

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
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Cemetery 815-357-8816
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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

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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 27, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Jan. 26	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By:
Sun. Jan. 27	10:00 am	Deceased Members of St. Mary's Parish
Sat. Feb. 2	5:30 pm	Arnold & Wilda Bailey By: Ed & Darlene Hettel
Sun. Feb. 3	10:00 am	Steve & Diane Durdan (living) By:

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Jan. 26	5:30 pm	Lector: Altar Servers:
Sun. Jan. 27	10:00 am	Lector: Altar Servers:

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

January 20, 2019		
Envelopes	\$	590.00 (18 Envelopes)
Loose	\$	32.50
School	\$	100.00
Total	\$	722.50

VOLUNTEER TUTOR IVCC



The Community Tutoring Program at Illinois Valley Community College is currently accepting participants for its upcoming free Volunteer Tutor Training. Training will be offered on Saturday, February 23 from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm at the IVCC main campus. The Community Tutoring program assists 350 adult literacy students each year in Adult Education classes. Literacy students consist of these testing below 9th grade level in reading, math and writing and also English Acquisition students. Please consider joining us in this important effort to improve literacy in the Illinois Valley. For more information on becoming a volunteer tutor, call Angela at 815-224-0479 or Susan at 815-224-0379.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Jan. 29	8:00 am Adele Sweeney By: Gail Heath
Wed. Jan. 30	8:00 am. Danny Feldkamp By: Paula Freepartner
Thurs. Jan. 31	8:00 am Edith Fararre By: Paula Freepartner
Fri. Feb. 1	8:00 am Bob Heath By: Gail Heath
Sat. Feb. 2	4:00 pm Jackie Fronck By: Ray & Pam Eich
Sun. Feb. 3	9:00 am Eilene & Wil Biron By: Gail Heath

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Jan. 26	4:00pm	Eucharistic Minister: Lector: Altar Servers:
Sunday Jan. 27	9:00am	Eucharistic Minister: Lector: Altar Servers:

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

January 20, 2019	
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,593.00
Loose Cash	\$ 159.00
Fuel	\$ 779.00
Total	\$ 2,531.00

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.

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. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Jan. 28	8:00 am Lawrence Bokoski By: Coleene & Larry Bokoski
Tues. Jan. 29	8:00 am Jerry Zimmerman By: Ted & Margaret Seed
Wed. Jan. 30	8:00 am Judith Hughes By: Joan Haton
Thur. Jan. 31	8:00 a.m. Lois Sampson By: Family & Friends
Fri. Feb. 1	8:00 am Deceased members of the Campbell Family By: Ted & Jane Simmerman
Sat. Feb. 2	4:00 pm Jay Heitman By: Lois & Doug Docrmann
Sun. Feb. 3	8:00 am Reeder Collin & all serving in The Military By: Dick & Mary McConville

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Feb. 2 4:00 pm	Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Wally Cwikla Altar Servers: Brennen & Jacob McNally
Sun. Feb. 3 8:00 am	Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Mary Corel Altar Servers: Bella Dunklau, Makayla McNally

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

January 20, 2019	
Sunday Collection:	\$ 1,225.00
Loose	\$ 245.00
Cemetery	\$ 35.00
Votive Candle	\$ 34.00
Total	\$ 1,539.00

ST. THERESA ADULT EDUCATION



Continuing Faith Formation will meet all the Thursdays of the month, except the third week, so that there is no conflict with Altar & Rosary Society meetings. Cookies are included. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mike.



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!**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

Catholic School Week in Ottawa will kick off on Sunday, January 27, 2019 with a Parent Appreciation Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Center immediately following Mass. Adult tickets are \$8.00 and children tickets are \$5 for 8 years and under.



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.

IRELAND TRIP

During these cold and snowy days of January and February, THINK IRELAND! You are invited to join Msgr. Paul E Showalter, Vicar General Emeritus, on an 11-day pilgrimage to Ireland, September 9-19, 2019. You will experience the beauty and peacefulness of a Fall trip to the land of Saints and Scholars. Waterford, Killarney, Galway, Cliffs of Moher, Knock and Dublin are just a few of the sights we will visit. There will be daily Mass as well as time to relax and enjoy the true experience of Ireland. For a brochure or information contact Karen Small at (309) 677-7001 or by email at ksmall@cdop.org.



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. THERESA ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Goal:	\$ 22,399	
Pledged:	\$ 18,861	Let us reach our goal.
Received	\$ 18,156	Make your pledge
Unpledged	\$ 3,538	before 01/31/19.

ST. PATRICKS ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Goal:	\$ 29,836	
Pledged:	\$ 27,392	Let us reach our goal.
Received	\$ 26,479	Make your pledge
Unpledged	\$ 2,444	before 01/31/19.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMIT

The Diocese of Peoria will have a religious education summit for all those involved with religious education in the parishes throughout the diocese on February 16. There will be a talk based on St. Theresa of Lisieux "Little Ways For Evangelization" by Alan Anderson, Mass with Bishop Daniel Jendy, C.S.C., There will be time to meet and network with other religious education leaders in your area. The parish will pay the registration fee, which includes lunch. Please see your CCD Coordinator for details.

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Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."



Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

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