

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

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### Father Ghislain Inai, SMA Pastor

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Seneca, IL. 61360  
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### Father Augustin Kassa, SMA Parochial Vicar

221 West Union Street  
Earlville, IL. 60518  
Office - (815) 246-4321  
Email address:parishgroup3@gmail.com

Sunday, December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
<b>Sat. Dec. 8</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Justin & Kim Evers By: Ruben & Tara Dittmer & Family
<b>Sun. Dec. 9</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Dode Brown & Sheila Rawlins By: James Brown
<b>Sat. Dec. 15</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Charles & Alice Cox By: Ed Cox & Family
<b>Sun. Dec. 16</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Martin Wheatland By: Family

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Sat. Dec. 8 5:30 pm</b>	Lector: Bill Novotney
	Altar Server:
<b>Sun. Dec. 9 10:00 am</b>	Lector: Pat Durdan
	Altar Servers: Emma Thomas

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

### December 2, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,145.00
Loose	\$ 132.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 25.00

## Food Drive for Grand Ridge Emergency Fund

There will be a red donation box at St. Mary's Church thru the weekend of December 9, 2018. We are accepting non-perishable, non-expired food for the Grand Ridge District Emergency Fund.. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, you can donate at the First National Bank of Grand Ridge, P.O. Box 97, Grand Ridge, IL 61325. Last year we helped 12 families (38 children). Contact 815-249-5286 with any questions. The Officers and Directors of the Emergency Fund than you for your continued support.



**Donations for Christmas flowers are greatly appreciated.**

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

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<b>Tue. Dec. 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Jack Farrell By: Jim Claggett
<b>Wed. Dec. 12</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b> O'Brien Family By: Tom Raibley
<b>Thurs. Dec. 13</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Joan Coss By: The Coss Family
<b>Fri. Dec. 14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Richard Kasten By: Tom Raibley
<b>Sat. Dec. 15</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> Everett & Norine Maier By: Francis Schaefer
<b>Sun. Dec. 16</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Marco A. Romas By: Mark & Allie Williamson

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Sat. Dec. 15 4:00 pm</b>	Eucharistic Minister: Robert Mitchell
	Lector: Margie Weber
	Altar Servers: Peyton Weber, Ella Sterling, Lucy Chellino
<b>Sun. Dec. 16 9:00 am</b>	Eucharistic Minister: Michael Boilot
	Lector: Lynn Hobbs
	Altar Servers: Dominic Bilot, Jace Mitchell, Landrie & Layken Callahan

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

### December 2, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 2518.00
Loose Cash	\$ 237.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 925.00
Human Development	\$ 15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3695.00</b>

## St. Vincent's Table Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering for the St. Vincent's Table in 2019, mark these dates on your calendars and watch the bulletin for specific announcements.

March 07, 2019

June 27, 2019

September 05, 2019

December 12, 2019

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Goal:	\$ 29,836
Pledged:	\$ 27,140
Received	\$ 24,079
Unpledged	\$ 2,696

# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. Dec. 10 8:00 am** Lois Sampson  
By: Family & Friends
- Tues. Dec. 11 8:00 am** Lawrence Bokoski  
By: Larry & Coleene Bokoski
- Wed. Dec. 12 8:00 am** Pauline Wackerlin  
By: Russell & Beth Wackerlin
- Thurs. Dec. 13 8:00 a.m.** Priests & Victims of  
the scandals  
By: Christi Reynolds
- Fri. Dec. 14 8:00 am** Jerry Zimmerman  
By: Jack & Carole Landers
- Sat. Dec. 15 4:00 pm** Judith Hughes  
By: Tom & Mary Hertmann
- Sun. Dec. 16 8:00 am** Bob Rave  
By: Helen Rave

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

- Sat. Dec. 15 4:00 pm**  
Minister: Deacon Mike  
Lector: Lisa Harness  
Altar Servers: Meghan & Emily Harness
- Sun. Dec. 16 8:00 am**  
Minister: Deacon Mike  
Lector: Diego Vazquez  
Altar Servers: Elizabeth, Loren & Isaac Vazquez

