

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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Sunday, January 20, 2019
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Jan. 19	5:30 pm	Bill Schriber By: Bill & Carol Olson
Sun. Jan. 20	10:00 am	Steve Rhinnecker By: John & Sue Hughes
Sat. Jan. 26	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By:
Sun. Jan. 27	10:00 am	Deceased Members of St. Mary's Parish

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Jan. 26	5:30 pm	Lector: Carol Olson Altar Servers: Emma Thomas
Sun. Jan. 27	10:00 am	Lector: CCD Class Altar Servers: CCD Class

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

January 13, 2019			
Envelopes	\$	570.00	(21 Envelopes)
Loose	\$	86.00	
Christmas	\$	90.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	20.00	
Total	\$	766.00	

MARCH FOR LIFE

Marquette Academy High School Students, chaperones and Fr. Krengiel attended the March for Life in Washington D.C. and will be returning this weekend. Please pray for safe travels on their pilgrimage.

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, Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Altar Servers.



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Jan. 22	8:00 am Amber Moran By: Paula Freepartner
Wed. Jan. 23	8:00 am. Richard Virgo By: Gail Heath
Thurs. Jan. 24	8:00 am Fannie Newman By: Gail Heath
Fri. Jan. 25	8:00 am Joan Coss By: Coss Family
Sat. Jan. 26	4:00 pm Tom Kimbro By: Ray & Pam Eich
Sun. Jan. 27	9:00 am Barla Family By: Family

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Jan. 26	4:00pm	Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski Lector: Michael Doloski Altar Servers: Caleb, Joshua, Daniel & David Doloski
Sunday Jan. 27	9:00am	Eucharistic Minister: Allie Williamson Lector: Michael Doloski Altar Servers: David & Dominic Bilot, Brady Ford

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

January 13, 2019	
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,397.00
Loose Cash	\$ 121.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 950.00
Fuel	\$ 345.00
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 3853.00

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, SENECA, IL

The first educational program of our parish 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: The teaching of the Church and how to make a healthy decision". All are welcome.

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Jan. 21	8:00 am Lois Sampson By: Family & Friends
Tues. Jan. 22	8:00 am Leo Kelly By: Patty & Dennis Flaherty
Wed. Jan. 23	8:00 am Sally Dunklau By: Mark & Janis Dunklau
Thur. Jan. 24	8:00 a.m. Ron Wartella By: The Coveyou Family
Fri. Jan. 25	8:00 am Tim Wessels By: Margaret & Ted Seed
Sat. Jan. 26	4:00 pm Antoinette Evers By: Wilma Stillwell & Ed Taylor
Sun. Jan. 27	8:00 am Leo Kelly By: Dick & Mary McConville

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Jan. 26 4:00 pm	Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Paula Wold Altar Servers: Brennan & Davis Sweeney
Sun. Jan. 27 8:00 am	Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Wally Cwikla Altar Servers: Elizabeth, Loren, Isaac Vazquez

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

January 13, 2019	
Sunday Collection:	\$ 1,001.00
Loose	\$ 125.00
Cemetery	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 1,151.00

ST. THERESA ADULT EDUCATION

Continuing Faith Formation will resume this month. Due to some scheduling conflicts, the evening will be moved to Thursday. We will meet all the Thursdays of the month except the third week so that there is no conflict with Altar & Rosary Society meetings. The first class will be on January 24 at 6:30 pm. Cookies are included. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mike.

thank you! We would like to thank all the volunteers who shoveled the walk ways and plowed the parking lots of our Church's. We appreciate all of your time, effort and hard work. **Thank you!**

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.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, SENECA – REMINDER

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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 2018 TAXES

ST. MARY

Please put a note in the collection basket with your name, address and phone number or call the office at 815-795-2240 or email parishgroup3@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK

Fill out the 2018 Statement Request Form and drop in the weekly collection basket. Forms are located at the back of the church or on the website: www.senecastpatricks.com.

ST. THERESA

Please put a note in the collection basket with your name and envelope number.

MARQUETTE ACADEMY NO-SHOW EVENT JANUARY 26, 2019

Please join us for our non-event where you celebrate Marquette Academy by not coming. The No-Show Event is a May Merriment XXXVII Fundraiser. We know how busy everyone's lives are these days, and how valuable your time is. As a no-show, you can stay home, wear sweats, lay on the couch, don't volunteer, don't rsvp. Were so excited to have you not attend while supporting our school. All proceeds benefit Marquette Academy students. Suggested Ticket Price is \$40 per family. Tickets are available online at www.marquetteacademy.net/advancement/noshow.cfm or at the campus. Thank you for not coming!

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. MARY'S CHURCH

We will be taking down the Manger, anyone who wants their Poinsettia you may take them Saturday or Sunday.

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.

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

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.



Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

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