

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

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St. Theresa

221 West Union Street
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Mass Times

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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.

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Sunday, November 24, 2019
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
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
Sat. Nov. 30	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By:
Sun. Dec. 1	10:30 am	Jim & Marilyn Durdan By: Pat & Cal Duffield Family

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday November 30	5:30 pm
Lector:	Bill Novotney
Altar Servers:	Wyatt Hettel
Sunday December 1	10:30 am
Lector:	
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

November 17, 2019 Stays in Parish	
Envelopes	\$ 1585.00 (31 Envelopes)
Loose	\$ <u>83.00</u>
Total	\$ 1668.00
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$1,377	

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.

A new furnace has been installed and gutters will be installed soon at St. Mary of the Fields. The Church needs \$3,000.00 for this work. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost please mark furnace fund and place in the collection basket.



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Nov. 26	8:15 am Theresa Pagoria By: Darrol & Donna Rogers
Wed. Nov. 27	8:15 am Jean Naretto By: Viv & Rudy Maierhofer
Thurs. Nov. 28	8:15 am The McComb Family By: George McComb
Fri. Nov. 29	8:15 am Dorothy Buck By: Jim Claggett
Sat. Nov. 30	4:00 pm The Barla Family By: The Barla Family
Sun. Dec. 1	9:00 am Rose Tautz By:

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Nov. 30	4:00pm
Eucharistic Minister: Annette Olson	
Lector: Robert Mitchell	
Altar Servers: Ella Sterling & Kevin Einhaus	
Sunday Dec. 1	9:00am
Eucharistic Minister: Gary Kizior	
Lector: Robert Maierhofer	
Altar Servers: Audrey Jenkins & Brody Thompson	

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

November 17, 2019 Stays in Parish	
Sunday Collection	\$ 2716.00 (67 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$ 418.00
Online	\$ 260.00
Capital Improvement	\$ <u>60.00</u>
Total	\$ 3454.00
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$ 3,200	

ST. PATRICK: With the heating season beginning, we ask that everyone to be aware of closing doors throughout the church to save on fuel costs. We ask that as you enter or leave to make the sure the doors are closed and not left open to allow cold air to come into the church. Also note that one of the double doors at the bell tower entrance has been marked to remain closed so that the weather stripping will be kept in place. Please do not hook the doors open for any reason throughout the year. Thank you.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, SENECA

- 1st Sunday of month Coffee & Donuts after mass
- 2nd Sunday of month Food Pantry Collection
- 4th Sunday of month for Cemetery Collection

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Nov. 25	8:00 am Ron Wateller By: Rhonda & Dan Coveyou
Tues. Nov. 26	8:00 am Wedding Anniversary of Allison & Ryan Wayman By: Tim & Cindy Cook
Wed. Nov. 27	8:00 am Vern & Gladys Kipper By: Mary Corel
Thur. Nov. 28	8:00 am Eleanor Richards By: Barb Lane
Fri. Nov. 29	8:00 am Eleanor Richards By: Jack & Kathy Cantlin
Sat. Nov. 30	4:00 pm Roscoe Goodbread By: Pat Powell
Sun. Dec. 1	8:00 am Collin Reeder & All Serving in the Military By: Dick & Mary McConville

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Nov. 30	4:00 pm
Minister:	Deacon Mike
Lector:	Ed Taylor
Altar Servers:	Jakob/Brennen McNally
Sunday Dec. 1	8:00 am
Minister:	Deacon Mike
Lector:	Lisa Harness
Altar Servers:	Meghann/Emily Harness, Caylin Cantlin

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

November 17, 2019	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1433.00
Loose	\$ 371.00
Candles	\$ 20.50
Christmas Flowers	\$ <u>190.00</u>
Total	\$ 1479.50

Needed each week to pay expenses: \$2,267.00
Cemetery \$37.00

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours will be held December 6th (First Friday and St. Nicholas Day) to pray for the Renewal and Healing of our Church. It is our responsibility to pass on a Faith that will be strong and growing for our children. Make time in your day to pray that this will be done. Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. with Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Hours will continue through the day until 8 p.m. when a closing ceremony will be held. Sign up in the vestibule for an hour, or make a visit during the day whenever you can.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be **NO** bible study on November 28th, Thanksgiving Day. Bible study will resume on Thursday December 5th.

PRARIE SINGERS

32nd Annual Christmas Concert Series

This year marks Prairie Singers 32nd Christmas concert series. We invite you to hear us at various locations. The Prairie Singers have selected carols that reflect the joys and beliefs of the Holiday season. Come and enjoy "Hallelujah, I Believe" with the Singers.

Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight, December 5, 6:30pm
First Presbyterian Church, Morris, December 7, 7pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Ottawa, December 8, 2pm
First United Methodist, Streator, December 14, 7pm
St. Patrick Catholic Church, Seneca, December 15, 2pm

The Dwight Public Library concert is open to the public and free of charge. The church concerts will have a free will offering.



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.

TEC - TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a youth retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Peoria. The program includes a variety of talks, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, fun and fellowship. TEC is geared for teens 16-20 years old or at least juniors in high school. Following are the 2019-2020 Weekends:

Girls TEC - December 7,8,9

Boys TEC - February 22, 23, 24

Girls TEC - April 4,5,6

For further information contact: www.peterstowntec.com

Or email: laydirector@peterstowntec.com

ST. PATRICK ALTAR & ROSARY

Christmas Wreaths, Crosses, and Grave Blankets will be available for pickup November 30 to December 1 at the rectory Garage after mass.



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

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

November, 2019 Letter from Bishop Jenky:

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Diocese of Peoria, we have a lot to be thankful for. In fact, the word Eucharist, the central reality of our faith, literally means “thanksgiving.” As a bishop, I am particularly grateful every time I ordain a man to the priesthood and send him out to minister to the people of this great diocese. I am also grateful for those young men who have said “yes” to discerning a call the priesthood, and who have entered our seminary program. This Thanksgiving weekend, please give thanks for these men and show your support by giving generously to the St. Therese Seminarian Fund.

This fund pays for the tuition, room and board for theologians—those seminarians who have already graduated college (either a university or college seminary). It also covers the salaries, office costs and marketing expenses that help keep our seminarian program afloat.

On Sunday December 1st, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, I invite you to give thanks for those who are giving their lives to the Church. There will be a second collection at each Mass that weekend. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Office of Priestly Vocations.

Thank you for your generosity, and please know of my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

St. Therese Seminarian Fund Collection will be the weekend of Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 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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