

October 25th , 2026
30th 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**

306 S McElroy
Raymond, IL 62560

St. Maurice

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Bulletin deadline:
End of day Monday

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

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, October 24

5:00 pm St. Mary: Bill Seelbach

Sunday, October 25

8:00 am St. Raymond: For Our Parish Unit Family

10:00 am St. Maurice: Trent Boston

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 am St. Mary: Debbie Lucas

Wednesday, October 28

8:00 am St. Raymond: Deceased Priests
of our Diocese

Friday, October 30

8:00 am St. Maurice: Nicholas Debrun

Saturday, October 31

5:00 pm St. Mary: The Parishioners of
St. Maurice
St. Raymond &
St. Mary

Sunday, November 1

8:00 am St. Raymond: Roy & Fran Weitekamp

10:00 am St. Maurice: Dennis White &
Bernard "Doc" Millburg

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

October 26: St. Demetrius, martyr

October 27: St. Evaristus, Pope

October 28: Sts. Simon and Jude (Taddeo), Apostles

October 29: St. Felician, Martyr

October 30: St. German, Bishop

October 31: St. Alphonse Rodriguez, Jesuit

November 1: Solemnity of All Saints

Father's Column

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Comparisons can be very good. For example, QR codes are showing up everywhere. They are those little squares with the crooked lines. Scan them with a smart phone, and they can bring up all kinds of information. They are especially helpful for comparison shopping. They enable us to get exactly the right model of the article we need at the lowest price.

In the Gospel of this thirtieth Sunday, the Pharisees do not have smart phones nor QR codes, but they are embarking on a kind of comparison "shopping." The Pharisees precept oriented and legalistic, are after the "greatest" commandment. But Jesus turns their insincere request into a most startling revelation. By asking "which commandment in the law is the greatest," the Pharisees reveal an attitude toward law far different from that of Jesus. Instead of limiting the demand of the law as the Pharisees do to discrete the commandments that are kept or not, Jesus teaches that the demand of the law embraces the totality of our relationships with God, self, and neighbor. We are to love God above all things and others, with our entire being. This kind of love is peculiar; God alone deserves to receive everything we are. There is a second, similar commandment as well: we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. This second commandment raises two questions.

First, who is our neighbor? In all of Jesus' teaching, he stresses that the neighbor is not merely the one near us, but anyone who enters into our lives. In other words, everyone is our neighbor!

Second, what does loving our neighbor look like? The love we have for our neighbor, as Jesus says, is to be the love we have for ourselves.

Most of us, however, probably don't think too often about loving ourselves. This means that we care for and respect ourselves, and do the same for our neighbor. Love for self means that we don't do anything in word or action that would diminish our dignity, limit our capacity for personal growth, or dim the inner beauty of who we are. Love defines our relationships, love is the wellspring of obedience to any commandment. Love is the greatest commandment because it truly is the whole Law of God. If only we could be as tenacious in our loving God and neighbor as the opponents of Jesus were in testing him!

Ministry Schedules

St. Mary

October

Lectors

Saturday, October 24:

Kathy Rovey

Saturday, October 31:

Carol Hupp

Saturday, November 7:

Mary Jane Fuchs

Saturday, November 14:

Tony Krager

Saturday, November 21:

Dan Martin

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday, October 24:

John &
Mary Jo Brown

Saturday, October 31:

Patty Clarke &
Mary Ann Rimini

Saturday, November 7:

Mary Jane Schmidt &
Patty Clarke

Saturday, November 14:

Emily Martin &
Mary Jane Schmidt

Saturday, November 21:

Mary Ann Rimini &
Emily Martin

St. Raymond

October

Lector: Linda Hocking

Cantor: Verne Pinkston

Hospitality: Gabe Pope

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jerry & Danna
Wagahoff

Homebound Ministers

Sunday Oct, 4: Hocking/Krager

Sunday Oct, 11: Dick Lyons

Sunday Oct, 18: Carl Marten

Sunday Oct, 25: Noller/Morehouse

Servers:

Sunday, Oct 4: Freddie & Lucy
Wagahoff

Sunday, Oct 11: Austin & Addy Nicol

Sunday, Oct 18: Luke Pope & Liam Fillipi

Sunday, Oct 25: Dan Held

November Ministry

Doris Morehouse, Tim Mizera, Larry
Weitekamp, & Dianna Hampton

St. Maurice

October Ushers

Craig and Jamie Moore
Ed and Linda Vorhees

Sunday, October 25:

Lector: Gerry Goebel

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Bergscheider,
Diane McWard-Sullivan,
& Ed Goebel

Servers: Adelaide, Gentry,
& Rigby Dunkirk

Sunday, November 1:

Lector: Elaine Wagner

Extraordinary Ministers:

Carl Goebel,
Gerry Goebel,
& Linda Sheedy

Servers: Noah, Lucas,
& Emma Grundy

Sunday, November 8:

Lector: Pat Wolfe

Extraordinary Ministers:

Charlie Golitko,
Larry Goebel,
& Brian Grundy

Servers: Nathaniel Debrun
Abigail Grundy
& Rian Deardorff

November Ushers

Joseph & Andrea Grundy Family
Pat and Glenna Wolfe

Parish Engagement For October 17th & 18th

St. Mary

Collection : \$596.00

St. Raymond

Collection: \$1,468.00

St. Maurice

Collection: \$951.00
Attendance: 105

Our Prayer List

Trevor Freeman, Virginia Murphy, Mark Wayman, Martha Beeler, Alan McFarlin, Janet Locander, Kara Hitchings, Sebastian Skinner & Family, "Little" Joe Grundy, Sam Fortner, Emalie Dyer, Georgetta Dean, Quinn Broverman, Doug Bell, Jim Weitekamp, Dan Janssen, 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 Father or Andrea know.

