

The Parishes of Saint Mary of the Fields - Grand Ridge, Saint Patrick - Seneca, & Saint Theresa - Earlville



St. Mary's of the Fields

Grand Ridge, IL 61325
815-357-6239

Mass Times

Saturday ~ 5:30 p.m.
Sunday ~ 10 a.m.

Confessions

Before Mass on Sunday, or by
appointment

Religious Education for Students
Classes are held on Sundays. Please
contact the CCD Coordinator, Mrs.
Pat Duffield for details at 815.488-
7365



St. Patrick's

176 West Union Street
Seneca, IL 61360
815-357-6239
Cemetery 815-357-8816
senecastpatricks.com

Mass Times

Saturday ~ 4 p.m.
Sunday ~ 9 a.m.
Tues - Fri ~ 8 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by
appointment

Religious Education for Students
Classes are held on Sundays. Please
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J. Doloski for details at 815.357.8509



St. Theresa

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st-theresa-earlville.com

Mass Times

Saturday ~ 4 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8 a.m.
Mon - Fri. ~ 8 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by
appointment

Religious Education for Students
CCD Classes are held on Sundays
from 8:45 - 10:15 a.m. Please contact
Pat Evers for details.

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Sunday August 26, 2018
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sat. Aug. 25	5:30 pm	Justin Evers By: Ruben & Tara Dittmer Family
Sun. Aug. 26	10:00 am	Alice Cox By: Ed Cox & Family
Sat. Sept. 1	5:30 pm	Eldon Burkett By: Theresa McCormick
Sun. Sept. 2	10:00 am	Steve & Edna Durdan By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

August 19, 2018

Envelopes	\$	940.00
Loose	\$	125.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	246.00
Candles	\$	30.00
Capital Improvement	\$	<u>53.00</u>
Total	\$	1,394.00

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Sept. 1 5:30 pm

Lector:
Altar Server

Sun. Sept. 2 9:00 am

Lector:
Altar Servers:

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We are all called to serve one another; this is our 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal message. We have been working on our goal since March. As a parish we are truly blessed to announce that our goal has been met. May God continue to bless our Diocese, the services and programs provided by the ADA and YOUR GENEROSITY. Every dollar raised over our goal will be kept for our parish needs. Goal \$7,385.00 Total received \$8,414.00. Back to the parish: \$1,029.00.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Tues. Aug. 28	8:00 am.	Richard Virgo By: Donna Virgo
Wed. Aug. 29	8:00 am	Florence Dunn By: John Jinggins
Thurs. Aug. 30	8:00 am	Charles & Alice Cox By: Ed Cox & Family
Fri. Aug. 31	8:00 am	Msgr. R. J. Boyle By: Jim Claggett
Sat. Sept. 1	4:00 pm	Fannie Newman By: Rudy & Viv Maierhofer
Sun. Sept. 2	9:00 am	Bill & Carol Mitchell 50th Wedding Anniversary

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Sept. 1 4:00 pm

Minister: Jackie Nusbaumer
Lector: David Nusbaumer
Altar Servers: Gunter & Gavin Nusbaumer

Sun. Sept. 2 9:00 am

Minister: Tracy Ellis
Lector: Kathy Baker
Altar Servers: Carter & Braden Ellis/Helen Jenkins

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

August 19, 2018

Sunday Collection:	\$	2,633.00
Votive Candle:	\$	90.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	5.00
Food Pantry	\$	656.00
Capital Improvement	\$	<u>1,197.00</u>
Total	\$	4,581.00

ST. PATRICK'S SENECA PARISH PICNIC

The parish picnic will be held Sunday, September 9, at an 11:30 am Mass on the church grounds. We invite all to come and enjoy fellowship with your friends at this annual event. The mass will begin at 11:30, followed immediately by the parish picnic. We ask that you bring a dish to pass and a folding chair. In case of inclement weather, we will have the mass inside and the picnic at the parish center. Please note that there will still be a 9 am mass as usual. This is an additional Mass here at St Patrick's at 11:30 am. The Altar and Rosary is in charge of the meal. We will honor all of our volunteers that help in so many ways here at St Patrick's Church.

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Aug. 27	8:00 am. Lawrance Bokoski By: Larry & Coleene Bokoski
Tues. Aug. 28	8:00 am. Ralph Brookover By: Rich & Judy Konitzer
Wed. Aug. 29	8:00 am. Gladys Kipper By: Cindy Sittler
Thurs. Aug. 30	8:00 am. Judith Hughes By: Tom & Sue Morton
Fri. Aug.31	8:00 am Antoinette Evers By: Ted & Margaret Seed
Sat. Sept. 1	4:00 pm Antoinette Evers By: Ted & Margaret Seed
Sun. Sept. 2	8:00 am Wayne Wackerlin By: Harold & Joan Gaven

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Sept. 1 4:00 pm

Minister	Joe Stralka
Lector:	Lisa Harness
Altar Servers:	Meghan & Emily Harness

Sun. Sept. 2 8:00 am

Minister	Don McLachlan
Lector:	Carol McLachlan
Altar Servers:	Jakob & Brennen McNally

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

August 19, 2018

Sunday Collection:	\$ 1,342.25
Votive Candles	\$ 22.25
Memorial	\$ 10.00
Cemetery	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 1,394.50

ADULT EDUCATION

Labor Day is fast approaching and that means it is time for us to resume the adult education classes here at St. Theresa. Starting on Sept. 4 at 6:30 pm, we will start a short series entitled "Presence - The Mystery of the Eucharist" from the Augustine Institute. Please let Deacon Mike know if you think you might be attending, so there can be an adequate number of printouts. As usual, there will be cookies provided.

