

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
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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
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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, December 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Dec. 7	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By:
Sun. Dec. 8	10:30 am	Steve & Edna Durdan By: William & Phyllis Durdan
Sat. Dec. 14	5:30 pm	Mark Sheridan By: Mike & Elaine Sheridan
Sun. Dec. 15	10:30 am	Dode Brown & Sheila Rawlings By: James D. Brown

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday December 14	5:30 pm
Lector:	Bill Novotney
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass
Sunday December 15	10:30 am
Lector:	CCD Students
Altar Servers:	CCD Students

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

December 1, 2019	Stays in Parish	
Envelopes	\$	815.00 (27 Envelopes)
Loose	\$	<u>126.00</u>
Total	\$	941.00
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$1,377		

FOOD DRIVE

Grand Ridge District Emergency Food Drive is having their food drive for Christmas delivery to families in the school district that are less fortunate. We accept non-perishable foods, paper and personal hygiene products. There is a container at church to place your donation. We appreciate any help you can give!



ST. MARY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intention available for December 21, 24, 25, 28, 31 and January 1st. Requests may be made by calling the office at 795-2240, putting your requests, with offering, in the Sunday collection basket with your phone number on it, or emailing parishgroup3@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Dec. 10	8:15 am Rita Cleary Smith By: George & Wilma Oswald
Wed. Dec. 11	8:15 am Jack Farrell By: Jim Claggett
Thurs. Dec. 12	8:15 am Theresa Pagoria By: John & Sandra Ellis
Fri. Dec. 13	8:15 am The Buffo Family By: George McComb
Sat. Dec. 14	4:00 pm Loretta Petges By:
Sun. Dec. 15	9:00 am John Fencel By: Devine Family

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Dec. 14	4:00pm
Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski	
Lector: Michael Doloski	
Altar Servers: Daniel/Joshua/David Doloski	
Sunday Dec. 15	9:00am
Eucharistic Minister: Allie Williamson	
Lector: Lynn Hobbs	
Altar Servers: Audrey Jenkins, Elliott Greir, Landon Harty	

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

November 24, 2019	Stays in Parish	
Sunday Collection	\$	2239.00 (65 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$	197.00
Online	\$	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$	3454.00
Cemetery	\$349.00	
Capital Improvement	\$290.00	
December 1, 2019	Stays in Parish	
Sunday Collection	\$	2714.00 (66 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$	333.00
Online	\$	260.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	<u>30.00</u>
Total	\$	3357.00
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$ 3,200		
Capital Improvement	\$360.00	
Share in the Care	\$60.00	

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. Dec. 9	8:00 am Deceased members of the Powell and Goodbread Families By: Pat Powell
Tues. Dec. 10	8:00 am Deceased members of the Myers Family By: Mike & Debbie Kent
Wed. Dec. 11	8:00 am Pauline Wakerlin By: Beth & Russel Wakerlin
Thur. Dec. 12	8:00 am For the Family that donated the Picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe to our Church By: Parish
Fri. Dec. 13	8:00 am Poor Souls of Purgatory By: Gary & Rose Stockley
Sat. Dec. 14	4:00 pm Allen Powell By: Family
Sun. Dec. 15	8:00 am Bob Rave By: Hellen Rave

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Dec. 14	4:00 pm Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Mary Corel Altar Servers: Volunteers
Sunday Dec. 15	8:00 am Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Wally Cwikla Altar Servers: Makayla/Alexa McNally

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

November 24, 2019	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 2213.00
Loose	\$ 308.00
Candles	\$ 25.50
Thanksgiving	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ <u>278.00</u>
Total	\$ 2834.50
Cemetery	\$37.00
December 2, 2019	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1488.00
Loose	\$ 137.00
Candles	\$ 14.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 250.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ <u>240.00</u>
Total	\$ 2129.50
Cemetery	\$90.00
Needed each week to pay expenses:	\$2,267.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

	Dec. 24th	Dec. 25th	Dec. 31st	Jan 1st
St. Theresa	4:00pm	8:00am	4:00pm	8:00am
St. Mary	5:30pm	10:30am	5:30pm	10:30am
St. Joseph	4:00pm	10:30am	6:00pm	10:30am
St. Patrick, Ransom	6:30pm	7:30am	6:30pm	7:30am
St. Patrick, Seneca	4&9 pm	9:00am	4:00pm	9:00am

ST. THERESA NEWS

- **Volunteers:** We could really use more choir members, ladies and men, as well as high schoolers. We promise there will be no solos. The choir is present mainly to encourage the congregation to praise Our Lord in song. If you can carry a tune or even hum real well, consider joining us. We'd especially like to enlarge our group for the Christmas Season, so that we can make a joyful noise unto the Lord during this holy time.
- Earlville Jr. High and High School Band and **Choir Christmas concert** will be Sunday December 15, 2019 at 2:00pm.
- Earlville Elementary **Christmas Program** will be Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 2:00pm.
- The American Legion will be sponsoring a **blood drive** at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Earlville on Thursday January 9, 2020 from 2:00 to 6:00pm. Please go online and set up an appointment or call Mary Sons and she will help you, 815-414-3241.

ST. PATRICK, SENECA ST. VINCENT TABLE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help prepare food and/or serve the meal for St. Vincent's Table. The meal will be held on Thursday, 12/12/19, from 4 to 6pm. The location for the meal will be at the First Presbyterian Church located at 200 E. Jackson St., Morris. 6 to 7 servers are needed on the day of the meal. Help is also needed to prepare and donate side dishes and drinks for about 40 people. You may also donate \$5 to help cover the cost of the main dish. Gail Heath will collect the donations. The signup sheet with the needed menu items is at the back of the church with more details. Contact Gail Heath at 815-357-6306 or Robert Alaimo at 815-931-5679 with questions.

ST. MARY'S

Please join us for donuts, coffee, juice and milk to welcome the new members to our parish on Sunday December 15 after the 10:30 am mass. We hope to see everyone there.



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.

Be in-FORMED

Register at Formed.org

“Presence” discussion questions, Watch: Session 2, The story of the Eucharist

1. What was one thing from the video that you heard for the first time or that was an “aha” moment for you?
2. What are some of the connections between Passover and the Eucharist? What does this teach us about the Eucharist?
3. In the celebration of the Mass, how do we participate in offering the perfect sacrifice of Christ?
4. In what ways is the Eucharist the fruit of the Tree of Life? What implications does this have for your own life?



Our next December meeting will be held on December 18th from 7:00-8:30pm at 1500 Walnut St., Mendota. RISE group parents...keep up to date regarding RISE events, dates & times through RISE Youth Ministry FaceBook group. Contact Carol McLachlan (815-252-4176), Julie Krzyzek (815-713-6188), Duane Krzyzek (815-543-0686) or Bruce Full (815-539-7179) with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study with Father Kassa, Thursdays 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!

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah ([2 Kings 1:8](#)). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

****BULLETIN NEWS DUE DATE SCHEDULE****

Please keep these dates in mind if you have any information that needs to go into the weekly bulletin.

News and announcements for the December 15 bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Monday, December 9.

News and announcements for the December 22 bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Monday, December 16.

News and announcements for the December 29 bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Friday, December 20.

News and announcements for the January 5 bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Friday, December 27.

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