Parish and Community News & Events

St. Maurice Family Fun Night

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **October 24** to join in the fun. We will have games, pumpkin painting, rides by Scott, smores, and a wiener roast beginning at 5:00 pm. Please bring your lawn chairs and join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Food paper product and beverages will be provided. Right next St. Maurice Church

Farmersville KC Trivia Night

Saturday, **October 24** at the Farmersville KC Hall Doors open at 6:30 pm Money prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & last place! Tables are set for teams of 8, \$15 per person Admission includes chili and hot dogs Bring your own beverage of choice You are welcome to dress up for Halloween! For more info or to sign up, call: Al Rimini 217-825-3948 or Rory Rossi 217-306-0094

Jerseyville Deanery CCW Fall Meeting

Friday, November 6 at St. Agnes Parish in Hillsboro Rosary at 8:30 am, followed by Mass at 9:00 am The meeting follow in the parish hall We will be remembering those we have lost in the past year and will also have a little fun seeing how well we all know our saints

St. Raymond Sunday Social

Join us Sunday **November 8th** after Mass for coffee, donuts, & more at the KC Hall. Hope to see you there!

St. Mary Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. Mary's Parish are going to be collecting non-parishable food items, again. Please bring your donation to the vestibule at St. Mary by **November 21st**. Items will then be taken to the Panhandle Food Pantry.

Email Bulletin

If you would like to receive our weekly bulletin via email, let Andrea know at agrundy@stmrm.org

Pro-Life Prayer

Friday mornings 9:00 am at St. Raymond

St. Raymond in need of Volunteer.
St. Raymond Ministry is looking for a Hospitality volunteer for the month of November, every year. If you are interested in serving your parish, please let Andrea know at agrundy@stmrm.org

Families of Faith

A few reminders

- "Kids" information table in Vestibule
- fill out your transit card, after mass
- For children who are participating in the FORMED video catechism lessons at home, please take home a Baltimore Catechism book, which are now available in the vestibule of your parish. Only for children participating. One book per child



Children sacrament prep Lessons: On back of your Calendars (In Vestibule)

Youth Lesson- Lessons for Children who have already been Confirmed: On the back of your calendars. "Chalk & Block" videos + Children's Catechism Lessons

Next meeting is Sunday, November 1 after Mass at your parish. There will be coffee and donuts. Please check in with your teachers.

Presentation about Holy Land from Father Michael Minehart

Father Michael Minehart Paster will have a presentation and it will start at 2 pm on Sunday, **November 1, 2026** at the KC Hall in Raymond.

Pope Leo XIV bestows honor of Chaplain to His Holiness

Our Parish Unit would like to send a HUGE congratulations to Father John C. Burnette! Papal honors were given in recognition for his dedicated service, not only to his local parish but to our diocese and universal church.

Congratulations to Reverend Monsignor John C. Burnette!!!

Congratulations to all 4 priests who were also recognized and honored.

Baby Bottle Campaign Starting 10/4 - End of Month

This month we are supporting Loving Arms in Taylorville for the fall baby bottle campaign. Life is such a precious gift from God and we would love your support! Please take and a fill a baby bottle with spare change or bills. Bottles can be returned anytime, during the month of October.



St. Mary Parishioners - Will also be accepting diaper donations during this time, that will also be donated to Loving Arms in Taylorville.

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

To our Parish Unit, community, and family

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you. Thank you, Father Florent for praying with us and anointing Joe, in his time of need. Father Burnette and Father Chris for praying with us. The countless Dr's and nurses who took care of Joe. Everyone who prayed for us, gave us meals, the cards, every text, every phone call, check-ins, and everything else! Thank you! Kateri, for making sure that our parishes still had a bulletin. Patti, Dorothy, and Claire for helping get the word out for prayers. The masses for our sons healing. Mellissa Debrun for all her support! & so many others! As many know, our son "little" Joe was in an accident on 9/27. After many tests and scans, the doctors sat us down and told us that it was very bad, worse than they thought and they weren't sure what his road to recovery would look like, but they knew it would be very long. The Dr. who helped take Joe off of the ventilator, was wearing a bracelet that said, "Live like Nicholas". I know that was a sign from above that Nick was watching over Joe and has continued to do so. When he woke up, to every doctor's surprise Joe was doing exceedingly well, better than all the Dr. expectations. After 12 long days in the Pediatric ICU, Joe got to come home. He is healing well, and I know that is all thanks to everyone who prayed for our son. I also know a lot of prayers went up for Bishop Fulton Sheen to intercede and I believe he did! I am so thankful that God gave Joe more time here with us, so he can continue sharing his love with everyone! We are so lucky to have the family, church, and community standing behind him. The support all of you have given us, has moved me to SO MANY tears. I am so blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Please continue to pray, as Little Joe heals, while he continues with therapy.

Thank you, God, for taking care of Joe and helping him heal!

Love Always,
Joe & Andrea Grundy & Family