# November 29th, 2026
# First Sunday of Advent



## The Parishes of

### St. Mary
310 Nobbe St.
Farmersville, IL 62533

### St. Raymond
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Raymond, IL 62560

### St. Maurice
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End of day Monday

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## Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday, November 28**
5:00 pm St. Mary: Glenn Rovey

**Sunday, November 29**
8:00 am St. Raymond: Charlie Hermann
10:00 am St. Maurice: For the Parishioners of St. Maurice St. Raymond & St. Mary

**Tuesday, December 1**
8:00 am St. Mary: Debbie Lucas

**Wednesday, December 2**
8:00 am St. Raymond: Rose Marie Schilling

**Friday, December 4**
8:00 am St. Maurice: Mary Lou Langen

**Saturday, December 5**
5:00 pm St. Mary: Helen Boehler

**Sunday, December 6**
8:00 am St. Raymond: Daisy Held
10:00 am St. Maurice: For the Parishioners of St. Maurice St. Raymond & St. Mary

Holy day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Monday, December 7**
5:30 pm St. Mary: Tim Murphy

**Tuesday, December 8**
5:30 pm St. Raymond: Christina Dawn Jones
7:00 pm St. Maurice: Ramona 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

**November 30:** St. Andrew, Apostle
**December 1:** St. Charles de Foucauld
**December 2:** St. Silverius, Pope
**December 3:** St. Francis Xavier, Jesuit, Patron of the Missions
**December 4:** St. John Damascene, priest and Doctor of the Church
**December 5:** St. Sabas, Abbott
**December 6:** St. Nicholas of Bari, Bishop

## Father's Column

**Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."**

"Be watchful! Be alert!" Don't be caught unaware! Jesus warns his disciples in this Sunday's Gospel. We begin another Advent Season of watching and waiting. For some, it is a time of delight, waiting eagerly for Christmas, for anticipated gifts, for time off from work and school, and for happy gatherings of family and friends. For others, it is a dreaded time, as they approach their first holiday without a loved one or worry about how they will pay for the gifts and meals they want to provide. Whatever our situation, the Scripture reading today help us to adopt a position of faithful watching and waiting. Advent is not a time of waiting for the coming of the Christ Child: that already happened more than two thousand years ago, it is, rather, a time when we break our normal routine and move into heightened alert to perceive more intensely the ways of Emmanuel, "God-with-us." The watchfulness that Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel is not waiting in dread, nor the object of our vigilance is unknown. Rather, it is attentive listening for the familiar footstep of the returning Beloved. We would not want to be found sleeping but ready with open arms.

Most of us find waiting very difficult. We try to eliminate it as much as possible with fast food, express lines, and ever speedier internet connections. Waiting for the end of a prolonged illness or at the unemployment office is another kind of torturous waiting. Waiting for the return of a long-expected loved one can seem impossibly long. It is this last kind of waiting of which today's Gospel speaks: constant vigilance for the return of the Beloved who has entrusted everything to our care in the interim.

The time of waiting and watching is not idle biding of time or maintaining the status quo. Like parents anticipating the birth of a child, we have much work to do during the expectant months. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about each one having his or her own work to do and having been given the power to accomplish it. Paul too, encourages the Corinthians and us by reminding us that we lack no spiritual gift as we wait for the revelation of Christ.

We may wonder how we will recognize the coming One. In today's first reading, the exiles want God to manifest divine power in a way that will be absolutely unmistakable. They pray that God would "rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before him." Such a revelation would compel belief and good behavior. But in Advent we call to mind again that divine power is revealed not in extraordinary displays of fire and quaking mountains, but in the immense love that comes in the form of a vulnerable child. God has ruptured the dividing line between divinity and humanity by taking on human flesh in Christ. Advent asks us, likewise, to both embody Christ and to watch for his presence in each one we meet, particularly those who are most needy.

