

MARCH 15, 2026 | 4TH 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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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

5:00 pm St. Mary: Velma Langen

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Dave Sheedy

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 am St. Mary: **No Mass**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 am St. Raymond: **No Mass**

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 - SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

8:00 am St. Mary: Glenn Rovey

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 am St. Maurice: Raymond O'Brien

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 am St. Raymond: Marilyn Barto

10:00 am St. Maurice: Bob Mundhenke

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 5:00 PM

Rotating between our Parishes:

March 20 St. Maurice

March 27 St. Raymond

STATIONS BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS OF LENT

4:15 pm St. Mary

7:30 am St. Raymond

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 26, 6:00 pm at 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

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus found the man and said,
"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
He answered and said,
"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
Jesus said to him, "You have seen him,
and the one speaking with you is he."
He said, "I do believe, Lord,"
and he worshiped him."

Jesus is present in this Sunday's Gospel only at the beginning and at the end of the story. In the larger and center portion of this story, Jesus is not present at all; the focus is on the blind man who can now see. It is telling that the name of the pool where the man washed the mud off his eyes and regained his sight is "Siloam," which means "sent." It is the man born blind who is "sent" to bear the Good News, comes to believe, and witnesses to Jesus as One who comes from God.

In their first encounter in this Gospel, Jesus gives the blind man physical sight. But only in their second encounter are we told that Jesus gives the man much more: the eyes of faith by which he sees Jesus as the Son of Man. In both encounters, Jesus comes to the man, who is open to what Jesus has to offer. Yes, recovery of physical sight was more easily accomplished; spiritual insight is more difficult. Jesus seeks out and asks, "Do you believe...?"

The restoration of the blind man's physical sight culminates in the spiritual insight (faith) that Jesus is the "Son of Man" worthy of worship. But getting to that point is difficult: he is unrecognized by his friends, challenged by the authorities, unsupported by his parents, and even expelled from the synagogue. Yet with each obstacle, his vision of faith is sharpened and his resolve is strengthened. Only spiritual insight attains the goal of faith: which is worship of Jesus.

Jesus' disciples see the blind man and raise a theological issue ("Rabbi, who sinned?") Jesus on the other hand, sees the blind man and responds to him as a true "shepherd" and restores his sight. The man's blindness is not the consequence of human choice (sin), but is simply a fact of the human condition. The man represents all human beings; we are all born "blind." Christ is the light who opens our eyes to see. Like the man, we can choose to see what Christ has revealed or, like the Pharisees, we can choose not to see and that is the real sin. Sin does not cause physical blindness; sin does cause spiritual blindness.

The blind man's story is the story of every Christian; we all struggle to keep faith in the midst of adversities; and Jesus comes to find us. This is our work during Lent: to be open to Jesus, who comes to us and helps us to see, brings us to deeper faith. All this, so that we can worship God with renewed determination.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, March 14:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, March 21:
Tony Krager

Saturday, March 28:
Dan Martin

Good Friday, April 3:
Kathy Rovey

Easter Sunday, April 5:
Carol Hupp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 14:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, March 21:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, March 28:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

Good Friday, April 3:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

Easter Sunday, April 5:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

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
15: 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 15

LECTOR Elaine Wagner
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Ed Goebel
Larry Goebel
Carl Goebel

USHERS Steve & Mellisa DeBrun

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
John Bergschneider
Catherine O'Connell
Linda Sheedy

USHERS Steve & Mellisa DeBrun

SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Dale & Kendra Brockamp
Marietta Dunkirk

USHERS Steve & Mellisa DeBrun

SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR MARCH 7/8

ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,512

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$3,615

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$1,590
Attendance: 127

OUR PRAYER LIST

Margaret Jenkins, Quinn Broverman, 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, 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 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

Parish Choir Practice for the Easter Triduum

Please consider joining our parish unit choir as we celebrate the beautiful services of Holy Week.

Practices are at 6:30 pm on:

Monday, March 16 at St. Mary

Monday, March 23 at S. Raymond

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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

St. Raymond Ladies Social Prayer Group

Has been moved to Tuesday, March 24 at 10:00 am
located at 112 S McElroy in Raymond
Everyone is welcome!

Panhandle Senior Citizens St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Tuesday, March 24 at the Farmersville K of C hall
Doors open at 11:30 and lunch is served at 12:00
Gil Opferman will be our guest and will have a
sign up for buses to the summer season of the Muni.

Class Dates for K-8th Grade Family of Faith

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

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.

Email Bulletin

If you would like to receive our weekly email bulletin, let Kateri know at kmarten@stmrm.org

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

Disciples of Mercy Ministry at St. Maurice

If you or someone you know could benefit from having meals provided while on hospice, recovering from surgery and hospitalization, or welcoming a new baby, or if you would like to join this ministry, contact: Marietta Dunkirk 217-825-6018, Pat Christian 217-825-9811, or Claire Weitekamp 714-204-1300

Parishioner Information Updates and New Parishioner Registration

If you are a current parishioner in our parish unit and have recently moved, changed phone numbers, or email, please let Kateri know so that we can update your information.

If you would like to join one of our parishes, please contact Kateri and she will help you get registered.

Kateri can be reached at kmarten@stmrm.org

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

March 16: Sts. Hilarius & Tatianus, Martyrs

March 17: St. Patrick, Bishop and Apostle of Ireland

March 18: St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem and Doctor of the Church

March 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church

March 20: St. John Nepomucen, Priest and Martyr

March 21: St. Nicholas of Flüe, Patron of Switzerland

March 22: St. Paul, Bishop of Narbonne and Martyr