

JANUARY 25, 2026

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 am St. Mary: Velma Langen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 am St. Raymond: Henery Burnette

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 am St. Maurice: Mary Lou Langen

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 am St. Raymond: Ed Weitekamp
10:00 am St. Maurice: Nicholas DeBrun
Offered by Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

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 26: Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops & Disciples of St. Paul

January 27: St. Vitalian, Pope

January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest,
Doctor of the Church & Patron of Catholic Schools

January 29: St. Constantinus, Bishop

January 30: St. Martina, Martyr

January 31: St. John Bosco,
Priest & Founder of the Salesians

February 1: St. Brigid, Abbess

WINTER WEATHER MASS NOTICE:

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

FATHER'S COLUMN

From that time on,
Jesus began to preach and say,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his
brother Andrew. He said to them,
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

This Sunday's Gospel has two parts: Jesus preaches the Good News and calls his first disciples.

The preaching of Jesus and the call to discipleship that he issues, take place in a particular time and setting. Neither is less important.

John has been arrested and the "land is overshadowed by death." It is at this time that Jesus raises his voice to announce: "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," and in this place that he calls his first disciples. Darkness and death do not hinder Jesus' ministry; rather, they are the reason for it. This Gospel context foretells Jesus' destiny as well as our own.

As Jesus begins his public ministry, he gives two simple commands: "repent" and "come after me." As simple as these may sound, they nonetheless embody the radical demands of discipleship. Both demands are made urgent for the same reason: "the kingdom of God is at hand."

The religious expectations of the time was that God's saving work would arise from the holy city Jerusalem and be accomplished by a great and a powerful messiah. Instead, we find an itinerant preacher in Gentile territory inaugurating God's kingdom.

The kingdom of God is not a place, but it is the recognition of God's just and rightful rule over all creation. This is the same saving ministry to which Jesus' disciples were called; it is our own ministry.

To recognize the kingdom in our midst reveals our ongoing need for repentance and invites us to enter ever more fully into the kingdom by following Jesus. The good news is that the light begins to shine here; among the Gentiles, in the darkness. The call of disciples is to be here; in the darkness and under the threat of death. Establishing God's kingdom cannot be thwarted by Jesus' arrest, by dark places, or by political intrigue. However, it can be thwarted by Jesus' very followers who do not repent and take up his saving mission. The way out of a dark and condemned land is to hear the call for repentance. We cannot hear it often enough. For this is the way to living in the light. This is how God's kingdom is established: faithful disciples hear Jesus' call; they repent and they faithfully follow him. In this way, gloom and darkness are overcome.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

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
 Saturday, February 28: Dan Martin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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
 Saturday, February 28: Carolynn Clark & Emily Martin

ST. RAYMOND

JANUARY

LECTOR Cheryl Gonet
 CANTOR Deb Held
 HOSPITALITY Phil Borgic
 EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS Tricia Pinkston
 Neil Wagahoff
 HOMEBOUND MINISTER: Jan 25: Noller/Morehouse
 SERVERS: Sun, Jan 25: Dan Held

FEBRUARY

LECTOR Verne Pinkston
 CANTOR Tim Mizera
 HOSPITALITY Denny Held
 EXTRAORDINARY MINSTERS Tricia Pinkston
 John Barto
 HOMEBOUND MINISTER: Feb 1: Hocking/Krager
 Feb 8: Dick Lyons
 Feb 15: Carl Marten
 Jan 22: Noller/Morehouse
 SERVERS: Sun, Feb 1: Luke Pope
 Austin & Addy Nicol
 Sun, Feb 8: Denny Held
 Sun, Feb 15: Dan Held
 Sun, Feb 22: Luke Pope

ST. MAURICE

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

LECTOR Dereke Dunkirk
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Carl Goebel
 Ed Goebel
 Charlie Golitko
 USHERS Eric & Becky O'Brien
 SERVER Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR JANUARY 17/18

ST. MARY
 Collection: \$1,992

ST. RAYMOND
 Collection: \$1,447

ST. MAURICE
 Collection: \$2,598
 Attendance: 117

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

Class Dates for K-8th Grade Family of Faith in 2026

January 28, February 11, February 25,
March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22

Sacrament prep class at the hall at 6:00 pm
4th-8th grade at the rectory/school for pizza at 6:00 pm
Teen bible study dates to come soon

St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us Sunday, February 1 after Mass for coffee,
donuts & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

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.

St. Maurice Thank you for Help on Demolition of Rectory

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following parishioners for their generous contributions and hard work in the demolition of the old rectory:

Larry Langen, John Langen, Eric O'Brien, Kenny O'Brien,
Stephen O'Brien, Ed Goebel, Gerry Goebel, Josh Walsh
(Gerry's employee), Larry Goebel, Dereke Dunkirk, Gary Dunkirk,
Chance Crites (Gary and Dereke's employee), Steve DeBrun,
Nathaniel DeBrun, Dale Brockamp, Mike Grundy, Jeff Grundy,
Mark Langen, and Matt Herpstreh.

A special thank you goes to Larry and John Langen; Eric,
Kenny, and Stephen O'Brien; Gary and Dereke Dunkirk; and
Gerry Goebel, whose heavy equipment, expertise, and
dedication made this project possible.

We also extend our appreciation to Marietta Dunkirk and Janet
Grundy for preparing lunch for the crew on both days.

St. Raymond Ladies Social Prayer Group

Next meet is Tuesday, February 10 at 10:00 am
located at 112 S McElroy in Raymond

Trivia Night Hosted by the Morrisonville K of C

February 21 at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

St. Maurice Greeters/Ushers

Thanks to all who volunteer to be Greeters. We appreciate you! We could use a few more greeters. If you would like to be one, let Deb Forbes know (825-3129)



A celebration was held
after St. Mary's mass in
honor of Virginia
Murphy's 102nd
birthday!
Fr. Florent gave her a
blessing and there were
many wishes from our
parish members!



Thank you to everyone who
came to hear Fr. Augustine's
remarks last Sunday afternoon!