# Ministry Schedules

## St. Mary

**November**

**Lectors**

**Saturday, November 28:**
Kathy Rovery
**Saturday, December 5:**
Carol Hupp
**Saturday, December 12:**
Mary Jane Fuchs
**Saturday, December 19:**
Tony Krager
**Saturday, December 26**
Dan Martin

**Extraordinary Ministers**

**Saturday, November 28:**
John &
Mary Jo Brown
**Saturday, December 5:**
Patty Clarke &
Mary Ann Rimini
**Saturday, December 12:**
Mary Jane Schmidt
Patty Clarke
**Saturday, December 19:**
Emily Martin &
Mary Jane Schmidt
**Saturday, December 26**
Mary Ann Rimini
Emily Martin

## St. Raymond

**November**

**Lector:** Doris Morehouse
**Cantor:** Tim Mizera
**Hospitality:** Greg Beck
**Extraordinary Ministers:**
Dianna Hampton
Larry Weitekamp

**Homebound Ministers**

**Sunday, Nov 1:** Hocking/Krager
**Sunday, Nov 8:** Dick Lyons
**Sunday, Nov 15:** Carl Marten
**Sunday, Nov 22:** Noller/Morehouse
**Sunday, Nov 29:** Dick Lyons

**Servers**

**Sunday, Nov 1**: Austin & Addy Nicol
**Sunday, Nov 8**: Austin & Addy Nicol
**Sunday, Nov 15**: Luke Pope & Liam Fillipi
**Sunday, Nov 22**: Austin & Addy Nicol
**Sunday, Nov 29:** Freddie & Lucy Wagahoff

**December Ministry**
**Mark Meisner, Chris Mizera, Tricia Pinkston, Carl Martin, John Barto**

## St. Maurice

**November Ushers**
**Joe and Andrea Grundy Family**
**Pat and Glenna Wolf**

**Sunday, November 29:**
**Lector**: Diane McWard-Sullivan
**Extraordinary Ministers**:
Charlie Golitko,
Larry Goebel,
& Linda Sheedy
**Servers**: Noah, Lucas,
& Emma Grundy

**Sunday, December 6:**
**Lector:** Ed Goebel
**Extraordinary Ministers:**
Dale Brockamp,
Carl Goebel,
& Gerry Goebel
**Servers:** Nathanial DeBrun,
Abigail Grundy, &
Rian Deardorff

**Sunday, December 13:**
**Lector**: Catherine O'Connell
**Extraordinary Ministers**:
Brian Grundy,
Marietta Dunkirk,&
Diane McWard-Sullivan
**Servers**: Macie Ferrill &
Olivia Moore

**December Ushers**
**Brian and Suzanne Grundy Family**

# Parish Engagement For November 21st & 22nd

## St. Mary

Collection : $1,080.00
Attendance: N/A

## St. Raymond

Collection: $3,621.00
Attendance: 107

## St. Maurice

Collection: $967.00
Attendance: 115

# Our Prayer List

Drake Lucas, Quinn Broverman, Doug Bell, Georgetta Dean, Jim Pudlowski, Dan Janssen, Trevor Freeman, Virginia Murphy, Mark Wayman, Martha Beeler, Alan McFarlin, Janet Locander, Kara Hitchings, Sebastian Skinner and Family, "Little"Joe Grundy, Sam Fortner, 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@stmrm.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 father's visitation list, please let Father or Andrea know.

# Parish and Community News & Events

**St. Maurice will not hold regularly scheduled Eucharistic Adoration on December 23rd, or December 30th.**

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**Holy Day of Obligation**
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
**December 7th, 2026 -** St. Mary **5:30PM**
**December 8th, 2026 -** St. Raymond **5:30PM**
St. Maurice **7:00PM**

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**St. Raymond HP Printer Ink**
St. Raymond recently replaced the inkjet printer in the office and has some opened boxes of HP 950 and 951 ink cartridges left over from the old printer. If anyone has a use for this size, feel free to take them. They are on the shelf in the foyer.

