

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

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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.

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Father Augustin Kassa, SMA Parochial Vicar

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Sunday, January 19, 2020
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Jan. 18	5:30 pm	Shannon & Jon Sturdevant (Living) By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes
Sun. Jan 19	10:30 am	Respect Life By: St. Mary Parish
Sat. Jan. 25	5:30 pm	Marsha Hughes By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes
Sun. Jan 26	10:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By:

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday January 25	5:30 pm	Lector: Carol Olson Altar Servers: Volunteers at Mass
Sunday January 26	10:30 am	Lector: Volunteers at Mass Altar Servers: Volunteers at Mass

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

January 12, 2020	Stays in Parish	
Envelopes	\$	555.00 (14 Envelopes)
Loose	\$	<u>111.00</u>
Total	\$	666.00
Capital Improvement	\$10.00	
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$1,377		

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Mrs. Mary Hettel who made a generous donation to the furnace fund.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Tue. Jan. 21	8:15 am Theresa Pagoria By: Paula Freepartner
Wed. Jan. 22	8:15 am Deceased Members of the Domenic Gallo Family By: Thomas Josefik
Thurs. Jan. 23	8:15 am Dick Kasten By: Tom Raibley
Fri. Jan. 24	8:15 am Dorothy Buck By: Jim Claggett
Sat. Jan. 25	4:00 pm Henry Nellett By: Lorraine Horslay
Sun. Jan. 26	9:00 am Madeline Raibley By: Tom Raibley

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Jan 25	4:00pm	Eucharistic Minister: Robert Mitchell Lector: Jenny Chellino Altar Servers: Ella Sterling, Lucy Chellino
Sunday Jan. 26	9:00am	Eucharistic Minister: Sandra Kizior Lector: Robert Maierhofer Altar Servers: Levi/Calvin Maierhofer Landon Harty

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

January 12, 2019	Stays in Parish	
Sunday Collection	\$	2567.00 (62 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$	175.00
Fuel	\$	195.00
Online	\$	<u>270.00</u>
Total	\$	3543.00
Capital Improvement	\$1,160.00	
Food Pantry	\$	606.00
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$ 3,200		

ADA Update as of 12/31/19	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	\$24,830	\$18,185	\$21,702	\$6,760
Amount Owed		\$4,086	\$4,286	\$3,482	\$609

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

Mon. Jan. 20	8:00 am For those who have no one to pray for them By: Mike & Deb Kent
Tues. Jan. 21	8:00 am Thanksgiving for God's Blessing By: Mary & Dick McConville
Wed. Jan. 22	8:00 am Intercession of St. Isidore for a good farming season this year By: Ann Kelly
Thur. Jan. 23	8:00 am Howard Coppes & JoAnn Coppes Mabry By: Margi & Gene Coppes
Fri. Jan. 24	8:00 am Emmett McConville By: John & Florence McConville
Sat. Jan. 25	4:00 pm Tim Wessels By: Ted & Margaret Seed
Sun. Jan. 26	8:00 am Intercession of St. Isidore for a good farming season this year By: Ann Kelly

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday Jan. 25	4:00 pm
Minister:	Deacon Mike
Lector:	Judy Konitzer
Altar Servers:	Bella Dunklau, Hayden Bomsted
Sunday Jan. 26	8:00 am
Minister:	Deacon Mike
Lector:	Lisa Harness
Altar Servers:	Meghan Harness, Emily Harness

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

January 12, 2019	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1180.00
Loose	\$ 185.00
Candles	\$ 17.50
New Year	\$ <u>5.00</u>
Total	\$ 1387.50
Cemetery \$22.00	
Needed each week to pay expenses:	\$2,267.00

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!



THE COLD AND FLU SEASON IS HERE!

If you have a cold or the flu please stay home. During Mass (when we extend the Sign of Peace) it is probably better not to shake hands. You may gently bow at each other, or a simple wave, just be prudent. PLEASE DO NOT BE OFFENDED if your neighbor does not shake hands with you.



Note: There is hand-sanitizer in the Church.

VOLUNTEER TUTOR IVCC

The Community Tutoring Program at Illinois Valley Community College is currently accepting participants for its upcoming free Volunteer Tutor Training. Training will be offered on Saturday, February 1 and Saturday February 8 from 8:30 am until Noon at the IVCC main campus. The Community Tutoring program assists 350 adult literacy students each year in Adult Education classes. Literacy students consist of these testing below 9th grade level in reading, math and writing and also English Acquisition students. Please consider joining us in this important effort to improve literacy in the Illinois Valley. For more information on becoming a volunteer tutor, call Angela at 815-224-0479 or Susan at 815-224-0379.

ST. PATRICK FORMATION COMMITTEE

We would like to thank the Formation Committee, and presenters, Mike & Laura Bilot, for making the time after 9am Masses to help us watch, listen and learn about the "Real Presence." We invite you to come and listen as they present the final part, Part 4, of the "Real Presence" after the 9am Mass on Sunday, Jan 19th.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 2019 TAXES

ST. MARY

Please put a note in the collection basket with your name, address and phone number or call the office at 815-795-2240 or email parishgroup3@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK

Fill out the 2019 Statement Request Form and drop in the weekly collection basket. Forms are located at the back of the church or on the website: www.senecastpatricks.com.

ST. THERESA

Please put a note in the collection basket with your name and envelope number.

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.

Catholic School Financial Assistance

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2020-2021 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under **Catholic Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2020-2021 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is **April 15, 2020**. Notification of grant awards will be made by the end of June 2020.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God. In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



The 2019 ADA is coming to a close soon. Any amount under the goal set for each church will be billed to the church. Please consider helping your church to get closer to its goal, so church

funds don't have to be used to fulfill the ADA goal.

Thank you to all who have contributed. It is greatly appreciated!

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