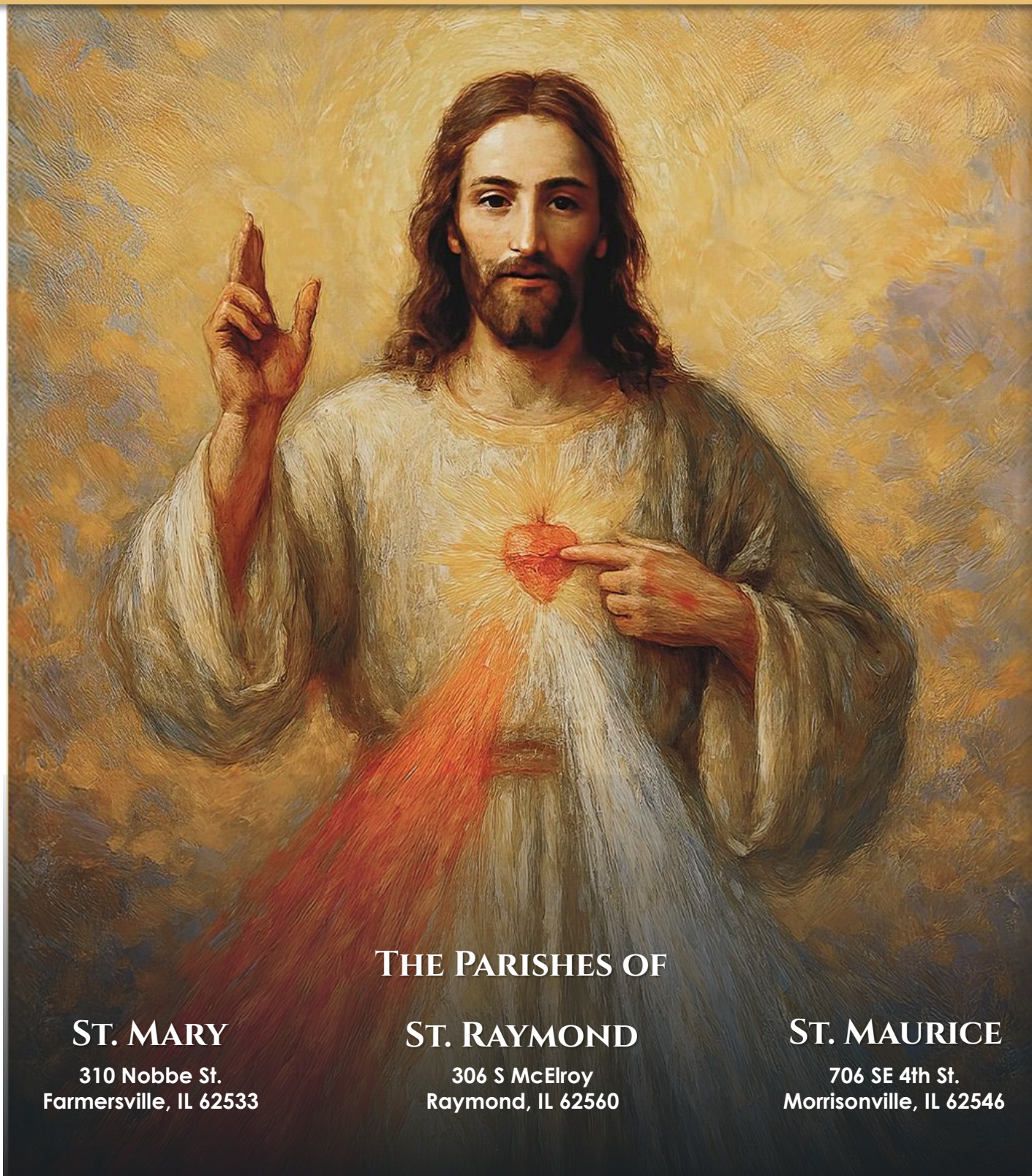


APRIL 12, 2026 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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Raymond, IL 62560

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End of Monday

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stmrm.org

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 am St. Mary: Francisco & Eleanor Baros

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 am St. Raymond: Christina Dawn Jones

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 am St. Maurice: Trent Boston

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

5:00 pm St. Mary: Glenn Rovey

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 am St. Raymond: The Powley &
Tucker Families

10:00 am St. Maurice: The People of Our Parishes

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 13: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

April 14: St. Tiburtius, Valerianus, & Maximus, Martyrs

April 15: St. Abbondio

April 16: St. Benedict Joseph Labre

April 17: St. Simeon, Bishop and Martyr

April 18: St. Galdinus, Bishop and Cardinal

April 19: St. Leo IX, Pope

FATHER'S COLUMN

And when Jesus had said this,
he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are
forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

If some people we know don't have their feet squarely planted on land, we tend to think of them as flighty, and we would probably not turn to them when we need real help. We trust people who are down-to-earth, who live in the real world, who are practical about everyday matters. Yes, we human beings tend to be concrete folks; we want to taste or see or hear or touch or smell the things that make a difference in how our lives unfold.

This Easter mystery, then, poses something of a challenge. We can readily identify with Thomas in the Gospel who wants to touch Jesus: this is the tangible proof he needs to come to believe that Jesus is alive. Even the testimony of the other disciples, even their rejoicing, is not enough for him to come to believe. The other disciples had seen the Lord; Thomas wanted the same. The other disciples had received the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the risen Lord; Thomas had not. No wonder he wanted to touch! No wonder he wanted proof! He hadn't received the Spirit!

The basic issue in this Gospel story is coming to believe that Jesus is risen and alive. What is made clear is that, believing is not dependent on physical contact with Jesus (Thomas makes his profession of faith without touching Jesus), but coming to believe does depend on personal encounter.

Authentic encounter between persons only happens through mutual self-giving: Jesus' self-giving is shown through his gift of the Holy Spirit to us; our self-giving is shown when we open ourselves to receive that Spirit. Coming to believe more deeply that Jesus is risen and alive is the work of the Spirit within and among us. What a Gift! Jesus breathes his Spirit upon the gathered disciples and invites them to receive this most amazing Gift.

The Spirit is not forced upon us; Jesus offers us his Spirit, his risen Presence to us and among us. Jesus' Spirit enables the personal encounter between us and the risen Lord; the Spirit enables us to come to believe without touching, but by giving ourselves over to receiving.

With mutual self-giving new, risen Life is experienced. With mutual self-giving we do not need concrete proof that Jesus is alive. But we do need the giving and receiving of the Spirit. Believing, moreover, is actually made tangible in the mutual self-giving of authentic encounter between Person and person. In turn, this empowers us to experience the mutual self-giving of authentic encounter between us and others. Such a Gift Jesus breathes upon us! Such a Gift we are invited to exchange with others!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, April 11:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, April 18:
Tony Krager

Saturday, April 25:
Dan Martin

Saturday, May 2:
Kathy Rovey

Sunday, May 9:
Carol Hupp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

Sunday, May 9:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

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

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

LECTOR Gerry Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Ed Goebel
Carl Goebel
Linda Sheedy
USHERS Bill O'Connell
Dan & Linda Johnson
SERVERS
Adelaide, Gentry and Rigby Dunkirk

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

ST. MARY

Collection: \$3,991

ST. RAYMOND

Collection: \$4,829

ST. MAURICE

Collection: \$4,249
Attendance: Thurs. 104 | Sun. 186

OUR PRAYER LIST

Marcia Rosenthal, Lucy McGrath, Carter Whalen, Quinn Broverman, Rita Sloan,
Carl Armes, Georgetta Dean, Larry Boston, Jim Weitekamp, 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 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.

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!

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.

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

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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



Class Dates for K-8th Grade Family of Faith

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. 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

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

Email Bulletin

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