

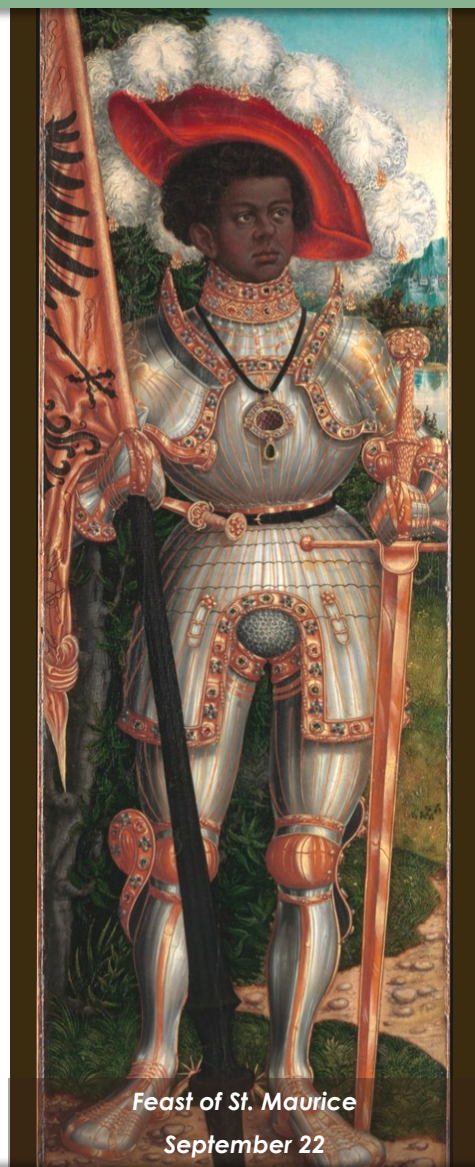
JULY 26, 2026 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Feast of St. Mary (The Assumption)
August 15



Feast of St. Raymond Nonnatus
August 31



Feast of St. Maurice
September 22

THE PARISHES OF

ST. MARY

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Farmersville, IL 62533

ST. RAYMOND

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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, JULY 25

5:00 pm St. Mary: Debbie Lucas

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00 am St. Raymond: Louis Kern

10:00 am St. Maurice: Ed & Nita Brockamp

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:00 am St. Mary: Glen Rovey

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:00 am St. Raymond: Barb McCague
and Daughters

FRIDAY, JULY 31

8:00 am St. Maurice: The deceased members of
the Weitekamp, Oller,
Forbes & Ryan families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

5:00 pm St. Mary: Helen Boehler

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

10:00 am St. Maurice: Carl Goebel and
Geneva Abell

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

July 27: St. Celestin I, Pope

July 28: St. Victor I & Urban II, Popes

July 29: St. Beatrice of Rome

July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest and Founder of the Jesuits

August 1: St. Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

August 2: St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

FATHER'S COLUMN

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

It seems we human beings are always searching for treasure. We spend billions of dollars on lottery tickets or in casinos each year hoping to hit the jackpot... Metal detectors enable us to comb beaches and parks for coins and other possible treasures... TV game shows are ever popular...

Our search for treasure isn't necessarily an indication that we are unhappy with what we have in life; it is an indication that we hope for more. So it is with our life in God! We have already been given so much: salvation in Christ, the promise of eternal life, membership in Christ's Body; and yet we know there is yet more to come. The promise of the treasure of God's kingdom is nothing less than a share in divine life!

This Sunday's gospel includes three more short parables about the kingdom of God. So often these parables about God's kingdom take us to the end times and judgment, as illustrated in the first two parables by selling all to buy the field or the pearl of great price, and in the third parable by separating the good and bad fish. A judgment theme gives us a partial insight into what God's kingdom is: his everlasting and just reign and presence. Thus, God's kingdom is not a place or territory, but an exercise of God's dominion and will over all of creation.

Moreover, the three parables describe different ways people find the kingdom; by chance, by diligent search, by careful discernment. Each situation we face in life requires of us a different, appropriate response. No matter which way we find the kingdom, two things are needed: first, the wisdom to recognize the surpassing worth of the kingdom when it appears; the same wisdom requested by Solomon of God in the first reading; and, second, the boldness to stake all on the kingdom: "sells all". The Gospel thus invites us to be wise and to be bold!

The wisdom that Solomon requested in the first reading, and for which he is famous, is one of the most valued virtues of the Old Testament tradition. Like Solomon, we must ask for wisdom so that we can recognize the great treasure of the kingdom of God when it appears. We need, then, an "understanding heart" as stated in first reading, so that we can be wise and bold about our discipleship, about recognizing the presence of God's kingdom, and about cultivating grateful hearts for the great treasure God has offered us in Christ Jesus. There is no greater treasure than this: to have an "understanding heart" and to "know what is right."

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

ST. MARY

LECTORS

Saturday, July 25:
Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, August 1:
Tony Krager

Saturday, August 8:
Dan Martin

Saturday, August 15:
Kathy Rovey

Saturday, August 22:
Carol Hupp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, July 25:
Mary Jane Schmidt
& Patty Clarke

Saturday, August 1:
Emily Martin
& Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, August 8:
Mary Ann Rimini
& Emily Martin

Saturday, August 15:
John &
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, August 22:
Patty Clarke
Mary Ann Rimini

ST. RAYMOND

JULY

LECTOR Verne Pinkston
CANTOR Chris Mizera
HOSPITALITY Allen Poggenpohl
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Linda Hocking
Carl Marten

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
26: Noller/Morehouse

SERVERS:
Sun, July 26: Luke Pope

AUGUST

LECTOR Doris Morehouse
CANTOR Tim Mizera
HOSPITALITY Jeff Hampton
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Larry Weitekamp
Dianne Hampton

HOMEBOUND MINISTER:
2: Hocking/Krager
9: Dick Lyons
16: Carl Marten
23: Noller/Morehouse
30: Dick Lyons

SERVERS:
Sun, Aug 2: Freddie & Lucy
Wagahoff
Sun, Aug 9: Luke Pope
Sun, Aug 16: Denny Held
Sun, Aug 23: Austin & Addy Nicol
Sun, Aug 30: Dan Held

ST. MAURICE

JULY USHERS
Dale & Kendra Brockamp
Blaine & Ashlyn O'Connell

SUNDAY, JULY 26

LECTOR Diane McWard-Sullivan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Larry Goebel
Ed Goebel
Linda Sheedy
SERVERS Macie Ferrill
Olivia Moore

AUGUST USHERS Linda Sheedy,
Marilyn Boston, Dorothy Dautel
and Brenda Deardorff

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

LECTOR Ed Goebel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Diane McWard-Sullivan
Carl Goebel
Gerry Goebel

SERVERS
Adelaide, Gentry and Rigby Dunkirk

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

LECTOR Catherine O'Connell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Charlie Golitko
Larry Goebel
Brian Grundy
SERVER
Lucas, Noah, and Emma Grundy

PARISH ENGAGEMENT FOR JULY 18/19

ST. MARY
Collection: \$927

ST. RAYMOND
Collection: \$1,326

ST. MAURICE
Collection: \$1,455
Attendance: 112

OUR PRAYER LIST

Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Briar Gard, Virginia Murphy, Toby Dean, Greg Pope, Carter Whalen, Doug Bell, Quinn Broverman, Georgetta Dean, Drake Lucas, Martha Beeler, Jim Weitekamp, Dan Janssen, for the end of all war, especially for peace in Cameroon, Fr. Florent's home in Africa, and 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.

Dates Fr. Florent will be Gone this Summer

Father will be gone June 30 through July 30 on vacation. Fr. Sergio will fill in while Fr. Florent is away on vacation. There will be weekday Masses during this time.

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

Raymond K of C Members Encouraged to Attend August 13 Meeting

At the August 13th Raymond Knights of Columbus meeting, there will be a discussion about the future of the council and the hall given the demographic challenges facing the organization. All members are encouraged to attend to provide their input and ideas. Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

St. Maurice Seeking Volunteers for Morrisonville Picnic

We will be sponsoring a rubber duckie pool for children at the picnic this year. We will have shifts nightly from 5:00-8:00 pm and are asking for volunteers for one hour shifts. If you would be able to help, please contact Marietta Dunkirk at 217-825-6018. Thank you!

St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us next Sunday, August 2 after Mass for coffee, donuts & more at the KC Hall.

We will be recognizing Lorrain Millburg for her Women of Distinction honor.

We will also be celebrating the feast of St. Raymond Nonnatus which is on August 31.

St. Maurice Thank You

Many thanks to all who attended and helped with Morrisonville Community VBS. It was a faith-filled week full of fun and learning

Thank you to Marietta and Gary Dunkirk for hosting the server swim party. Everyone had a great time!

St. Maurice Fish Tent at Morrisonville Picnic

When you're out enjoying the Morrisonville picnic July 30-August 1, don't forget to support the St. Maurice fish tent.

Called and Courageous Women's Conference in Springfield

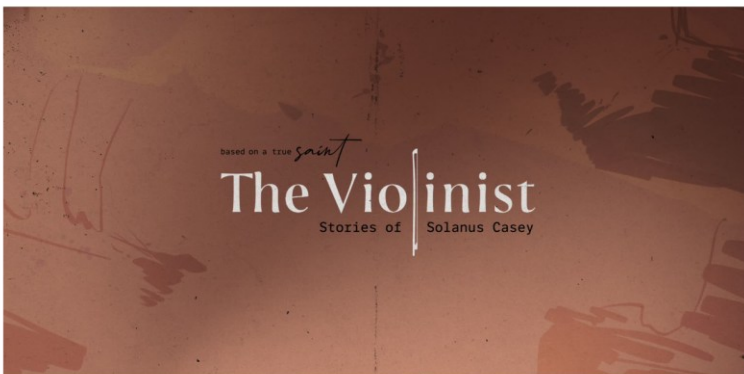
What is preventing you from trusting God more deeply? Life is full of highs and lows, and it can be hard to see where God is in the middle of it all.

At this year's Catholic Women's Conference, discover how to trust God in the messy, real moments of everyday life. Learn how your emotions influence your spiritual life and how to challenge the lies that lead to self-criticism, comparison, and discouragement. You'll leave with practical tools to learn how to recognize God in your daily life, grow in prayer, and live with greater confidence in your identity as a beloved daughter of God.

No matter what your season of life – single, married, divorced, widowed, young adult, or retired – you'll find encouragement, community, and hope.

Saturday, October 10
at Christ the King parish Center, Springfield.
For Women ages 18+, Cost is \$30.

For the full schedule, speaker information, and registration, visit go.dio.org/cac. For questions contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or 217-321-1124.



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