

# 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 contact the CCD Coordinator, Mrs. J. Doloski for details at 815.357.8509



## St. Theresa

221 West Union Street  
Earlville, IL 60518  
815-246-4321  
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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## Father Ghislain Inai, SMA Pastor

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## Father Augustin Kassa, SMA Parochial Vicar

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Sunday September 9, 2018  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
<b>Sat. Sept. 8</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	James & David Sheridan By: Mike & Elaine Sheridan
<b>Sun. Sept. 9</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	For the People
<b>Sat. Sept. 15</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Justin & Kim Evers By: Ruben & Tara Dittmer Family
<b>Sun. Sept. 16</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Charles & Alice Cox By: Ed Cox & Family

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

September 2, 2018	
Envelopes	\$ 672.00
Loose	\$ 150.00
School Assessment	<u>10.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 832.00</b>
<b>Mission Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 1,243.00</b>

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Sat. Sept. 15 5:30 pm</b>
Lector:
Altar Server:
<b>Sun. Sept. 16 9:00 am</b>
Lector:
Altar Servers:

### MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions are filled for 2018.

### SMA MISSION

If you would like to still donate to the SMA Mission, please put the money in the collection basket marked "SMA".

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
<b>Tues. Sept. 11</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b> Florence Dunn By: M/M Donald Muffler
<b>Wed. Sept. 12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Violet Shockey By: Paula Freepartner
<b>Thurs. Sept. 13</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> John Hess By: Donna Virgo
<b>Fri. Sept. 14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> John Brookman By: Jim Claggett
<b>Sat. Sept. 15</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> Roger Olson By: Brian & Annette Olson
<b>Sun. Sept. 16</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Marco A. Ramos By: Mark & Allie Williamson

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Sat. Sept. 15 4:00 pm</b>
Minister: Henry Nellet
Lector: Gaile Nellet
Altar Servers: Ella Sterling & Joseph Hogan
<b>Sun. Sept. 16 9:00 am</b>
Minister: Michael Doloski
Lector: Jennifer Doloski
Altar Servers: Caleb, Daniel, Joshua Doloski

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

September 2, 2018	
Sunday Collection:	\$ 2,728.00
Votive Candle:	\$ 40.00
Fuel	45.00
Capital Improvement	<u>\$ 767.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,580.00</b>
<b>Mission Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 970.00</b>

### SMA MISSION

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# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. Sept. 10 8:00 am.** Antoinette Evers  
By: Rich & Judy Konitzer
- Tues. Sept. 11 8:00 am.** Gladys Kipper  
By: Sharon Scott
- Wed. Sept. 12 8:00 am.** Judith Hughes  
By: Wilma Stillwell
- Thurs. Sept. 13 8:00 am.** Dr. Richard Gelbuda  
By: Dick & Mary McConville
- Fri. Sept. 14 8:00 am** Judith Hughes  
By: Barb Lane
- Sat. Sept. 15 4:00 pm** All SMA Priests  
By: St. Theresa Parishioners
- Sun. Sept. 16 8:00 am** Perry Lane  
By: Jim & Sue Cox

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

### Sat. Sept. 15 4:00 pm

Minister Deacon Mike  
Lector: Diego Vazquez  
Altar Servers: Loren, Isaac & Elizabeth Vazquez

### Sun. Sept. 16 8:00 am

Minister Deacon Mike  
Lector: Wally Cwikla  
Altar Servers: Brennen & Makayla McNally

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

### September 2, 2018

Sunday Collection:	\$ 1,410.00
Cemetery	\$ <u>9.00</u>
	\$ 1,419.00

Crop Walk 2018 will be Sunday September 30 at 1:00 pm. We are looking for walkers and donations to feed the hungry. Any questions please see Mary Sons.

### PARISH MISSION APPEAL

There will be a Mission Appeal by Fr. Emmanuel on Sept. 8 & 9 at St. Theresa of Avila Church. Please be generous.

## AHOY MATEYS!

Agenda for the Starved Rock Lunch & Boat Tour on Friday, September 21st

- ◆ Lunch at the Lodge at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Trolley Ride to Boat
- ◆ Boat Tour
- ◆ Return at 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

## ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Community Tutoring Program at Illinois Valley Community College is currently accepting participants for the upcoming free Volunteer Tutor Training. Training will be offered on Monday, September 14 and Monday, September 24, 2018 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the IVCC main campus. The Community Tutoring program assists 350 adult literacy students each year in Adult Education classes. Literacy students consist of those testing below 9th grade level in reading, math and writing and also English Language Acquisition students. Please consider joining us in this important effort to improve literacy in the Illinois Valley. Give Angela Dunlap a call today for more information on becoming a volunteer tutor. Her direct line is 815-224-0479.



## FYI

Fr. Ghislain Inai went back to Africa for the month of September. We have Fr. Augustin Kassa, Fr. Emmanuel and Fr. Walter serving the needs of the parishes.

**PARISH BULLETIN:** If you have information or announcements that you want in the bulletin, we ask that you send all information to this e-mail address:



**parishgroup3@gmail.com** by

12:00 Noon on the Monday prior to the Sunday you want the information in the bulletin. This includes the weekly information of collection totals, Eucharist Minister/Lectors/Altar Servers.

**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.

**PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,  
Your children cry out to you for justice and healing.  
Too often our hearts are hardened to their pleas.  
Too often our need for control and power blind us to the pain of your little ones.  
Too often we seek first to protect ourselves, rather than protect those who are most vulnerable.  
In your mercy, forgive the sins we have committed against the weakest members of your flock.  
Purge from our midst those intent on doing harm.  
Give us wisdom and courage to make amends.  
Let your healing flow out to those who are hurting so that, as your Church, we may reflect your love who live and reign forever and ever.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that

precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-



possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

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