

# 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, January 6, 2019  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Jan. 5	5:30 pm	Don & Louise Schmitt By: Bill & Carol Olson
Sun. Jan. 6	10:00 am	World Peace By: James D. Brown
Sat. Jan. 12	5:30 pm	Jack & Rita Hughes By: John & Sue Hughes
Sun. Jan. 13	10:00 am	Mary Hettle

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Jan. 12 5:50 pm

Lector:

Altar Servers:

Sun. Jan. 13 10:00 am

Lector:

Altar Servers:

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

### December 30, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 2,050.00	(31 Envelopes)
Loose	\$ 113.00	
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 65.00	
Christmas	\$ 40.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,268.00</b>	

### January 1, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 330.00	(19 Envelopes)
Loose	\$ 46.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 376.00</b>	

### 2019 Envelopes

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Jan. 8	9:00 am For our Service Men & Women By: Tom Raibley
Wed. Jan. 9	8:00 am. Larry O'Brien By: Jim Clagget
Thurs. Jan. 10	8:00 am Bob Heath By: Gail Heath
Fri. Jan. 11	8:00 am Chris Peterson By: Paula Freepartner
Sat. Jan. 12	4:00 pm Ray & Darrow Eich By: Ray & Pam Eich
Sun. Jan. 13	9:00 am Joan Coss By: Family

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Jan. 12 4:00pm

Eucharistic Minister: Robert Mitchell

Lector: Margi Weber

Altar Servers: Peyton Weber, Anna/Clara Bruno

Sunday Jan. 13 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister: Mike Bilot

Lector: Cathy Erickson

Altar Servers: Dominic Bilot, Jace Mitchell  
Rylee & Taylor Stenzel

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

### December 23, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,203.00
Loose Cash	\$ 227.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 555.00
Share in the Care	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,005.00</b>

### December 25, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,241.75
Loose Cash	\$ 1,527.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,768.75</b>

### December 30, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,013.00
Loose Cash	\$ 153.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 150.00
Assumption	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 40.00
Christmas	40.00
Religious Retirement	425.00
Fuel	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,876.00</b>

# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Mon. Jan. 7</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Antoinette Evers By: Barb Lane
<b>Tues. Jan. 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	David Vainisi, Jr. By: Beverly Vainisi
<b>Wed. Jan. 9</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Gladys Kipper By: Earlville Fire District Trustees
<b>Thurs. Jan. 10</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Terrance Caston By: Andrea Moore
<b>Fri. Jan. 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Intentions of Jim Donohue By: Christi Reynolds
<b>Sat. Jan. 12</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Jerry Zimmerman By: Anne Hollenbeck
<b>Sun. Jan. 13</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Judith Hughes By: Nick & Nancy Wold

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Sat. Jan. 12 4:00 pm</b>	Minister	Deacon Mike
	Lector:	Paula Wold
	Altar Servers:	Brennan & Davis Sweeney
<b>Sun. Jan. 13 8:00 am</b>	Minister	Deacon Mike
	Lector:	Diego Vazquez
	Altar Servers:	Elizabeth, Loren, Isaac Vazquez

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

<b>December 30, 2018</b>	
Sunday Collection:	\$ 870.00
Loose	\$ 821.00
Christmas	\$ 1,385.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 26.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,122.00</b>

## THANKFUL

People came to the nursing home, people sent encouraging notes, people prayed for us, people visited Rich at the house, people called and lifted his spirits. When God called him home, people were there again. These people were our priests, parishioners and friends. It meant so very much to our family. Thank you all for being there for us, during a difficult time.

The Konitzer family -- Judy, D.J. and Andy

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A very special thank you to each of you who helped to enhance our Christmas liturgies with the sharing of your time and talents. It was much noticed and appreciated. We would leave someone out if names and areas of volunteerism were mentioned, but be assured that it helped to make the Christmas season so special to the priests, deacons and all the parishioners.



## St. Patrick's Church, Seneca, IL

The first educational program of the coming year will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, from 7-9 PM, in the Church Hall across from the Church. Fr Corey Krengiel of the Ottawa Catholic Parishes will present "Euthanasia - Physician Assisted Suicide". All are welcome.

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, SENECA – REMINDER

- 2nd Sunday of month for Food Pantry Collection
- 4th Sunday of month for Cemetery Collection

## MASS INTENTION BOOKS

Mass Intentions for 2019 may be made in Earlville by calling the rectory or putting your requests in the collection basket with your phone number included.

Masses for Grand Ridge and Seneca may be made by filling out a form from the back of church and sending it to the Marseilles office or putting it in the collection basket, calling the parish office at 815-795-2240 or emailing parishgroup3@gmail.com. Please remember to include your phone number.



## MARRIAGE MASS AND DATE NIGHT

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky cordially invites all married couples to celebrate the gift of Christian Marriage. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Peoria on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at 4:00 pm. There will be a Candlelight Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Spalding Pastoral Center with entertainment that includes Felix and Fingers dueling pianos starting at 6:30 p.m. Registration sheets are in the back of 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.

### **ST. PATRICKS ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE**

Goal:	\$ 29,836	
Pledged:	\$ 27,342	Let us reach our goal.
Received	\$ 24,844	Make your pledge
Unpledged	\$ 2,494	before 01/30/19.

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### **ST. THERESA ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE**

Goal:	\$ 22,399	Let us reach our goal.
Pledged:	\$ 18,761	Make your pledge
Received	\$ 18,056	before 01/30/19.
Unpledged	\$ 3,638	

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### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

The 2018 ADA is coming to a close at the end of January 2019. Any amount under the goal set for each church will be billed to the church in February. Please consider helping your church to get closer to it's goal, so church funds don't have to be used to fulfill the ADA goal.



Thank you to all who have contributed. It is greatly appreciated!

## Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.



We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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## IRA Required Minimum Distributions Donation Opportunity

There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help (your parish, school, ministry). If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to (your parish, school, ministry) during 2018 and have it **distributed free of federal income tax!** What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 1/2 to help. Please contact the person that handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor.

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