

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

310 Nobbe St.
Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

306 S McElroy
Raymond, IL 62560

ST. MAURICE

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End of Monday
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 am St. Mary: Helen Boehler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 am St. Raymond: Lucy McGrath

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 am St. Maurice: Mark Minnis

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:00 pm St. Mary: Mildred Murphy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: Monica Tucker

10:00 am 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

FATHER'S COLUMN

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven..."

Who does not want to be blessed?

Being blessed evokes images of peace, prosperity, perfection. For Jesus, being blessed is more than here and now, visible and tangible happiness. Being blessed comes from the joy of being of him, in him, and with him, now and forever.

Jesus began to teach the Beatitudes to his disciples. He is saying that discipleship must be rooted in his own blessedness, shaped by it, and arise also from his own blessedness. His blessedness is marked by giving of self, emptying of self, letting go of self. Jesus teaches us that being blessed is being of him, in him, and with him. We arrive at the promise of the Beatitudes ("for they will"), after a lifetime of faithful discipleship.

Who does not want to be blessed? All those who choose to be greedy, proud, unjust, insensitive, self-righteous, self-promoting, egotistical, sowers of discord, persecutors, maligners, dishonest.

Who is blessed? Jesus has told us. To be blessed, one has to be, to do, and to live as Jesus himself.

A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands.

The year 2025 marked the 60th anniversary of the promulgation of *Dei Verbum*, the document on Divine Revelation issued during the Second Vatican Council. In that document, the Council Fathers call for all the Christian faithful to have "easy access to Sacred Scripture" so that they might more deeply know and love God through understanding and meditating on the Scriptures (no. 22).

To commemorate this important anniversary and help the bishops fulfill their mission to proclaim the Word of God to all people, the Catholic Biblical Federation used funds received through the Collection for the Church in Latin America to gather 130 participants for a Bible conference at the Mexico City headquarters of the Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano in April 2025. There biblical pastoral ministry leaders from countries throughout Latin America came together for formation in the teachings of *Dei Verbum* and for the opportunity to collaborate with and encourage one another in this critical pastoral ministry.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America helps church leaders throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean to fulfill their mission to preach the Word of God and to awaken a love of Scripture in the hearts of those they serve.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of Jan 31/Feb 1, 2026. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. To support the collection with an online donation, please use this QR code or visit iGiveCatholic at usccb.igivecatholic.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-latin-america. For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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



MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, January 31:
Kevin Clark
Saturday, February 7:
Carol Hupp
Saturday, February 14:
Mary Jane Fuchs
Ash Wednesday, February 18:
Tony Krager
Saturday, February 21:
Dan Martin
Saturday, February 28:
Kathy Rovey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 31:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Carolyn Clark
Saturday, February 7:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini
Saturday, February 14:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke
Ash Wednesday, February 18:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt
Saturday, February 21:
Carolynn Clark
& Emily Martin
Saturday, February 28:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

ST. RAYMOND

FEBRUARY

LECTOR Verne Pinkston
CANTOR Tim Mizera
HOSPITALITY Denny Held
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
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
Ash Wednesday, Feb 18:
TBD
Sun, Feb 22: Luke Pope

ST. MAURICE

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

LECTOR Gerry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Catherine O'Connell
Dale & Kendra Brockamp

USHERS Eric & Becky O'Brien
SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

TBD

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR JANUARY 24/25

ST. MARY
Collection: \$835

ST. RAYMOND
Collection: \$

ST. MAURICE
Collection: \$
Attendance:

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, 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 Sunday Social

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

St. Raymond Food Pantry Service Project

Totes will be available today (Sunday, February 1) to take home and fill with food for our local food pantry.

Please bring your filled totes back to the church next Sunday, February 8.

Notice:

Of the 48 totes that we started out with the first month of this project, we are now down to 18.

If you took a tote with no intention of filling it or simply misplaced one, please bring it back empty. These totes were generously donated by a parishioner and are solely handed out with the intention that they will be brought back with food for the Food Pantry and are not free bags to take for personal use. Thank you.

St. Raymond Ladies Social Prayer Group

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

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.

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

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

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

Trivia Night Hosted by the Morrisonville K of C

February 21 at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

Winter Weather Mass Notice

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

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. 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)

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 2: St. Catherine de' Ricci, Virgin

February 3: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

February 4: St. Joseph of Leonessa, Capuchin Friar

February 5: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

February 6: St. Paul Miki, Priest and companions, Japanese Martyrs

February 7: St. Richard

February 8: St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin