

August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Feast of St. Mary (The Assumption)
August 15th



Feast of St. Raymond
August 31st



Feast of St. Maurice
September 22nd

St. Mary

310 Nobbe St.
Farmersville, IL 62533

The Parishes of St. Raymond

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Raymond, IL 62560

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Bulletin deadline:
End of day Monday

Diocesan Child abuse
reporting and
investigation
(217)321-1155

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, August 15

8:00 am St. Mary: Bill Seelbach
5:00 pm St. Mary: For the Parishioners of
St. Maurice, St. Raymond, &
St. Mary

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am St. Raymond: John McGrath
10:00 am St. Maurice: Nicholas DeBrun

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 am St. Mary: Helen Boehler

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 am St. Raymond: Christina Dawn Jones

Friday, August 21

8:00 am St. Maurice: Rita Mae Sloan

Saturday, August 22

5:00 pm St. Mary: For Our Parish Family

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am St. Raymond: Rita Mae Sloan
10:00 am St. Maurice: Wayne Grundy

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 Wednesdays

Saints of the Week

August 17: St. Eusebius, Pope and Martyr

August 18: St. Helena, Empress

August 19: St. John Eudes, Priest

August 20: St. Bernard, Abbott & Doctor of the Church

August 21: St. Pius X, Pope

August 22: St. Timotheus, Martyr

August 23: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Father's Column

Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."

Today's strange Gospel reading is about crossing boundaries into new territories that is not only geographical, but also an adventure into differences of culture, difference of gender and religion. Thus, in this "pagan" territory, Jesus is confronted by a Canaanite woman, a descendant of one of the ancient enemies of Israel. She is the mother of a daughter in dire need of help. No husband or father is mentioned. The woman is devoting her life to the one she loves, but she is nearly at the end of her resources. So, despite the fact that she is a Gentile, she shouts her faith-filled words at Jesus, hailing him as "Lord, Son of David."

Jesus's response to her cry, may surprise us. He is silent at first. As though he is thinking aloud, he says not to her but to his disciples, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Tenacious and bold, yet humble, the woman gets down into the dust in front of Jesus, kneels on the dust, where dogs play and where crumbs usually fall, and asks a second time for his help.

This Gentile woman is challenging him in a way that is painful for both of them. Jesus asks her if it is fair to take Israelite "food," the sustaining gift of God's salvation, and offer it to the Gentile "dogs." At least he is now addressing the woman, and she seizes the opportunity for some serious wordplay.

Like a dog, she says, she will be happy with any scraps of help that Jesus can offer from the table of the children of Israel. And Jesus, who had to learn to read the signs of the times in the Hebrew Scriptures, in prayer, in events, and in people, reads this woman. And now he says to this stranger and Gentile "great is your faith" as she desperately seeks healing for her daughter.

Impelled by this faith, Jesus crosses into new territory of understanding himself and his mission to the nations. After his resurrection, the salvation first offered to the Jews through Jesus will be the gift that the community of disciples must offer to all the nations. As Matthew's predominantly Jewish-Christian community struggled with the increasing number of Gentile Christians who were joining them, it was significant that the evangelist could point to this incident and say, see how Jesus himself had to struggle with a Gentile, and see how he recognized her great faith. Not only Matthew's first-century community needs to look carefully. It is also our own racism, sexism, and cultural prejudices that we see reflected in this Gospel. As long as there are "dogs" (under) the table", people in misery, people on the margins of, or excluded from the Church, we are challenged to cross boundaries and offer them the crumbs of our compassion.

Ministry Schedules

St. Mary

August

Lectors

Saturday, August 15:

Kathy Rovey

Saturday, August 22:

Carol Hupp

Saturday, August 29:

Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, September 5:

Tony Krager

Saturday, Septemeber 12

Dan Martin

Extraordinary ministers

Saturday, August 15:

John &
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, August 22:

Patty Clarke &
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, August 29:

Mary Jane Schmidt &
Patty Clarke

Saturday, September 5:

Emily Martin &
Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, September 12

Mary Ann Rimini &
Emily Martin

St. Raymond

August

Lector: Doris Morehouse

Cantor: Tim Mizera

Hospitality: Jeff Hampton

Extraordinary Ministers:

Larry Weitekamp &
Dianne Hampton

Homebound Ministers

Sunday Aug 2: Hocking/Krager

Sunday Aug 9: Dick Lyons

Sunday Aug 16: Carl Marten

Sunday Aug 23: Noller/Morehouse

Sunday Aug 30: Dick Lyons

Servers:

Sunday, Aug 2: Freddie &
Lucy Wagahoff

Sunday, Aug 9: Luke Pope

Sunday, Aug 16: Denny Held

Sunday, Aug 23: Austin & Addy Nicol

Sunday , Aug 30: Dan Held

St. Maurice

August Ushers

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

Sunday, August 16:

Lector: Dale Brockamp

Extraordinary ministers:

Marietta Dunkirk,
Carl Goebel, &
Kendra Brockamp

Servers: Nathaniel DeBrun,

Rian Deardorff &
Abbie Grundy

Sunday, August 23:

Lector: Gerry Goebel

Extraordinary ministers:

Catherine O'Connell,
Linda Sheedy, &
John Bergscheider

Servers: Macie Ferrill & Olivia Moore

Sunday, August 30:

Lector: Dereke Dunkirk

extraordinary ministers:

Charlie Golitko
Gerry Goebel
Larry Goebel

Servers: Adelaide, Gentry &
Rigby Dunkirk

SEPTEMBER USHERS:

Steve Weitekamp, Jim Schneider, Dan Brockamp, & Debbie Brockamp

Parish Engagement For August 8th & 9th

St. Mary

Collection : \$1,432.00

St. Raymond

Collection: \$2,497.00

St. Maurice

Collection: \$2,908.00
Attendance: 97

Our Prayer List

Dan Janssen, Bubba Oller , Janet Locander, Alan McFarlin, Briar Gard, Virginia Murphy, Greg Pope, Carter Whalen, Doug Bell, Quinn Broverman, Georgetta Dean, Drake Lucas, for the end of all war, especially for peace in Camaroon, Fr. Florent's home in Africa, and for our pope, Bishop, Priests, and Seminarians, and for the increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

To add a name to the prayer list, please email agrundy@stmm.org and specify how many weeks you'd like the name to appear (between 1-12 weeks). You are always welcome to re-add the name at the end of this period, if the need for prayer is still present. This will help keep our list focused and fresh. If you know a parishioner that you'd like to add to fathers visitation list, please let him or Andrea know.

Parish and Community News & Events

The Panhandle senior citizens

Will meet at the Farmersville KC Hall on August 18 for (12PM) lunch and bingo. Doors open at 11:30Am

Senior Activity

Let's take a road trip to explore a new place. Come join us on August 20th as we travel to Mt. Olive, IL to visit the B&K Bakery, followed by lunch. Please meet at the church at 9:45 am to carpool. If you have any questions, please call Marietta at 217-825-6018. So, mark your calendars and join us .

St. Maurice Pastoral Council

The St. Maurice Pastoral Council will hold its next meeting in the Convent, on Thursday, August 20th.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

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

Bake Sale

We will be having our bake sale on September 13th, before and after Mass in front of the church. If you are interested in donating, please let Marietta (217-825-6018) know. It will be a free will donation like last year. So, start planning your baked goods now. You can bring your baked goods to the old convent building on Sat, Sept 12th between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. As always, your help is very much appreciated. This year donations will be used for Mass server activities.

Have you been married 50 years or more?

We want to celebrate with you!! Bishop Thomas Paprocki will be having a Mass for couples who have been married 50 years or more!

When: October 4th, 2026

Time: 2pm

Where: Cathedral of Immaculate Conception
Springfield, IL

Join us for mass and refreshments to follow.

Register at dio.org/events or contact Grace Ortiz at

gortiz@dio.org You may also call (217) 698-8500 to register

Eucharistic Miracles Bueno Aires, Argentina - 1996

In a church in Buenos Aires, a discarded consecrated host was placed in water to dissolve, as is customary. Days later, it was found to have transformed into a fragment of bloody flesh. Samples sent for medical testing, revealed it to be living cardiac tissue from a human under severe stress. Dr Frederic Zugibe, a renowned cardiologist who examined it, noted that the tissue had white blood cells still present, indicating it was from a living heart, at the time of sampling. Notably, this miracle occurred while Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, Pope Francis was Archbishop of Buenos.

Just a few reminders from our Parish Unit of St. Maurice, St. Raymond, & St. Mary

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St. Raymond & St. Mary Mass Intentions and Prayer List

Carrie held, St. Maurice Bookkeeper

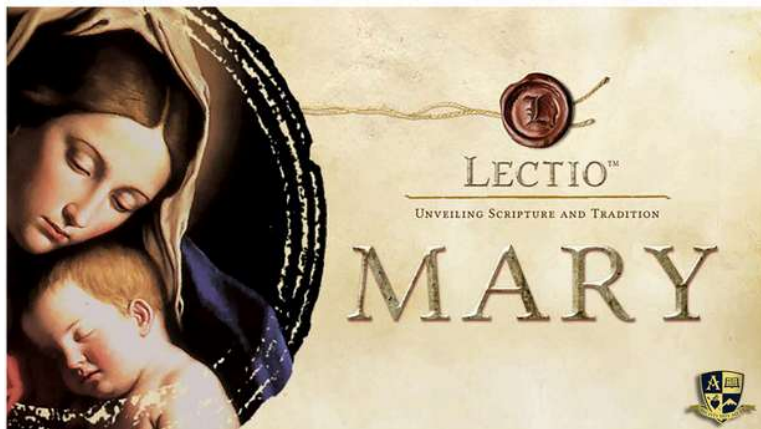
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