MARQUETTE ACADEMY

Gather @ Gould is Sunday, September 2, (at 3:30pm) at Gould Stadium. All are welcome to celebrate the new school year and recognize our fall athletes. There will be Live Music by the Woods Brothers, food, drinks, spirit wear, Chipper Golf, Bags Tournament, kids games, and much more!

** Sign up for *ALUMNI 7 on 7 Flag Football*.

Teams must pre-register. We are also looking for *Alumni Cheerleaders/Poms* to perform the School Song. There will be a refresher course at the field, so wear your blue and gold and join in the fun!! **

Enter to win **\$500 Off Tuition or Cash!!** Get your \$10 Raffle Ticket at either campus. To sign up for Football or ask questions, call the Advancement Office at 815-433-0125 ext 1016 or 1017. For more info about upcoming events and everything MA, please visit www.marquetteacademy.net.

MARQUETTE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are in search of gently used Christmas items for our annual Christmas Bazaar. This year's ***Merry Everything Food Tasting and Christmas Bazaar*** will be held on **Friday, November 9,** (from 5-8pm) at the Grade School Campus. Please drop off items in the Advancement Office at the High School, thank you for your generosity. Crafters and Food Vendors please call 815-433-0125 ext. 1016 or 1017 to reserve your spot for this year's event.



PARISH MISSION APPEALS

There will be a Mission Appeal by Fr. Emmanuel on Sept. 1 & 2 for St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, Seneca and Sept. 8 & 9 for St. Theresa. See the bulletin next week for more information.

ST. THERESA CCD NEWS



It's that time of year again to register for CCD. Registration will be on August 19th and 26th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The fees are: \$40 for one child, \$75 for 2 children and \$100 for 3 or more. If payment cannot be made, please talk to Pat Evers. CCD starts on September 9, 2018 at 9:00. a.m.

Homebound

For parishioners who are sick, please call the parish rectory and arrangements will be made to bring them Holy Communion.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Rectory. You must be a registered parishioner or have the written permission of your own pastor to be baptized.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call anytime, day or night

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the rectory before making any arrangements, typically at least 8 months are required for the marriage preparation program.

Parish Registration Welcomed

There are registration sheets in the back of the Church on the tables, but it is also helpful to call the Rectory for more information. Thank you.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This program is for people who are interested in becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. It is for anyone that has been Baptized in another Christian Church, or have never been baptized, and for adults who have been baptized Roman Catholic, but may be missing the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation and would now like to receive these Sacraments. We also welcome Catholics who would like to further their understanding of the Faith.

This Program begins in early September and goes to Holy Week as it mirrors the Liturgical Calendar of the Church. When was the last time you invited a friend or neighbor to join our Faith?

Come join us **beginning September 5, 2018** at the St. Patrick Parish Center, 727 W. Jefferson St. Ottawa, from 7:00-8:15 PM. This is available to all the churches in the Ottawa, Marseilles, Streator, Seneca, Earlville, Grand Ridge, Ransom area. It is truly a wonderful experience!

WILL I STAY OR GO?

Is believing in Jesus Christ just too hard to do sometimes? If you are taking the Gospel seriously, this is not a question that is infrequently asked. Believing in Jesus is tough. As a matter of fact, many of Jesus' original followers "returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." It is no wonder, then, why such a temptation exists to make Jesus' teachings into something that is palatable and easy to swallow. If we reduce our faith to simply saying certain prayers, participation in particular rituals, and earning merit badges for eternal life, then we clearly are missing the point.

The Gospel requires a change of lifestyle and is meant to make us uncomfortable. Once those original followers realized that following Jesus was much more than a social networking of friends, they began to think twice. Acknowledging Jesus as the "Holy One of God" who has "the words of eternal life" centers a person on a truth that must be accepted or ignored. For many, it is easier to ignore it and return to a safe comfort zone.

Jesus is who Jesus is. As much as we fight it, we cannot make him into who we want him to be. Once we meet him face to face, where else can we go? We are presented a choice of whether to stay and live out this truth, or leave and live out a lie. There are no other options.

This is why it is difficult for a Christian to live in our world and preach the Gospel. We cannot accept violence of any kind. We must stand for the protection of life from conception to natural death. We are compelled to work on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. We are asked to welcome the stranger, the alien, the orphan and the widow. We see suffering in a much wider and deeper context, live lives of mercy and forgiveness, and inclusively welcome everyone regardless of who they are and what they believe. We are called to be humble and walk with justice, to promote peace, be poor in spirit and maintain a clean heart.

The Gospel view remains unshaken and unquestionable. With that tall order before us, it is no wonder many choose to walk away and return to former ways. We often find ourselves engaging in the "Jesus didn't mean that" conversation, convincing ourselves that we are reading too much into his message. What exactly did he mean then? If his teaching was too challenging for some to embrace and what he said led to his suffering, crucifixion and death, then it would seem to me it was very radical indeed.

Joshua concluded that "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Who do you serve? It is either the Trinitarian God of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the god we self-designed to fit our comfort zone, or none of the above. We may wonder whether believing in the true Jesus really makes a difference. Alone in our faith, it can easily appear that we are paddling into a strong resisting current.

However, together as a community of faith, we can give powerful witness if we are willing to accept the truth and resist the tendency to water it down.

How can we begin to bring the Gospel to the marketplace? Answering this question depends on our situation. We can start by not being afraid to bring the Gospel message to our public conversations about issues currently being faced. We can modify our personal lifestyle choices to be more in line with Gospel values and ideals. We can change destructive and distorted patterns of thinking and begin to see all people as unique and valued children of God. And, we can develop a strong life of prayer that can keep us centered and focused.

Our world, our country, needs to hear the Gospel. Are you going to stay with Jesus and preach it or return home?

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