

MARCH 1, 2026 | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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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End of Monday  
Parish Website:  
stmrm.org

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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### 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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 am St. Mary: Helen Boehler

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 am St. Raymond: Alexandra McCague

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 am St. Maurice: Dorothy Held

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

5:00 pm St. Mary: Ruthie Aherin

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: The People of Our Parishes  
10:00 am St. Maurice: Howard & Rita Fishburn

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### STATIONS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 5:00 PM

Rotating between our Parishes:

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

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

March 1: St. Felix III, Pope  
March 2: St. Angela of the Cross, Virgin  
March 3: St. Cunegunda,  
Bride of St. Henry II, Emperor  
March 4: St. Casimir, Patron of Lithuania  
March 5: St. Lucius I, Pope  
March 6: St. Colette Boylet, Virgin and Franciscan.  
March 7: Sts. Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs

## FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,  
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes became white as light.

Last Sunday, we dealt with temptations. This second Sunday of Lent, we deal with glory. How well the Gospels of these two Sundays capture the realities of our human condition: we are weak and vulnerable and sinful at the same time, but we have a vision of strength and victory and glory.

The vision and promise of Jesus' glory shown forth by his transfiguration is what sustains us in face of temptation and weakness, and draws us forward on a faithful journey of discipleship. The transfiguration is a foreshadowing of fulfillment, the greater and permanent glory of Jesus' being "raised from the dead" after three days. By our consistency in choosing Christ, he becomes more manifest in our lives so we, too, share in this glory. Thus, the transfiguration of Christ foreshadows our own coming to glory.

We accept the gift of glory Jesus offers us when we "listen to him." But listening does more than promising glory; it reminds us that to reach that glory we must be willing to join Jesus in his passion and death as well.

Our Christian journey, particularly in Lent, is about listening to God's word, living a life of dying to self, and enjoying the new Life that comes to those who faithfully follow Jesus "up a high mountain" of transfiguration and promised glory and also "down from the mountain" to the everyday temptations and the demands of self-giving.

Why are we willing to travel this Christian journey, to climb hard mountains to be given the blessing of glory? Because of the great hope we have in the outcome.

What high mountain must we climb for us to witness Jesus' transfiguration? We must climb the high mountain of listening to Jesus, the high mountain of being pleasing to him, the high mountain of opening ourselves to the touch of his Presence. When we climb this mountain, we forsake our own agenda of pitching the tent of satisfaction with our own works to enter into the glory of the Life Jesus offers us.

The mountain is steep; the climb is ours to choose; the vision at the top is divine: "white as light", shining "like the sun." Can we see him?

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### LECTORS

Saturday, February 28:  
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, March 7:  
Carol Hupp

Saturday, March 14:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, March 21:  
Tony Krager

Saturday, March 28:  
Dan Martin

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

Saturday, March 28:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Emily Martin

### ST. RAYMOND

#### 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

#### SERVERS:

Sun, March 1: Denny Held  
Sun, March 8: Luke Pope  
Austin & Addy Nicol  
Sun, March 15: Denny Held  
Sun, March 22: Luke Pope  
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff  
Sun, March 29: Dan Held

### ST. MAURICE

#### 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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

LECTOR ..... Elaine Wagner  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Ed Goebel  
Larry Goebel  
Carl Goebel

USHERS ..... Steve & Mellisa DeBrun

SERVERS ..... Nathaniel DeBrun  
Rian Deardorff

## PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 21/22

#### ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,631

#### ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$1,948

#### ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$1,693  
Attendance:

## OUR PRAYER LIST

Rita Sloan, 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](mailto: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

### 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.

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### Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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### Raymond KC Fish Frys

Every Friday through 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

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### St. Raymond Sunday Social

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

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### Class Dates for K-8th Grade Family of Faith

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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Card Shower for Darlene O'Brien's 90th Birthday

Darlene O'Brien will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on March 12. Her family is requesting a Card Shower in honor of her birthday and ask that cards be sent to:

1091 E. 1500 North Road Apt. 46 Taylorville, IL 62568

### 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

## A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Charities has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need. In 2025, Catholic Charities celebrated its 100-year anniversary of bringing relief and providing advocacy for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day throughout our diocese.

Every year, Catholic Charities serves thousands of our brothers and sisters in desperate situations throughout our 28 county diocese. This service comes in the form of meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and medical/ dental assistance as well as providing long term professional services in social work, counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. Everyone who is helped by Catholic Charities is treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

Catholic Charities has been able to provide these services over the last century through the ongoing generosity of people like you - donors, staff, volunteers, board members, and organizations coming together to support the mission.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities to ensure God's love and mercy is extended to all of his children.

During the weekend of February 28 - March 1, 2026, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will again be held throughout our diocese. This special centennial year, I challenge you to continue to support Catholic Charities as they carry out their mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need.

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