

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
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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, February 23, 2020
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Feb. 22	5:30 pm	Jackie Leininger By: Betty Fontana
Sun. Feb. 23	10:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory By:
Wed. Feb 26	5:30 pm	Missa pro Populo
Sat. Feb. 29	5:30 pm	Robert & Anna Marie Miller By: Mike & Elaine Sheridan
Sun. Mar. 1	10:30 am	Mary Hughes By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Wednesday February 26	5:30 pm
Lector:	Pat Durdan
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass
Saturday February 29	5:30 pm
Lector:	Bruno Girls
Altar Servers:	Bruno Girls
Sunday March 1	10:30 am
Lector:	Pat Durdan
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

February 16, 2020	Stays in Parish	
Envelopes	\$	898.00 (25 Envelopes)
Loose	\$	<u>227.00</u>
Total	\$	1125.00
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.

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have information or announcements that you want in the bulletin, we ask that you send all information to this e-mail address: **parishgroup3@gmail.com** by 12:00 Noon on the Monday prior to the Sunday you want the information in the bulletin. This includes the weekly information of collection totals, Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Altar Servers.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Sat. Feb. 22	4:00 pm Henry Nellett By: Bill & Carol Mitchell
Sun. Feb. 23	9:00 am Jeffrey Haiduke By: Haiduke Family By: Sue Johnson
Tue. Feb. 25	8:15 am Henry Nellett By: Jim & Joan Claggett
Wed. Feb. 26	8:15 am Deceased Members of the Domenic Gallo Family By: Thomas Josefik 7:00 pm All Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. Feb. 27	8:15 am Mario Tolomei By: Bill & Kim Jaraczewski
Fri. Feb. 28	8:15 am Holly Kovel By: Ray & Pam Eich
Sat. Feb. 29	4:00 pm James Horsley By: Lorraine Horsley
Sun. Mar. 1	9:00 am Henry Nellett By: Joe Newman

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Wednesday Feb. 26	7:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Jerry Barla	
Lector: Joyce Barla	
Altar Servers: Volunteers at Mass	
Saturday Feb. 29	4:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski	
Lector: Michael Doloski	
Altar Servers: Daniel/Joshua/David Doloski	
Sunday Mar. 1	9:00 am
Eucharistic Minister: Sandra Kizior	
Lector: Cathy Erickson	
Altar Servers: David Bilot, Landon Harty Brody Thompson	

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

February 16, 2020	Stays in Parish	
Sunday Collection	\$	2643.00 (71 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$	242.93
Online	\$	<u>255.00</u>
Total	\$	3140.93
E. Europe Church	\$	50.00
Capital Improvement	\$	205.00
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$ 3,200		

SAVE THE DATE - St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, March 14th from 4-6:30. Complete details soon to follow.



ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. Feb. 22	4:00 pm George Durbin By: Barb Lane
Sun. Feb. 23	8:00 am Mario Donato By: Joanna & Dan McConville
Mon. Feb. 24	8:00 am George Dubin By: Ted & Jane Zimmerman
Tues. Feb. 25	8:00 am George Durbin By: Family & Friends
Wed. Feb. 26	8:00 am Sue Hall By: Wilma Stillwell 4:00 pm Missa pro Populo By:
Thur. Feb. 27	8:00 am Francis Broda By: Beverly Vainisi
Fri. Feb. 28	8:00 am Eleanor Heitmann By: Judy Konitzer
Sat. Feb. 29	4:00 pm Frances McConville By: John & Florence McConville
Sun. Mar. 1	8:00 am Collin Reeder & All Serving in the Military By: Mary & Dick McConville

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Wednesday Feb. 26	4:00 pm Minister: Volunteers at Mass Lector: Volunteers at Mass Altar Servers: Volunteers at Mass
Saturday Feb. 29	4:00 pm Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Ed Taylor Altar Servers: Bella Dunklau, Hayden Bomsted
Sunday Mar. 1	8:00 am Minister: Deacon Mike Lector: Wally Cwikla Altar Servers: Jakob McNally, Brennen McNally

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

February 16, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1072.00
Loose	\$ 266.00
Repairs	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 1348.00
Cemetery	\$20.00

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



Sharing Heart in Earlville is collecting hygiene and personal care items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste), and house cleaning products for the poor. Please consider donating.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

	Morning	Evening
St. Theresa, Earlville	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
St. Mary, Grand Ridge		5:30 p.m.
St. Patrick, Seneca	8:15 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph, Marseilles	7:15 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
St. Patrick, Ransom		4:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Theresa, Earlville	Fridays, 5:00pm	Stations
St. Mary, GrandRidge	Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Mass & Stations
St. Patrick, Seneca	Fridays, 5:30pm	Stations
St. Joseph, Marseilles	Fridays, 5:30pm	Stations
St. Patrick, Ransom	Thursdays, 5:00pm	Mass & Stations

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross represent events from Jesus' Passion and Death. At each Station, we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for our parishes to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live our Gospel call to see those in distress and help those in need.

Join our faith community-and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your Rice Bowl at Church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

ST. THERESA FISH BOIL

St. Theresa's Church in Earlville will be having a Fish Boil February 26 from 4-7pm. Fish, coleslaw, potatoes and dessert will be on the menu. Children may order a grilled cheese meal for \$5, adult tickets are \$10. Carry outs available. Tickets on sale now from parishioners, or by calling 815-246-4321. We hope to see you there!
Volunteers Needed: Please sign up in the vestibule.

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.

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.

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Background on the Gospel Reading

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

Regulations for Lent and the Easter Triduum

1. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.
2. Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 and all Fridays of Lent.
3. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and Good Friday, April 10, 2020.
4. On those two days of fast and abstinence, one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work should be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
5. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.



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