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**St. Maurice Advent Fellowship**
Please Join us today for Coffee, Donuts, and Juice after Mass -The first Sunday of Advent on **November 29th**

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**St. Maurice Way of Lights Bus Trip**
Join us for a festive outing this holiday season! St. Maurice is excited to announce a bus trip arranged in collaboration with Timi's Tours to see The Way of Lights at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville on Thursday, **December 3rd**. Please sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot. Sign up sheet in Vestibule. For questions, contact Larry Goebel 217-652-0903 or Marietta Dunkirk 217-825-6018

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**St. Raymond Annual Advent Party**
Will be held on Sunday, **December 6th** at **5:30 pm** in the KC Hall. Reservations forms must be received by Sunday, November 29th or by calling Missy Dean at 217-556-2439

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**St. Maurice Christmas Caroling**
We invite everyone of all ages to join us for a festive evening of Christmas Caroling on Sunday, **December 6th**, at **6:00 PM**! Bring along a flashlight or use your phone for the songbook, and get ready for some holiday cheer and a wonderful time together.
After caroling, we'll head to the K of C Hall for delicious pizza, cookies, and drinks-soda or tea will be provided!
If you'd like us to stop by your home or know someone who would love a visit from Christmas Carolers, please let us know! For more details or to share your suggestions, contact:
- Marietta Dunkirk at 217-825-6018
- Patti Christian at 217-825-9811
We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!



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**St. Raymond's Ladies Social Group**
ALL ladies are invited and welcome to enjoy fellowship and prayer. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 112 S McElroy St. at 10 am in Raymond. Just bring yourself and more importantly, bring a friend! Upcoming date is **Dec 8th**. We hope you can make it!

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**Pro-Life Prayer**
Friday mornings **9:00 am** at St. Raymond

## Families of Faith



**A few reminders**
- **fill out your transit card, after mass**
- **Next meeting Sunday, Dec 6th, after mass. Coffee and Donuts. Please check with teachers.**
- **Baltimore books and kids table, in Vestibule**

**Panhandle senior citizens annual Christmas party**
Tuesday, **December 8th** with lunch at **noon**. Farmersville KC Hall. The Bank and Trust Co. is sponsoring the party and the delicious meal. Entertainment is provided by the Lincolnwood Choir. Looking forward to seeing everybody!

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**Cookie Swap**
Come join us on **December 10th** for our annual Christmas Cookie Swap. Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share along with your recipe. Make sure you bring a container to take home your cookies. We will start at **2:00 p.m.** at the home of Marietta Dunkirk, 944 North 200 East Road, Morrisonville. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Marietta at 217-825-6018. Let's have a great swap with lots of cookies.

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**Christmas Mass Schedules**
**Christmas Eve Mass- December 24th, 2026**
**St. Maurice- 4 PM**
**St. Mary- 4PM**
**St. Raymond- 6PM**

**Christmas Day- December 25th, 2026**
**St. Raymond - 9 AM**
**( There will be no masses in St. Maurice or St. Mary)**

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**St. Mary & St. Raymond wants YOU to join the choir**

**St. Mary's** Choir Practice @ 6:30 pm each night
Please Join us for the following practices:
**-Wed, Dec. 2nd**
**-Wed, Dec. 9th**
**-Wed, Dec 16th**

**St. Raymond** Christmas Choir Schedule
Please Join us for the following practices:
**-Mon, Nov 30th**
**-Mon, Dec 7th**
**-Mon, Dec 14th**
**-Mon, Dec 21st**

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**A note from our Parish Office**
If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, add a name to the prayer list, request a mass intention, or submit an announcement, etc. Please send your request to the parish secretary at **agrundy@stmrm.org**
This form of communication is the best way to make sure your request is handled accurately and in a timely manner.
Thank you and God bless.

## Eucharistic Miracles

Legnica, Poland- Part 3: Church Recognition of Miracle
The results of the Legnica, Poland, analysis were presented to the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which recognized the supernatural nature. The results of the scientific analysis of the Eucharistic Miracle in Legnica were similar to those of the Lanciano Eucharistic Miracle of 700 A. D. and other recent Miracles, such as Sokolka, Poland, in 2008; Tixla Mexico, in 2006; and Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1996. The results confirmed that all had similarities to "human heart muscle with alterations that often appear during agony". On April 17th, 2016, following the instructions recieved by the Holy See, Monsignor Zbigniew Kiernikowskiego, the new Bishop of Legnica, announced during the Mass that the parish priest Fr. Andrzej Ziombra should "prepare a suitable place for the exhibition of the precious relic, so that the faithful can express their adoration properly."