

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

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.

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Sunday, December 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Dec. 21	5:30 pm	James & Marilyn Durdan By: Cal & Pat Duffield Family
Sun. Dec. 22	10:30 am	Jim Durdan By:
Tue. Dec. 24	5:30 pm	James & Marilyn Durdan By: Cal & Pat Duffield Family
Wed. Dec. 25	10:30 am	All Priests, Living & Deceased By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan
Sat. Dec. 28	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By:
Sun. Dec. 29	10:30 am	Joe & Frieda Mish By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Tuesday December 24	5:30 pm	Lector: Bill Novotney Altar Servers: Wyatt Hettel
Wednesday December 25	10:30 am	Lector: Altar Servers: Volunteers at Mass
Saturday December 28	5:30 pm	Lector: Altar Servers: Volunteers at Mass
Sunday December 29	10:30 am	Lector: Altar Servers: Steven/Raymond Hladovak

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

December 15, 2019	Stays in Parish	
Envelopes	\$	1510.00 (27 Envelopes)
Loose	\$	283.00
ADA Rebate	\$	225.00
Furnace	\$	50.00
Flowers	\$	550.00
School	\$	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$	2628.00
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$1,377		
Human Development	\$	100.00
Retirement	\$	150.00

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Dec. 24	4:00 pm Bob Heath By: Gail Heath
Tue. Dec. 24	9:00 pm Henry Nellet By: Utica Knights of Columbus
Wed. Dec. 25	9:00 am Darold Schmeckpeper By: Dustin & Dana Schmeckpeper
Thurs. Dec. 26	8:15 am Theresa Pagoria By: Margaret Raibley
Fri. Dec. 27	8:15 am Msgr. R. J. Boyle By: Jim Claggett
Sat. Dec. 28	4:00 pm Margaret Hooper By: Brian & Annette Olson
Sun. Dec. 29	9:00 am Anne Kehoe By: Les & Nadine Maierhofer

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Tuesday Dec. 24	4:00pm	Eucharistic Minister: Robert Mitchell Lector: Levi/Calvin Maierhofer Altar Servers: Anna/Clara Bruno, Elliott Geier
Tuesday Dec. 24	9:00pm	Eucharistic Minister: Gary Kizior Lector: Michael Bilot Altar Servers: David/Dominic Bilot
Wednesday Dec. 25	9:00am	Eucharistic Minister: Cathy Erickson Lector: Lynn Hobbs Altar Servers: Landrie/Layken Callahan
Saturday Dec. 28	4:00pm	Eucharistic Minister: Jackie Nusbaumer Lector: David Nusbaumer Altar Servers: Gavin Nusbaumer, Lucy Chellino
Sunday Dec. 29	9:00am	Eucharistic Minister: Tracy Ellis Lector: Kathy Baker Altar Servers: Levi/Calvin Maierhofer, Landon Harty

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

December 15, 2019	Stays in Parish	
Sunday Collection	\$	2438.00 (72 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$	271.00
Online	\$	360.00
Fuel	\$	50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$	3124.00

Needed each week to pay expenses: \$ 3,200

Capital Improvement \$600.00
Share in the Care \$70.00



ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Dec. 23	8:00 am Eleanor Richards By: Mike & Debbie Kent
Tues. Dec. 24	4:00 pm For all Parishioners of St. Theresa By: Rose & Gary Stockley
Wed. Dec. 25	8:00 am Maureen Corrigan By: Tim & Cindy Cook
Thur. Dec. 26	8:00 am Deceased members of the Bann Family By: Gerry & Jim Bann
Fri. Dec. 27	8:00 am Joan Zimmermann By: Isela & Kids
Sat. Dec. 28	4:00 pm Eleanor Richards By: Mike & Debbie Kent
Sun. Dec. 29	8:00 am Deceased members of the Pagahis Family By: Gerry & Jim Bann

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Tuesday Dec. 24	4:00 pm Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Ed Taylor Altar Servers: Brennen/Jakob/Makayla/Alexa McNally
Wednesday Dec. 25	8:00 am Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Mary Corel Altar Servers: Elizabeth/Isaac Vazquez
Saturday Dec. 28	4:00 pm Minister: Paula Wold Lector: Ed Taylor Altar Servers: Volunteers at Mass
Sunday Dec. 29	8:00 am Minister: Don McLachlan Lector: Carol McLachlan Altar Servers: Jakob/Brennen McNally

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

December 15, 2019	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1128.00
Loose	\$ 306.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 1464.00
Needed each week to pay expenses:	\$2,267.00
Cemetery \$60.00	

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



BIBLE STUDY

No classes will be held on December 26th or January 2nd. Bible study will resume on Thursday January 9th.

ST. THERESA NEWS

- 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.

MASS REQUESTS for 2020

The Mass Intention Books are open for 2020. Masses for Grand Ridge and Seneca may be made by filling out a form from the back of church and sending it to the Marseilles office or putting it in the collection basket, calling the parish office at 815-795-2240 or emailing parishgroup3 @ gmail.com. Please remember to include your phone number and location of the request.

Mass for Earlville may be made by calling the rectory or putting your requests in the collection basket with your phone number included.

CHRISTMAS MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Will someone you love be unable to join us at church this Christmas? Hear of the Nation will celebrate Christmas Mass on TV and online.

- TV Mass on December 25, WJYS ch. 62 at 10:00am
 - Online Christmas Mass, Christmas Mass will also be online through the day at www.HeartoftheNation.org
- For those who can attend at church, TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Christmas Mass obligation.

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.

****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 January 5 bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Friday, December 27.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria is sponsoring a bus pilgrimage to Chicago to attend the March for Life Saturday, January 11, 2020. The largest pro-life event in the Midwest! Registration form available at www.cdop.org. Spacing is limited and will fill up quickly so if you wish to attend register soon. For additional information contact the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation at 309-671-1550 or Evangelization@cdop.org.

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.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS LETTER, 2019

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

During this Christmas season in homes and churches around the world, followers of Christ will look upon a nativity scene with images of Mary and Joseph, the wise men and shepherds, and the baby Jesus in the manger. And as we take time to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas; how the promise of a savior was fulfilled on that most holy night, we come face to face with the incredible mystery of the Incarnation of God.

In this one act of incomparable love and mercy the whole relationship between God and man was changed forever. God is no longer distant and set apart. God is with us. A point of contact between heaven and earth has been established that will last until the end of time.

But Jesus Christ is more than an ambassador. A man like us in all things but sin, He is also a model of holiness. He shows us that happiness is not found in riches, fame and achievement but in God alone. He shows us how to use our freedom well. And he shows us what love is like in heaven, so that during our time on earth we can prepare to be with him for eternity.

And most of all Jesus came with a mission to take away the sins of the world, your sins and mine, so that nothing would stand between us and Him. He is our savior.

This is the Christ child we gaze upon in the manger. This is the Christ child to whom the wise men from the east came to give homage over 2000 years ago. And this is the same Christ child to whom wise men and women today come to give homage and to worship.

It is my prayer that each of us will spend this Christmas season in the company of family and friends as we reflect on the Holy Family of God and give thanks.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C

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