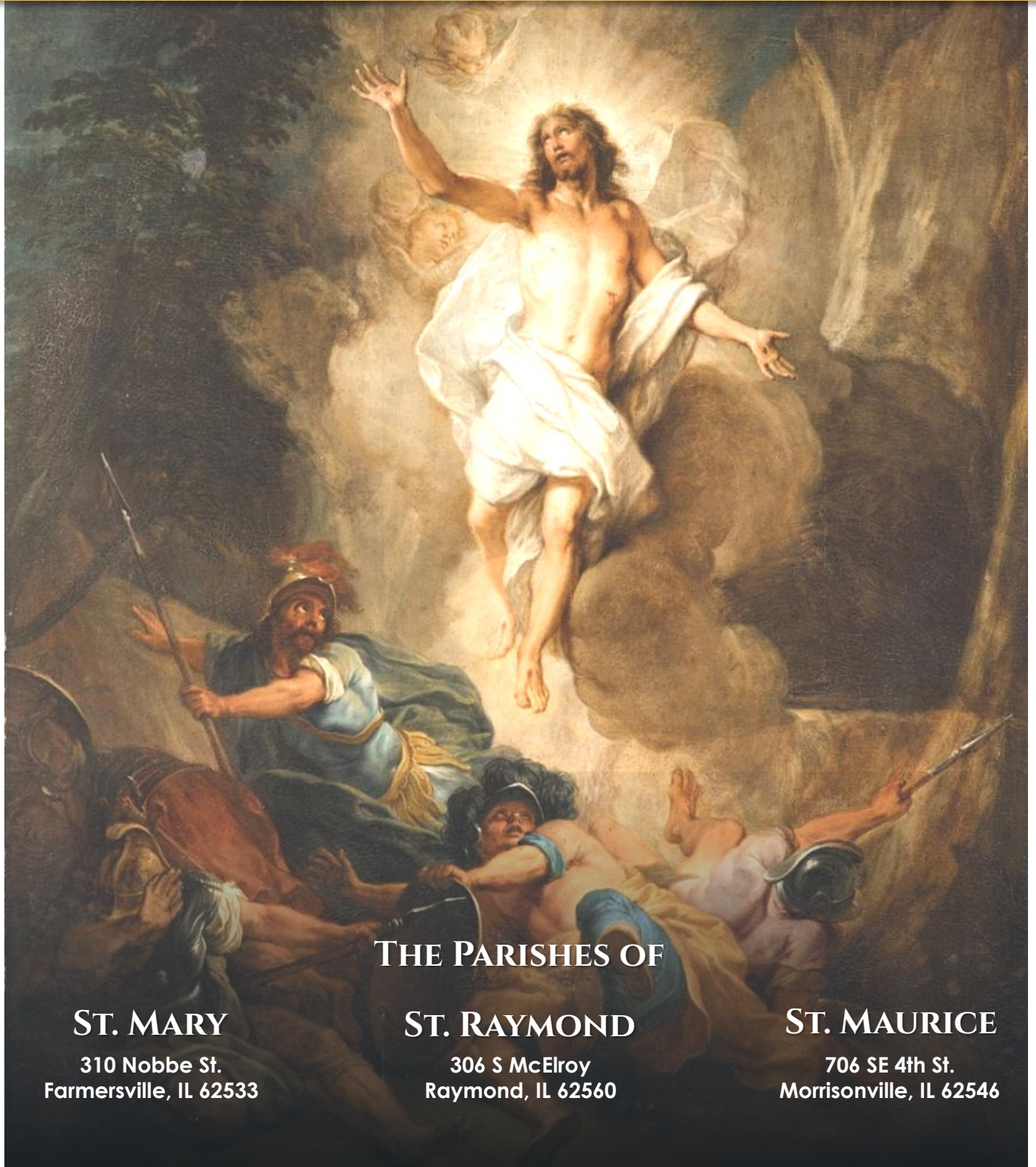


APRIL 5, 2026 | EASTER SUNDAY



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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**Bulletin Deadline:**  
End of Monday

**Parish Website:**  
stmrm.org

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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### 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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 am St. Raymond: Louis Weitekamp

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 am St. Maurice: Victoriano Hernandez

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 am St. Raymond: William & Lucille Edmiston

10:00 am St. Maurice: Mary Lou Langen

## 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

April 6: St. Peter of Verona, Dominican & Martyr

April 7: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

April 8: St. Dionysius, Bishop

April 9: St. Liborius, Bishop

April 10: St. Magdalene of Canossa, Virgin

April 11: St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

April 12: St. Julius I, Pope

## FATHER'S COLUMN

On the first day of the week,  
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb  
early in the morning, while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

What a joyous Gospel to hear on Easter Sunday! Mary of Magdala arises early on the "first day of the week" to go to Jesus' tomb! What does she see? Merely that the stone is rolled away from the entrance. The Gospel doesn't tell us that she went into the tomb and looked around. Rather, she immediately runs to the disciples and reports that Jesus' body has been taken. Peter and the Beloved Disciple go to the tomb, not taking their time, but running. They see the carefully laid out burial cloths. The response of the Beloved Disciple is eventually the response of all: "he saw and believed."

Perhaps more than any other Easter Gospel, this one can speak to us. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and the next account in John, where there is an angelic presence announcing Jesus' resurrection and Jesus himself appears to Mary and the disciples, this account leaves us only with hints of the resurrection. We also have the Scriptures that tell us that "he had to rise from the dead." Like the disciples in this account, we have no immediate evidence of Jesus' resurrection. Rather, that wondrous event is mediated to us in the same way as for those disciples long ago. For us, Jesus' risen presence is mediated through servant-disciples who by their witness to Gospel living announce that Jesus is alive and with us.

Seeing and believing, we still do not understand. This seeming contradiction characterizes our Christian journey. Through the Scriptures and by the witness of faithful disciples, we gradually come to believe in the Good News that Jesus brought, we gradually learn to encounter Jesus in the ordinary circumstances of everyday, seeing his risen presence in the goodness of others, in our worship and prayer, even in our very needs. These personal encounters strengthen our faith in the risen Lord, that he has not died in vain, and that we even now share in the new Life his resurrection promises.

At the same time, we do not yet understand. This does not mean we do not believe in the resurrection. It means that this event is so singular, so unique, so unexpected that it cannot be grasped in one encounter. We spend our lifetime growing in our appreciation that Jesus, ever the servant, lived, suffered, died, and was raised from the dead. We spend our lifetime grasping that, even though all of us still must face physical death, Christ has been victorious over death.

Our response? Like the disciples, we run all our lives to be servants of others, to announce the Good News that suffering and death is not all there is to our life. Like the early disciples, we cannot contain ourselves: we run to meet the risen Christ in others, and empty ourselves so others can meet the risen Christ within us. The mystery is beyond us at the same time it is within us!

The Lord is truly risen!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### ST. MARY

#### LECTORS

Easter Sunday, April 5:  
Carol Hupp

Saturday, April 11:  
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, April 18:  
Tony Krager

Saturday, April 25:  
Dan Martin

Saturday, May 2:  
Kathy Rovey

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

Saturday, April 25:  
Mary Ann Rimini  
& Emily Martin

Saturday, May 2:  
John &  
Mary Jo Brown

### ST. RAYMOND

#### 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:  
Denny & Dan Held  
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

#### 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 .....  
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

LECTOR ..... Dale Brockamp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Larry Goebel  
Gerry Goebel  
Charlie Golitko

USHERS ..... Bill O'Connell  
Dan & Linda Johnson

SERVERS ..... Nathaniel DeBrun  
Rian Deardorff and Abbie Grundy

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

LECTOR ..... Dereke Dunkirk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS .....  
Dale & Kendra Brockamp  
Marietta Dunkirk

USHERS ..... Bill O'Connell  
Dan & Linda Johnson

SERVERS ..... Macie Ferrill  
Olivia Moore

## PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR MARCH 28/29

#### ST. MARY

Collection: \$1,052

#### ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$1,850

#### ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$1,299  
Attendance: 99

## 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 Broadaddus, 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@stmm.org](mailto:kmarten@stmm.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

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## 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!

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## Youth Mass at St. Maurice

Sunday, April 12, the children and staff of our Family of Faith program will be participating in various ministries at St. Maurice for the 10:00 am Mass. Several of our youth will be making their first reconciliation after Mass.

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## 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

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## 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

## St. Maurice to Host Estate Planning Seminar

Join us for an informative evening with Attorney Trent West as he discusses how structuring your estate is one of the most important steps you can take to provide peace of mind, protect your loved ones, and preserve your legacy.

Friday, April 24

Beginning at 6:00 pm with a free dinner

Located at the Fuller Street Building

This event is free, however, registration is required so we can prepare enough meals and seating for everyone attending. Please contact:

Carl Goebel 217-827-1498 or Steve DeBrun 217-820-4603

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## 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](mailto:TheForgeSpringfield@gmail.com)



## 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

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## Email Bulletin

If you would like to receive our weekly email bulletin, let Kateri know at [kmarten@stmrm.org](mailto:kmarten@stmrm.org)