 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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 19: St. John, Bishop of Ravenna

January 20: St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr

January 21: St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

January 22: St. Vincent Pallotti, Priest & Founder of  
The Union of the Catholic Apostolate

January 23: St. Emerenziana, Roman Martyr

January 24: St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

January 25: Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

## FATHER'S COLUMN

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,

"Behold, the one of whom I said,

'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me  
because he existed before me.'

I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing  
with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

We know from the dynamics of our own human  
relationships that coming to know another person takes  
time, energy, patience, understanding, and steadfast  
love. No matter how long a relationship lasts, we can  
never know a person fully. Consider a couple who has  
been married for fifty, sixty, even seventy years. How well  
they know each other! Yet they can still discover new  
and exciting things about each other.

How much more so is this true about our relationship  
with Christ.

How did John come to know who Jesus is? His journey  
of discovery symbolizes the experience of every human  
being coming to know who Jesus is. The journey passes  
through many stages of knowing and not knowing  
before arriving at a place of certainty and belief.

Moreover, John's response of testifying before the  
world that Jesus is the "Son of God" symbolizes the  
mission of every believer. This mission requires  
persistence, clarity, and courage. This mission is unending  
because the mystery of who Jesus is can never be  
exhausted. So why bother?

Because there is no relationship more life-giving than  
the one we have with Jesus. Because there is no mystery  
more satisfying than the mystery of who Jesus is for us.  
Because there is no mission as transforming of the world  
than the work we do of coming to know and testify to  
the person of Jesus who dwells in us and among us.  
There is no end to what we will discover and can reveal  
about Jesus. This is why there is no end to what we will  
also discover about each other.

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### WINTER WEATHER MASS NOTICE:

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### LECTORS

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

Saturday, February 21:  
Tony Krager

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

Saturday, February 21:  
Emily Martin  
& Mary Jane Schmidt

### 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 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

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

LECTOR ..... Dale Brockamp  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Diane McWard-Sullivan  
Brian Grundy  
Larry Goebel

USHERS ..... Eric & Becky O'Brien

SERVERS ..... Nathaniel DeBrun  
Rian Deardorff

## PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR JANUARY 10/11

### ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,682

### ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$4,475

### ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$1,279

Attendance:

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Marcia Rosenthal, Rick Broaddus, Jeff Marten, Joan Graham, Lucy McGrath,  
Mike Armstrong, Toby Dean, Carl Armes, Larry Lucas, Drake Lucas, Georgetta Dean, Jacob Mizera, Sara Cawthon,  
Martha Beeler, 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

### Afternoon Program Today 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 at 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.

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### Panhandle Senior Citizens Meet

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

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### Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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### Morrisonville K of C Selling Strawberries

Taking pre-orders now through February 10 for flats of fresh strawberries to be delivered from Florida the week of March 2-6.

\$30 per flat, each flat is 8 quarts or 10 lbs.  
We will also take orders for half-flats at \$15 each.  
Pay when you order via cash, check or Venmo.

Dale Brockamp: 217-414-2804, Larry Goebel: 217-652-0903,  
Craig Moore: 217-827-0115, Carl Goebel: 217-827-1498  
Pick-up will be at Morrisonville KC Hall.  
Limited delivery if necessary.

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### 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@stmrn.org

### 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 teethingers

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

## LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Times has long been a trusted and essential voice for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Through its clear teaching of the faith, important diocesan news, and stories that inspire hope and faith, the magazine has helped connect our diocesan family and deepen our understanding of how God is at work among us.

Over the past six years, Catholic Times has been recognized with 14 national awards from the Catholic Media Association—a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and faithfulness of those who produce it and to the value it provides to our readers. Time and again, people tell us they read the magazine "from cover to cover" and that it has helped them better understand the teachings of the Church and the life of our diocese.

In 2026, Catholic Times is taking a significant next step in its mission to inform, inspire, and connect the faithful. Beginning this year, the magazine will transition from publishing every other Sunday to a monthly magazine format. This change allows us to offer more in-depth reporting, richer photography, and a more cohesive and engaging reading experience.

With expanded space in each issue, Catholic Times will be able to tell more complete stories about the life of our parishes, schools, ministries, and people-stories of faith, service, sacrifice, and hope that make our diocese so vibrant. Readers will also notice improved paper quality, and an engaging magazine that continues to deliver the features, evangelization, and diocesan news they have come to expect and enjoy.

At its heart, Catholic Times exists to serve you—the faithful of our diocese—and to share how Christ is alive and active in our communities. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to speak directly to you through my column, *Lex Cordis Caritas*, where I reflect on the challenges we face as Catholics today and share important decisions that impact our diocesan family.

It is all these reasons why I believe Catholic Times should be available to every household in our diocese, either digitally or by mail. During the weekend of January 17-18, 2026, please encourage your parishioners to respond gratefully in support of this communication tool so we can ensure Catholic Times remains an inexpensive source of Catholic information, education, and inspiration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki,  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois