

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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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Morrisonville, IL 62546

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 am St. Raymond: Toots Walch
10:00 am St. Maurice: Dennis White and
Merle Ree Millburg

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 am St. Mary: Debbie Lucas

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 am St. Raymond: Cora Meyers

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 am St. Maurice: Edward Weitekamp

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00 pm St. Mary: Glenn Rovey

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 am St. Raymond: Cindy Foote
10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 5:00 PM

Rotating between our Parishes:

February 27 St. Maurice
March 6 St. Raymond
March 13 St. Mary
March 20 St. Maurice
March 27 St. Raymond

STATIONS BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS OF LENT

7:30 am St. Raymond
9:35 am St. Maurice (Led by men of the K of C)

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

Winter Weather Mass Notice

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

FATHER'S COLUMN

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached him...

None of us likes to feel vulnerable. Because vulnerability opens us to being wounded, exposed, harmed. We like to be in control, not only of ourselves but others. This, we think, is the best protection for us.

Jesus is led into the desert. Here, he spends forty days and forty nights fasting and praying.

Yes, Jesus walked every aspect of our human journey, even submitting himself to temptation and death.

At the end of his desert experience, he would have been hungry, would have sought companionship, would have been wanting a shower and haircut. After forty days alone in the desert, the devil knew that Jesus was vulnerable, he was ripe for temptation, ripe to be led where under other circumstances he might not have gone. So the devil was smart; he knew how to hit Jesus when he was most vulnerable; he tried to allure him with tantalizing temptations.

This Gospel story teaches us that temptation comes most surely when we are most vulnerable. It is essentially an enticement to put our own desires and needs first; to do what we think is best for ourselves at the moment, to give in into our impulses without considering too seriously the consequences. It is thinking of ourselves first. Resisting temptation, then, is really a matter of resisting self-centeredness. Father Mike Schmitz would say: "sinning consists in trying to be happy, but without God."

Like Jesus, we must choose instead to surrender ourselves to God who alone should be the center of our lives. To make any other choice is to choose a false god. This First Sunday of Lent poses this question: Do we serve god or God?

With every temptation, we learn through our struggle with good and evil exactly how vulnerable we are. We learn how much we are tempted to serve all the false gods of our personal desires and needs, we also learn, interestingly enough, to fight temptation with temptation, this is, to replace a desire for something that leads us astray with a stronger desire that leads us to serve our loving and merciful God alone. Only in this metaphoric desert can our vulnerabilities become known, our temptations be faced with strength, and our choices be the right one that bring us to right relationships with God, ourselves, and others.

We begin Lent with a reflection on temptation and false gods, hoping that our Lenten penance will help us overcome our vulnerabilities and come to Easter ready to receive the new, risen Life this season offers us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, February 21:
Dan Martin

Saturday, February 28:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, March 7:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, March 14:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, March 21:
Tony Krager

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 21:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

Saturday, February 28:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, March 7:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, March 14:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, March 21:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

ST. RAYMOND

FEBRUARY

LECTOR Verne Pinkston
CANTOR Tim Mizera
HOSPITALITY Denny Held
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Tricia Pinkston
John Barto

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
Feb 22: Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:
Sun, Feb 22: Luke Pope

MARCH

LECTOR Jerry Wagahoff
CANTOR Verne Pinkston
HOSPITALITY Greg Beck
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Carl Marten
Donna Wagahoff

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
1: Hocking/Krager
8: Dick Lyons
5: Carl Marten
22: Noller/Morehouse
29: Dick Lyons

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

LECTOR Pat Wolf
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
John Bergschneider
Brian Grundy
Linda Sheedy
USHERS Eric & Becky O'Brien
SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

LECTOR Larry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Kendra Brockamp
Gerry Goebel
Charlie Golitko
USHERS Steve & Mellisa DeBrun
SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

LECTOR Ed Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Brian Grundy
Diane McWard-Sullivan
Marietta Dunkirk
USHERS Steve & Mellisa DeBrun
SERVERS
Adelaide and Gentry Dunkirk

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 14/15

ST. MARY

Collection: \$2,866

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$1,341

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$915
Attendance: 88

OUR PRAYER LIST

Carl Armes, Georgetta Dean, Larry Boston, Lane Badman, Jim Weitekamp, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Marcia Rosenthal, Rick Broaddus, Jeff Marten, Lucy McGrath, Mike Armstrong, Toby Dean, Martha Beeler 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.

To add a name to the prayer list, please email Kateri at kmarten@stmrm.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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Class Dates for K-8th Grade Family of Faith

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

Morrisonville K of C Workday at the Church

Saturday, February 28, beginning at 9:00 am
We will be removing junk and debris from both
the church steeple and church basement.

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

St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us Sunday, March 8 after Mass for coffee,
donuts & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

Jerseyville Deanery CCW Meeting

Wednesday, March 11 at St. Francis Xavier
Rosary begins at 8:40 am prior to 9 am Mass
Registration and meeting will follow Mass
at the K of C Hall (307 N. State St., Jerseyville, IL.)
Fr. Martin Smith will speak about St. Joseph at the meeting.

St. Maurice Accepting Mowing Bids

Bids are being accepted from now until Sunday, March 1 for
the 2026 mowing season. Please see information posted in the
church vestibule for additional information.

2025 Contribution Statements

We have 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@stmrm.org or call
the St. Raymond office at 217-229-4435 and we will be
happy to get you a printed copy.

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@stmrm.org

SDCCW Scholarship for High School Girl Graduates

Four girls from the Springfield Diocese will be awarded a
\$2,000 scholarship through the SDCCW. To apply, please see
the information packets in your parish vestibule.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 22: St. Maximianus of Ravenna, Bishop

February 23: St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna and Martyr

February 24: ferie

February 25: St. Nestor, Bishop of Magydos and Martyr

February 26: St. Faustianus, Bishop of Bologna

February 27: St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Passionist

February 28: St. Romanus, Abbot