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

December 2, 2018	
Sunday Collection:	\$ 1178.00
Loose	\$ 231.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 215.00
Thanksgiving Day	\$ 20.00
Cemetery	\$ 92.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,736.00</b>

## Adult Faith Formation Classes

Since we are having these classes on Tuesdays and both Christmas and New Years are on Tuesday this year, we will not start the next series of classes until January 8th. There will be no classes until then. If you have any questions contact Deacon Mike.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Goal:	\$ 22,399
Pledged:	\$ 18,761
Received	\$ 16,930
Unpledged	\$ 3,638

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

	Dec. 24th	Dec. 25th	Dec. 31st	Jan 1st
St. Theresa	4:00pm	8:00am	4:00pm	8:00am
St. Mary	6:00pm	10:00am	5:30pm	10:00am
St. Joseph	4:00pm	10:30am	6:00pm	10:30am
St. Patrick, Ransom	6:00pm	7:30am	no mass	7:30am
St. Patrick, Seneca	4&9 pm	9:00am	4:00pm	9:00am

## Bible Study

Bible Study every Thursday, with Father Kassa, at 6:30pm at St. Joseph's Church CCD Library in Marseilles. Parishioners from all five of our linked churches are welcome to participate. Please join us!



## Blue Christmas Service

Sponsored by the Seneca Pastors Association

Wednesday December 12, 2017

7:00pm

This is a service of scripture, meditation, music and prayer providing a time of sacred calm to focus on the comfort of hope God offers during dark times. It is an opportunity to come and be in the presence of God, acknowledge of our burdens and to give all to God.

Please join us for a Blue Christmas Service, Wednesday, December 13, 2018 at 7:00pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 300 E. Union St. Seneca, IL 61360.



**Copies of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Summary of Diocesan Financial Activities will be located in the back of the church.**

### **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.

### **PRAIRIE SINGERS**

Sunday, December 9 at 2 p.m. - St. Patrick's Church in Seneca. 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.

### **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: **parish-group3@gmail.com** by 12:00 Noon on the Monday prior to the Sunday you want the information in the bulletin.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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**.

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### **Marquette Academy Preschool**

Play School and Watch Me Grow classes enrollment begins Monday, December 10, 2018.

Space is limited, call to register,

815-433-1199.

## Welcome Fr. Odilon Kofi Amenyaglo



Fr. Odilon Kofi AMENYAGLO is a priest of the Society of African Missions (SMA). He is from Togo, West Africa. Odilon was born on January 04, 1985 into a family of three children. Since the age of 10, he had a burning desire to serve the Lord as priest.

Growing up Fr. Odilon was inclining to missionary life. He felt a strong call and desire to go out, out of his geographical environment to serve God, to go out to the peripheries, not only geographically, but also existential ones as says Pope Francis in his pre-conclave speech on Evangelism.

In August 2006, Fr. Odilon began his priestly formation with the SMA Fathers at St Peter and Paul's Catholic Seminary in Accra, Ghana. With a BA in philosophy, he got his admission to the SMA International Spiritual Year in Calavi, Benin Republic, where he took his first Oath on June 25, 2010 making him an SMA temporary member. From there, Father was sent to Egypt for a year of missionary experience.

In that north African country, Father learned Arabic and in an Islamic dominated culture, he discovered true joy of serving God with marginalized people and Christian minority. From the year 2011 to 2014, Fr. Odilon was sent to ICMA in Cote d'Ivoire for a degree in theology, after which he was ordained a priest on August 08, 2015 in Lomé, Togo.

His first appointment was to back Cote d'Ivoire as SMA Vocation Promoter and since February 2017, he is serving as SMA bursar in Lomé, Togo.

Fr. Odilon is glad to start a new missionary experience with the five parishes and for this new experience he prays that his stay among us be a source of blessings for each and every one.

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