

# 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 ~ 10:30 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 ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m.  
Tues - Fri ~ 8:15 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 ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m.  
Mon - Fri. ~ 8:00 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.

Deacon Mike Evers 815-414-1193  
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Sunday, November 17, 2019  
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Nov. 16	5:30 pm	Arnold Bailey, Jr. By: Darlene & Ed Hettel
Sun. Nov. 17	10:30 am	Steve & Edna Durdan By: Steve & Edna Durdan Family
Sat. Nov. 23	5:30 pm	George & Marguerite Brown By: Jim Brown
Sun. Nov. 24	10:30 am	Marcia Hughes By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday November 23</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Lector:	Pat Durdan
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass
<b>Sunday November 24</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Lector:	Pat Duffield
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

November 10, 2019		Stays in Parish
Envelopes	\$	800.00 (22 Envelopes)
Loose	\$	<u>206.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1026.00</b>
<b>Needed each week to pay expenses: \$1,377</b>		

### SERVER AND READER SIGNUP

St. Mary's has started using SignupGenious for servers and readers to volunteer at mass. You may contact Joyce Hettel by calling or texting 815-228-9134 for web page information to sign up.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Nov. 19	8:15 am Catherine Farrell By: Jim Claggett
Wed. Nov. 20	8:15 am The Buffo Family By: George McComb
Thurs. Nov. 21	8:15 am David Buck By: Mike Buck
Fri. Nov. 22	8:15 am Brian Freese By: Jim Claggett
Sat. Nov. 23	4:00 pm Bernard Raibley By: Brian & Annette Olson
Sun. Nov. 24	9:00 am Jeffrey Haiduke By: Haiduke Family

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday Nov. 23</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski	
Lector: Michael Doloski	
Altar Servers: Caleb/Daniel/Joshua Doloski	
<b>Sunday Nov. 24</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
Eucharistic Minister: Allie Williamson	
Lector: Cathy Erickson	
Altar Servers: Jace Mitchell & Brady Fort	

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

November 10, 2019		Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$	2310.00 (68 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$	220.00
Online	\$	140.00
Capital Improvement	\$	<u>855.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3525.00</b>
<b>Needed each week to pay expenses: \$ 3,200</b>		
Food Pantry	\$	426.00

ADA Update as of 11/4/19	St. Mary	St. Pat, Seneca	St. Theresa	St. Joseph	St. Pat, Ransom
Goal	\$8,327	\$28,916	\$22,471	\$25,184	\$7,369
Pledges Paid	Goal Met	\$22,240	\$15,560	\$20,972	\$6,670
Amount Owed		\$6,676	\$6,911	\$4,212	\$699

If you have not made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports the important diocesan ministries and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Mon. Nov. 18</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Missa pro Populo By:
<b>Tues. Nov. 19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Missa pro Populo By:
<b>Wed. Nov. 20</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Vern & Gladys Kipper By: Mary Corel
<b>Thur. Nov. 21</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Ambrose Corrigan By: Tim & Cindy Cook
<b>Fri. Nov. 22</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Maureen Corrigan By: Tim & Cindy Cook
<b>Sat. Nov. 23</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b> Cletus Lane By: Barb Lane
<b>Sun. Nov. 24</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Albert Vasquez By: Isela & Kids

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday Nov. 23</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Minister:	Deacon Mike
Lector:	Mary Corel
Altar Servers:	Meghann/Emily Harness
<b>Sunday Nov. 24</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
Minister:	Deacon Mike
Lector:	Diego Vazquez
Altar Servers:	Loren/Elizabeth/Isaac Vazquez

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

November 10, 2019	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1231.00
Loose	\$ 201.00
Candles	\$ 20.50
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25.00
All Saint's Day	\$ <u>2.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1479.50</b>
<b>Needed each week to pay expenses:</b>	<b>\$2,267.00</b>



### HARVEST MASS

Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Peterstown will have a Harvest Mass on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00pm.

### \*\*BULLETIN NEWS\*\*

News and announcements for the November 24 bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Monday, November 18.

News and announcements for the December 1 bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Friday, November 22 .

The bulletin needs to be sent to the printer by noon that day, because of the upcoming holiday.



Members of all five parishes are invited to join St. Patrick's in Seneca for the first three weeks of Advent as we host the series "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist". Bishop Jenky recently released this year's Festival Letter on the importance of the Eucharist, so it is a perfect time to delve into the deeper meaning of the mystery as we prepare for the birth of Christ this Advent. You can participate in three different ways:

1. Coming to St. Patrick's for our community showings
2. Gathering together to watch in your own parishes or communities
3. Or Signing in on Formed.org to watch at your convenience

Discussion questions will be available in the bulletin or online. The videos will be shown in the church twice each week; after the 9:00am Mass on Sundays and again on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.

### RISE YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next meeting will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30pm at 1500 Walnut St., Mendota.

People have asked how they can support RISE. We can use volunteers to provide a dessert for our meetings. Anyone can contact Carol McLachlan (815-252-4176), Julie Krzyzek (815-713-6188), Duane Krzyzek (815-543-0686) or Bruce Full (815-539-7179). We can figure out what date works best for you. Monetary donations can also be made to purchase food and supplies for meetings.



RISE group members and parents... keep up to date regarding RISE events dates / times through the RISE Youth Ministry FaceBook group.

### **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.

## **BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, ". . . for to him all are alive."

November, 2019 Letter from Bishop Jenky:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Right now, many American families are struggling to make ends meet. As people are laid off, lose homes to foreclosure, lose health insurance, and watch their retirement funds disappear, it may be difficult to think of others in need. However, financial struggles have become even harder for the 37 million Americans who have been living in poverty.

For nearly 44 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has offered a solution to poverty by funding low-income community groups all over the United States that find lasting solutions to the root causes of poverty. CCHD supports the poor and low-income in acquiring affordable housing, fair wages, access to health care and vocational training. The leaders of CCHD-funded groups are low-income community members who want to change their situation for a lifetime.

*In Catholic social teaching, we are called to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. (LK 4:18)*

Our Support of CCHD is vital to solving poverty in the United States. Thank you for your generosity. Please join me in praying for those affected by the weak economy, those whose struggles are magnified by it, and those who are working to create solutions to it.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C  
BISHOP OF PEORIA

**Campaign for Human Development Collection will  
be the weekend of November 23-24, 2019.**

**FOR THOSE AGE 70 ½**

There is good news if you have reached age 70 ½ 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 2019 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 ½ to help (parish, school, ministry). Please contact the person that handles your retirement plan or your tax advisor.

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