

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

310 Nobbe St.
Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, IL 62560

ST. MAURICE

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End of Monday
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 am St. Raymond: John McGrath

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 am St. Maurice: Enriqueta Hernandez

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

5:00 pm St. Mary: Debbie Lucas

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Gerald Dean

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 am St. Raymond

5:30 pm St. Mary

7:00 pm St. Maurice

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

February 9: St. Apollonia, Virgin and Martyr

February 10: St. Scholastica, Virgin

February 11: Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes

February 12: Sts. Saturninus & Companions, Martyrs

February 13: Bl. Jordan of Saxony, Dominican

February 14: St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop

February 15: St. Onesimus, Disciple of St. Paul

Winter Weather Mass Notice

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

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world."

Today, in this continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that the disciples who live the Beatitudes that he proclaimed last Sunday are salt and light.

Good teacher that he is, Jesus compares discipleship with these two things that were familiar to his listeners and essential for them. He says it directly, forcefully: "You are..."

For the people of Jesus's day, salt had great importance, both socially and religiously. Some of its uses persist today.

-Salt was a food preservative and a food seasoning. Adding salt to food made it tastier, while adding it to incense preserved its fragrance and holiness as Exodus presents it (Ex 30:35).

-Again, newborn babies were rubbed with salt in the belief that this was good for their health and could also have some symbolic religious significance of preservation and incorruptibility.

-Salt was also applied to the skin to heal wounds.

-It was used in rituals as a symbol of the fidelity to, or "preserving" of a covenant.

-To describe people's speech as "seasoned with salt" (Col 4:6) was to suggest that their words were "tasty", wise and graciously humorous.

-Although some salt is needed for fertile soil, an excess is harmful, and so in a symbolic gesture of judgment and condemnation, those who, at war, destroyed a city might scatter or "sow" it with salt (Judg 9:45) to express the hope that nothing would grow there again (Jer 17:6).

When Jesus calls his disciples "the salt of the earth," he is suggesting by this figure of speech that they have a responsibility for savoring the world with God's love, making it more to "God's taste", healing its wounds.

The big question this Sunday is: "What is the contemporary corruption that we need to name and challenge so that our Christian saltiness contributes to humanity, society, our church, and our planet being preserved, healed, and changed for the kingdom of God in Christ?"

Salt is not sweet and mellow, and neither can our Christian discipleship be. Put salt on a sore spot and it stings as well as heals.

The other comparison that Jesus makes this Sunday is to light. Disciples are the light of the world, as the ritual of baptism declares by the presentation of the burning candle. Like salt, so with fire: both exist not for themselves, but to give taste, warmth, or illumination to something beyond themselves. Not the powerful empires of the past or the superpower of any age, but life lived according to the Beatitudes is what will give light to the world. This is to be a communal endeavor, as obvious as a well-lighted city on a hilltop.

Just as salt is used to make food tasty, so a lamp was lit in the house of most of Jesus's listeners in order to illuminate the whole living space. Disciples who are salt and light do not draw attention to themselves, but to God. They declare that, through their commitment to the way of life to which Jesus calls his disciples and his sustaining grace, the reign of God is coming into our world.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

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
Saturday, March 7: Kevin Clark

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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
Saturday, March 7: Mary Ann Rimini
& Carolynn Clark

ST. RAYMOND

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
Ash Wednesday, Feb 18:
TBD
Sun, Feb 22: Luke Pope

ST. MAURICE

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

LECTOR Pat Wolf
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
John Bergschneider
Brian Grundy
Linda Sheedy

USHERS Eric & Becky O'Brien
SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR JANUARY 31/ FEBRUARY 1

ST. MARY
Collection: \$1,846

ST. RAYMOND
Collection: \$6,684

ST. MAURICE
Collection: \$1,941
Attendance: 97

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, 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 Food Pantry Service Project

Please bring your filled totes back to the church today 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

Raymond KC Fish Frys

Every Friday from February 20 to March 27, 4:30 to 6:30
Inside Dining, Drive-Thru, and Carryout

Plates are \$15 each
Inside dining only: 10 & under: \$7, Preschoolers: Free

Menu includes Fried Fish, Potato Wedges, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Cake.

Inside dining only: Mac & Cheese

Trivia Night Hosted by the Morrisonville K of C

February 21 at the Fuller Street Building in Morrisonville

2025 Contribution Statements

Last week we emailed out 2025 contribution statements to everyone in our parish unit that we have an email for. Emails would have come from Pushpay.com.

If you did not receive an emailed statement and would like one, please contact Kateri at kmarten@stmmr.org or call the St. Raymond office at 217-229-4435 and we will be happy to get you a printed copy.

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 at 217-825-3129

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

St. Raymond Angle Tree Project Recap and Thank You

6 churches and 4 organizations participated in this project in 2025. We provided 110 students in 63 households with Christmas gifts. Over 600 gifts were purchased, which is the most we have done. Each household also received a Aldi gift card.

We would like to thank everyone at St. Raymond who participated!

Darren Daugherty, Pleasant Hill Church
Judie Egelhoff, St. Raymond

Springfield Deanery CCW Meeting

Saturday, February 28, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Stonington, IL

Morning includes: breakfast, speakers, business meeting, rosary and door prizes. Bring your RMH Tabs.
Speaker: Chuck Martin, Executive Director of the Christian County Coal Mine Museum in Taylorville.

All women are invited to attend.

RSVP to Janet DeClerck by February 17 at 217-827-9670