

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
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Cemetery 815-357-8816
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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

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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 29, 2019
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Dec. 28	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory By:
Sun. Dec. 29	10:30 am	Joe & Frieda Mish By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan
Tue. Dec. 31	5:30 pm	Marcia Hughes By: Cal & Pat Duffield
Wed. Jan. 1	10:30 am	All Priests, Living & Deceased By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan
Sat. Jan. 4	5:30 pm	Missa pro Populo By:
Sun. Jan 5	10:30 am	James Brown Family (Living) By: James Brown

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Tuesday December 31	5:30 pm
Lector:	
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass
Wednesday January 1	10:30 am
Lector:	
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass
Saturday January 4	5:30 pm
Lector:	
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass
Sunday January 5	10:30 am
Lector:	
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

December 22, 2019

Collection totals for December 22nd will be in the bulletin next week.

Needed each week to pay expenses: \$1,377

ST. MARY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intention available for January 11, 18, 25 and February 8, 9, 16, 22, 29. 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. 31	4:00 pm St. Mary Victorine Ryan By:
Wed. Jan. 1	9:00 am Henry Nellett By: Donna Virgo
Thurs. Jan. 2	8:15 am Richard Virgo By: Gail Heath
Fri. Jan. 3	8:15 am Larry O'Brien By: Jim Claggett
Sat. Jan. 4	4:00 pm Linda Barschdorf (Special Intention) By: Sue Johnson
Sun. Jan. 5	9:00 am Theresa Pagoria By: Brian & Annette Olson

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Tuesday Dec. 31	4:00pm
Eucharistic Minister:	Jennifer Doloski
Lector:	Michael Doloski
Altar Servers:	Caleb/Joshua/Daniel Doloski
Wednesday Jan. 1	9:00pm
Eucharistic Minister:	Michael Bilot
Lector:	Robert Maierhofer
Altar Servers:	David/Dominic Bilot
Saturday Jan 4	4:00pm
Eucharistic Minister:	Jerry Barla
Lector:	Joyce Barla
Altar Servers:	Kevin Einhaus, Ella Sterling
Sunday Jan. 5	9:00am
Eucharistic Minister:	Gary Kizior
Lector:	Michael Bilot
Altar Servers:	David/Dominic Bilot, Elliott Geier

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

December 22, 2019

Collection totals for December 22nd will be in the bulletin next week.

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

St. Vincent's Table co-chairs, Gail Heath and Robert Alaimo would like to thank all the kind volunteers who helped make the meals such a great success in 2019. Because of your heartfelt, generous gifts of time and food, we prepared and served warm and delicious meals to more than 140 children and adults, in the Morris area. If you are interested in helping in 2020 please mark your calendar; 3/12, 6/25, 9/3 and 12/10 and watch the bulletin for details.



ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Dec. 30	8:00 am Judith Hughes By: Hughes Carlson Family
Tues. Dec. 31	4:00 pm Eleanor Richards By: Mike & Debbie Kent
Wed. Jan. 1	8:00 am For the special intentions of all the volunteers of St. Theresa Parish By: Fr. Kassa
Thur. Jan. 2	8:00 am Joe Chandler By: Wilma Stillwell
Fri. Jan. 3	8:00 am Viola Klein By: Wilma Stillwell
Sat. Jan. 4	4:00 pm Intercession of St. Isidore for a good farming season this year By: Ann Kelly
Sun. Jan. 5	8:00 am Collin Reeder & all Serving in the Military By: Mary & Dick McConville

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Tuesday Dec. 31	4:00 pm Minister: Joe Stralka Lector: Judy Konitzer Altar Servers: Caylin Cantlin, Brennen/Jakob McNally
Wednesday Jan. 1	8:00 am Minister: Mary Sons Lector: Wally Cwikla Altar Servers: Bella Dunklau, Davis Sweeney
Saturday Jan. 4	4:00 pm Minister: Don McLachlan Lector: Carol McLachlan Altar Servers: Makayla/Alexa McNally
Sunday Jan. 5	8:00 am Minister: Jack Cantlin Lector: Diego Vazquez Altar Servers: Isaac/Elizabeth Vazquez

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

December 22, 2019

Collection totals for December 22nd will be in the bulletin next week.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will resume on Thursday January 9th.

ST. THERESA - NEW YEAR POTLUCK

There will be a New Year Potluck on Sunday January 6 at 4pm in the hall. You can sign up on Facebook or in the front of the Church. Fried Chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass (vegetable, salad or dessert). Hope to see you there!

ST. PATRICK CCD

CCD will resume for Grades 1-4 on January 5, 2020 and for Grades 5-12 on January 12, 2020.

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. PATRICK SENECA

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - OSF HOSPICE

You can make a real difference in the live of a person who has a life-limiting illness. Volunteers are needed to help patients and their families in their time of need. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities: spend time with patients, run errands, assist with light housekeeping, provide respite for the family, and opportunities to serve in clerical functions in the office. There is no medical responsibilities involved for Hospice Volunteers. Please use the contact information below for more information or to schedule training. Give the gift of compassion. Kathy Steinz, OSF Hospice Coordinator, St. Elizabeth Medical Center 815-343-5891.



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.

MARQUETTE ACADEMY PLAY SCHOOL

Marquette Academy has openings for Play School beginning January 14, 2020. Play school is for children who will be three or older and potty trained by January 1. It is a two day a week, two hour play based introductory preschool with an academic focus. Please contact Mrs. Mann at the Elementary Campus at 815-433-1199 ext #1 to reserve your spot, space is limited. Visit www.marquetteacademy.net for more details about this and our other preschool programs.

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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Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

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