

MARCH 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



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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stmrm.org

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

5:00 pm St. Mary: Helen Boehler

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Norma Barrera

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 am St. Mary: Special Intentions,
Martha Rossmiller

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 am St. Raymond: Louis & Sharon Kern

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 pm St. Maurice: All Priests living & deceased
especially Fr. Florent

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

12:00 pm St. Raymond (Stations of the Cross)

3:00 pm St. Maurice (Stations of the Cross)

7:00 pm St. Mary (Celebration of the
Passion of the Lord)

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 am St. Mary: Debbie Lucas

8:00 am St. Raymond: Richard Uhrig

10:00 am St. Maurice: Jereme Goebel and
Natalie Goebel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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)

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 said to them,
"This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken,
for it is written: I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;
but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you
to Galilee."

Some things that happen to us shake us deeply, for example, the loss of a loved one upon whom we have grown to depend; a challenge to the core beliefs by which we live; being fired from a good position because we will not do something we perceive to be unethical... When we are so shaken, we also tend to question ourselves, whether we have made right judgments, whether we have understood things correctly.

As we read Matthew's Passion account on this Palm Sunday, however, both the disciples and religious leaders seem unshaken in their actions toward Jesus.

The disciples are strong in their claim that they will stand by Jesus, but their actions hardly bear this out. They fall asleep three times, in the garden when Jesus asks them to watch and pray with him. They flee when Jesus is arrested. Peter not only denies knowing Jesus; three times, but does so "with an oath" and with cursing and swearing.

Standing by someone we love, having faith in that person, is easy when there is no cost. The religious leaders, on the other hand, are unshaken in their conviction that Jesus must die for the good of all. They go through an apparent trial, but there is no justice, no truth, only abuse. Even Pilate recognizes that "they had handed him over"..."out of envy."

Jesus warns the disciples at the Last Supper that their faith would be shaken, but the disciples deny that this will ever happen. Nonetheless, our faith is greatly threatened when there is great cost to be paid, and we instinctively protect ourselves: that's why the disciples flee; the Jewish authorities are adamant about destroying Jesus. Jesus alone remains unshaken in his faith. In the Garden he says yes to his Father's will, he is silent before his accusers' false accusations, he willingly gives up his Spirit on the cross. Instead of protecting himself, Jesus embraces the cost of his suffering and death; the great sign of his own faithfulness. An even greater sign is yet to come... in three days...

OTHER EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN OUR AREA

9:30 am St. Patrick, Girard

11:00 am Ss. Simon & Jude, Gillespie

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, March 28:
Dan Martin

Good Friday, April 3:
Kathy Rovey

Easter Sunday, April 5:
Carol Hupp

Saturday, April 11:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, April 18:
Tony Krager

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

Saturday, April 11:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, April 18:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

ST. RAYMOND

MARCH

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

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
29: Dick Lyons

SERVERS:
Sun, March 29: Dan Held

APRIL

LECTOR Christine Meisner
CANTOR Tim Marten
HOSPITALITY Joe Pope
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Lerry Weitekamp
Dianne Hampton

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
5: Hocking/Krager
12: Dick Lyons
19: Carl Marten
26: Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:
Easter Vigil - Sat, April 4:

Easter Day - Sun, April 5:
Luke & Avery Pope
Austin & Addy Nicol

Sun, April 12: Dan Held
Sun, April 19: Luke Pope
Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff
Sun, April 26: Denny Held

ST. MAURICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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

USHERS Steve & Mellisa DeBrun
SERVERS Nathaniel DeBrun
Rian Deardorff

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

LECTOR Dale Brockamp
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Volunteers
USHERS Bill O'Connell
Dan & Linda Johnson

SERVER

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

LECTOR Ed Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
John Bergschneider
Catherine O'Connell
Diane McWard-Sullivan

USHERS Bill O'Connell
Dan & Linda Johnson

SERVER

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR MARCH 21/22

ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,371

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$1,697

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$1,992
Attendance: 101

OUR PRAYER LIST

Lucy McGrath, Carter Whalen, Quinn Broverman, Rita Sloan, Carl Armes, Georgetta Dean, Larry Boston, Jim Weitekamp, Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Marcia Rosenthal, Rick Broaddus, Jeff Marten, 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.

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

Class Dates for K-8th Grade Family of Faith

April 8 and 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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St. Raymond Sunday Social for April

Join us Sunday, April 12 after Mass for coffee, donuts & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

St. Louis School Annual Chicken Dinner

10:30 am - 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 12
Dine in or Drive Thru

Featuring Nelson's Catering 1/2 Chicken Meal including salad, sides and dessert

\$16/ticket, advance tickets required (no walk-ins)

Tickets available from any SLS student or online at <https://dio.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/488/responses/new> or call/text Megan Beeler at 217-246-0392

St. Raymond to Host Ladies Spring Fling

Thursday, April 16 starting at 6 pm at the Raymond K of C Hall
A catered meal will be followed by song selections by the LHS Drama club from their production of Frozen

There will be a donation box at the door to help defray costs

RSVP by April 12 if you will be attending:
Rita Bruntjen 217-259-3605, Kathy Rovey 217-820-3375

Catholic Speed Dating Hosted by The Forge

The Forge, Springfield's Catholic Young Adult Group, is hosting a Speed Dating night. Meet and mingle with Catholic singles (ages 21-39) in a casual and fun setting.

Saturday, April 18 beginning at 5:30 pm
in the Christ the King Parish Hall (1930 Barberry Dr, Springfield)

There will be refreshments, a vocations talk by Fr. Daniel McGrath, a testimony talk by the Schlossers, & speed dating!

Please RSVP using the QR code.

Find us on Instagram @ TheForgeSpringfield, or email us with any questions: TheForgeSpringfield@gmail.com



LETTERS FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we look forward to this year's liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, through which the Lord draws us more fully into the mystery of His death and resurrection, I am writing to ask your financial support for two special collection opportunities to be taken in all our parishes during these coming days - the Holy Land Collection and the Seminarian Collection. These collections will be taken up correspondingly during the Good Friday service, and then the Easter Vigil Liturgy and Easter Sunday Masses.

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The Holy Land Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides information and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your promotion of this important collection is essential.

The Seminarian Collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have 12 seminarians. You can take a personal role in their formation with a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

With best wishes and prayers for a blessed Holy Week and Easter, I remain

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

The holy season of Lent calls us to conversion of heart through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As the Lord says, "Return to me with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12). As we continue our Lenten journey, we are mindful of our obligation to care for those in need. CRS Rice Bowl offers a practical way to encounter Christ in those who suffer from hunger and poverty. Our Lord teaches us, "For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Matthew 25:35).

Strengthened by the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, we are called to share what we have, recognizing that all is a gift from God. Families, parishes, and schools can continue to participate in CRS Rice Bowl through prayer, simple meals, and almsgiving during these remaining days of Lent. The special offertory for CRS Rice Bowl will take place on Holy Thursday, April 2.

Notably, 25% of all CRS Rice Bowl contributions remain within our diocese to support local food pantries and programs that feed the hungry, carrying out this corporal work of mercy in a direct and concrete way.

Resources and additional information are available at crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org.

Thank you for your faithful observance of Lent. May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving draw us closer to Christ and strengthen us in charity.

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