

# 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, February 10, 2019  
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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Feb. 9	5:30 pm	Nathan Olson By: Bill & Carol Olson
Sun. Feb. 10	10:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Feb. 16	5:30 pm	Jack & Rita Hughes By: John & Sue Hughes
Sun. Feb. 17	10:00 am	Loretta Perscett By: Tim Dooley

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Sat. Feb. 16	5:30 pm	Lector: Altar Servers:
Sun. Feb. 17	10:00 am	Lector: Altar Servers:

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

Needed each week to pay expenses \$1332.00

February 3, 2019		
Envelopes	\$	958.00 (31 Envelopes)
Loose	\$	209.00
School	\$	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	100.00
Easter Flowers	\$	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1307.00</b>



Fr. Odilon experiencing the cold, snow and skiing for the first time!

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Feb. 12	8:00 am Richard Virgo By: Gail Heath
Wed. Feb. 13	8:00 am. John Hess By: Paula Freepartner
Thurs. Feb. 14	8:00 am Florence Dunn By: Gail Heath
Fri. Feb. 15	8:00 am Joan Reardon By: Jay Reardon & Family
Sat. Feb. 16	4:00 pm Chris Peterson By: Paula Freepartner
Sun. Feb. 17	9:00 am Bob heath By: Gail Heath

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Feb. 16	4:00pm	Eucharistic Minister: George Oswald Lector: Margi Weber Altar Servers: Lucy Chellinom, Ella Sterling, Peyton Weber
Sunday Feb 17	9:00am	Eucharistic Minister: Michael Bilot Lector: Lynn Hobbs Altar Servers: David Bilot, Landrie/Layken Callahan, Jace Mitchell

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

February 3, 2019	
Sunday Collection	\$ 2775.00
Loose Cash	\$ 227.00
Fuel	\$ 65.00
CCD	\$ 75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3142.00</b>

## Altar & Rosary

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 16th. Altar & Rosary will again be serving a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner! We will also have the raffle for the Branson Get-Away! Please watch for ticket purchases and sign-up sheets at the back of the church as we will be in need of many volunteers for this event.

St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the church hall at 6:30. All women of the parish are invited to attend. If you would like more information please take a leaflet from the tables at the back of the church.

We are forming a Decorating Committee for the Church. If you would like to volunteer to be called upon from time to time to assist in helping to decorate the Church please contact Sharon Sheedy at 815-252-8412. We especially need to form this committee in time for the Easter Season.

Thank you!

# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Mon. Feb. 11</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Deceased Members of the Spenader Family By: Ted & Jane Zimmerman
<b>Tues. Feb. 12</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Bob Beard By: Marilyn Beard
<b>Wed. Feb. 13</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Jerry Zimmerman By: Connie Rhoton
<b>Thur. Feb. 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Kenny Leonard By: Tim & Cindy Cook
<b>Fri. Feb. 15</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Francis Broda By: Beverly Vainisi
<b>Sat. Feb. 16</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> Leo Kelly By: John & Florence McConville
<b>Sun. Feb. 17</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> In Thanksgiving to God By: Mike & Debbie Kent

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Sat. Feb. 9 4:00 pm</b>	Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Lisa Harness Altar Servers: Meghan & Emily Harness
<b>Sun. Feb. 10 8:00 am</b>	Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Judy Konitzer Altar Servers: Tim McNally & Hayden Bomstad

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

Needed each week to pay expenses: \$2,267.00

<b>February 3, 2019</b>	
Sunday Collection:	\$ 1377.00
Loose	\$ 283.00
Cemetery	\$ 178.00
Repair	\$ 1000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2838.00</b>

## 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. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Mike.

Important Information

Monday, February 18, 2019, Mass at St. Theresa will be at 4:00PM.

## TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST TEC

New dates have been set for TEC weekend retreats, which are held at St. Peter and Paul Parish and TEC Center at Peterstown, approximately two miles south of Mendota. The Peterstown TEC Center has been going strong since 1976, providing thousands of young adults, ages 16-23, with an incredible sense of who they are and how the love of God fits into their lives.

- Boys TEC # 213 - February 23, 24, 25
- Girls TEC # 214 - March 30, 31, April 1

For further information, contact: [www.peterstowntec.com](http://www.peterstowntec.com) or call Angie Heiser at 815-303-7488 or Robin Santman at 815-780-8402. Also ask Fr. Kassa or Deacon Mike about this wonderful program for teens.

## Bible Study

Bible Study every Thursday, with Father Kassa, at 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph's Church CCD Library.

Parishioners from all five of our linked churches are welcome to participate. Hope to see you there!



## HOPE LIFE CENTER

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## BISHOP'S LETTER



Bishop Jenky sent a letter about the cold and flu season and asked that the shaking of hands at the sign of peace and communion on the tongue be suspended for awhile. He also reminded us that there is no obligation to attend Mass when one is ill. It is better for the common good to stay home.

## THE CATHOLIC POST

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### **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.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Presented by Catholic Daughters Court Santa Maria. March 9, 2019 from 7:30am - 12 noon at St. Francis Church and Hall. All women are invited to attend a morning of prayer, fellowship and uplifting speakers. The morning begins with mass at 7:30am, celebrated by CDA Chaplain Fr. Krengiel. Retreat immediately following with a complimentary breakfast. RSVP by March 1st to Nancy Rogowski, 815-228-8323.

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### **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](http://www.senecastpatricks.com).

#### **ST. THERESA**

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

### **ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

#### **SUBWAY**

114 W. Jackson St., Seneca, IL  
815-357-6410

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

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