

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
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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 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Please contact Pat Evers for details.

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Sunday November 18, 2018
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Nov. 17	5:30 pm	Charles & Alice Cox By: Ed Cox & Family
Sun. Nov. 18	10:00 am	Joe & Freeda Mish By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan
Sat. Nov. 24	5:30 pm	James & Alta Brown By: James D. Brown
Sun. Nov. 25	10:00 am	Charles & Alice Cox By: Ed Cox & Family

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

November 11, 2018

Envelopes	\$	1045.00
Loose	\$	103.00
School	\$	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$	1158.00

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Nov. 24 5:30 pm

Lector: Mara Bruno
Altar Server: Anna Bruno

Sun. Nov. 18 10:00 am

Lector: Pat Duffield
Altar Servers: Steven & Raymond Hladovcak

MASS INTENTIONS



St. Mary's Mass Intention Book is open for 2019. Call the office at 795-2240 on Monday through Thursday, put your requests in the Sunday collection basket with your phone # on it, or email parishgroup3@gmail.com.

St Mary's of the Fields Parishioners please come and get involved in YOUR parish. We are looking for volunteers to be on the Finance Committee and Parish Council Committee. The Finance Committee will deal with preparing a yearly budget, parish revenues and charitable giving. The Parish Council Committee will deal with the other aspects of the church such as readers, servers, CCD, decorations, cleaning, etc. You can be on one or both. This is a way to give back to the church and should take less than 20 hours per year. Please contact Phyllis Durdan at 815-249-5522 (phone), 815-252-5505 (text) or email – bpdurdan@gmail.com. Please respond before 11/24/18. The first meeting of the Finance Committee is 12/4/18 after the 10 am mass

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH		
Tue. Nov. 20	8:00 am	James & Elizabeth O'Brien By: Tom Raibley
Wed. Nov. 21	8:00 am	Clarence & Helen Kinzler By: Ray & Pam Eich
Thurs. Nov. 22	8:00 am	Brian Freese By: Jim Claggett
Fri. Nov. 23	8:00 am	Fannie Newman By: Tami Wilkinson
Sat. Nov. 24	4:00 pm	Anton Pagoria By: Theresa Pagoria
Sun. Nov. 25	9:00 am	Marco A. Ramos By: Mark & Allie Williamson

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Nov. 24 4:00 pm

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

Sun. Nov. 25 9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister: Allie Williamson
Lector: Michael Bilot
Altar Servers: Dominic Bilot, Audrey Jenkins

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

November 11, 2018		(Stays in Parish)
Sunday Collection:	\$	2,630.00
Loose	\$	259.00
All Souls	\$	5.00
All Saints Day	\$	5.00
Capital Improvement	\$	<u>825.00</u>
Total	\$	3,724.00
Camp. For Hum Dev	\$	1.00 (Sent to Peoria)
Food Pantry	\$	633.00

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to help prepare food and/or serve the meal for St. Vincent's Table on Thursday, 11/29/18, from 4 to 6pm. The location for the meal will be at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 200 E. Jackson St., Morris.



You may help by preparing and donating food items and/or by helping serve the meal to about 40 gracious people. The meal this month will be a spaghetti dinner. We will need 6-7 servers.

The sign-up sheet, with the needed menu items, will be at the back of the church with more details. Contact Gail Heath at 815-357-6306 or Robert Alaimo at 815-931-5679 with questions.

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. Nov. 19 8:00 am** Lawrance Bokoski
By: Larry & Coleene Bokoski
- Tues. Nov. 20 8:00 am** Antoinette Evers
By: Geri & Jim Bann
- Wed. Nov. 21 8:00 am** Antionette Evers
By: Jane & Ted Zimmerman
- Thurs. Nov. 22 8:00 a.m.** Thanksgiving Mass for all the
Families of St. Theresa Parish
- Fri. Nov. 23 8:00 am** Jerry Zimmerman
By: Erin Wold
- Sat. Nov. 24 4:00 pm** Cletus Lane
By: Barb Lane Family
- Sun. Nov. 25 8:00 am** Eileen Full
By: Ted & Jane Zimmerman

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

- Sat. Nov. 24 4:00 pm**
Minister Joe Stralka
Lector: Judy Konitzer
Altar Servers: Hayden Bomstad, Makayla McNally
- Sun. Nov. 18 8:00 am**
Minister Jack Cantlin
Lector: Lisa Harness
Altar Servers: Meghan & Emily Harness

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

November 4, 2018	
Sunday Collection:	\$ 1,716.00
Loose	\$ 192.00
Candles	\$ 38.50
Cemetery	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,966.50

**Youth Meeting from 6:00-7:00pm
November 18, 2018**

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
will be at St. Theresa on
Wednesday November 21, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

There has been a credible allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against Duane Leclercq, formerly assigned to St. Theresa Parish, Earlville. If anyone has any information regarding such misconduct, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (309) 677-7082.

“Cold Was the Stable”

The Prairie Singers mark their 31st year of music making by opening this Christmas season with “Cold Was the Stable”. The Prairie Singers have selected carols that reflect on the Holy Family at the stable that Christmas night. Come and enjoy, “Cold Was the Stable” as the Singers gift to you.

Concerts this year begin on November 27 at the Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight at 6:30 p.m. The library concert is free and open to the public with refreshments following the concert.

First Presbyterian Church, Morris will host the singers Saturday December 1 at 7 p.m. Epworth United Methodist Church, Ottawa welcome the singers Sunday December 2 at 2 p.m.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Coal City, stages the Singers on a Friday night concert December 7 at 7 p.m., in conjunction with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The final concert will be at St Patrick’s Catholic Church, Seneca, December 9 at 2 p.m. The gothic church is a perennial favorite of the singers as they close their Christmas season. A free will offering will be taken at all church concerts.

The Prairie Singers are a chamber ensemble comprised of singers from Grundy, LaSalle, Kendall, and Livingston counties. The group performs literature from a broad range of historical periods, along with a wide variety of show tunes, popular, and classical favorites.

The choral ensemble welcomes membership inquiries from interested singers. Information concerning group or performance scheduling may be obtained by contacting George McComb, 6830 O’Malley Rd, Verona, IL. 60479 or calling 815-287-9806.



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.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - SENECA

Don't forget the special collections on:

2nd Sunday of month for Food Pantry

4th Sunday of month for Cemetery

Contribution Envelopes

Don't forget that you can use your home church's envelopes at any of our linked churches and they will be given back to the proper church by the next weekend.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

As a diocese, we will soon take up the national collection for CCHD. Through CCHD the Catholic Church is working to continue its tradition of love for the poor. Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Support CCHD in the upcoming Collection.** And remember, 25% of the Collection's proceeds stay here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities and defend the dignity of our neighbors. . If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

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