

# 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

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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, July 12, 2020  
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. July 11	5:30 pm	Shirley Hiland By: Ed & Darlene Hettel
Sun. July 12	10:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat. July 18	5:30 pm	Sheila Rawlins By: James Brown
Sun. July 19	10:30 am	Dode Brown By: James Brown

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday July 18</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Lector:	Bill Novotney
Altar Servers:	Ray Hladovac
<b>Sunday July 19</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Lector:	Pat Duffield
Altar Servers:	Volunteers at Mass

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

July 5, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 955.00 ( Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$ <u>30.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 985.00</b>
<b>Needed each week to pay expenses: \$1,377</b>	

**Altar Servers and Readers needed. Adults may volunteer to serve also! Please contact Joyce Hettel at 815-228-9134.**

### ST. MARY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for September. 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. **Masses that had been missed due to the virus have been rescheduled.**

Volunteers needed to stay after mass to help sanitize the Church. We have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.



# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Sat. July 11	4:00 pm Kay Wilhelmi By: Ray & Pam Eich
Sun. July 12	9:00 am The Barla Family By: The Barla Family
Tue. July 14	8:15 am Theresa Pagoria By: Luella Rooney
Wed. July 15	8:15 am Mario Tolomei By: Bud Grignon
Thurs. July 16	8:15 am Gerald & Geraldine Stropoli Wedding Anniversary By: Geraldine Stropoli
Fri. July 17	8:15 am Marilyn Buchanan By: Brian & Annette Olson
Sat. July 18	4:00 pm Richard Rosencrans By: The Rosencrans Family
Sun. July 19	9:00 am Dustin Bersano By: Joe & Connie Bersano

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday July 18</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski	
Lector: Michael Doloski	
Altar Servers: Daniel Doloski	
<b>Sunday July 19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Eucharistic Minister: Michael Bilot	
Lector: Lynn Hobbs	
Altar Servers: David Bilot	

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

July 5, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,500.00 (43 env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 369.00
Online	\$ <u>580.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,449.00</b>

Capital Improvement \$925.00  
**Needed each week to pay expenses: \$3,200**

**We are actively recruiting volunteers to support our reopening efforts! Thank you in advance for your commitment to our parish and answering the call to assist us over the next few weeks. If you are ready and willing to help before you hear from us, please call Margi Weber (Cleaning Team) or Gerry Baker (Greeting/Usher).** With parental permission, high school students who are under 18 may volunteer. We are all in this together and need everyone's help, support and prayers!



# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sun. July 12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of Beth & Russel Wackerlin By: Mary & Dick McConville
<b>Mon. July 13</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Healing for all the Sick By: Mary & Dick McConville
<b>Tues. July 14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Ambrose & Maureen Corrigan By: Tim & Cindy Cook
<b>Wed. July 15</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Kevin Corrigan By: Tim & Cindy Cook
<b>Thur. July 16</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Deceased Members of the Corrigan Family By: Tim & Cindy Cook
<b>Fri. July 17</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Deceased Members of the Cook Family By: Tim & Cindy Cook
<b>Sun. July 19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Charlene Eike By: Mary & Dick McConville

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

July 5, 2020	Stays in Parish	
Sunday Collection	\$	1,260.00
Loose	\$	182.00
Windows	\$	5,311.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,753.00</b>
Cemetery	\$89.00	Peters Pence \$25.00
<b>Needed each week to pay expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,267.00</b>

Upon our retirement from our secular jobs, Pat and I have been considering a move to a warmer and more affordable area where we could live out our retirement years, yet maintain an active ministry. The opportunity for this suddenly happened in an area we have long owned property, and have been spending a lot of time. This Sunday (July 12) will be my last regularly scheduled mass as a deacon at St. Theresa in Earlville. Effective at the beginning of August I will be starting a new assignment as a deacon at St. Mark Church in Houston, MO, St. John the Baptist Mission in Licking, MO, and St. Vincent de Paul Mission in Roby, MO, with ministerial duties at Missouri Southcentral Correctional Facility. While serving in the diocese of Springfield/Cape Girardeau, Missouri, I will remain incardinated in the Peoria Diocese. We will miss the parishioners and priests of St. Theresa very much and it is with mixed feelings we make this change, but after prayerful consideration we feel it is the right choice. Please feel free to contact me at the same phone number (815)414-1193 or email [mikeevers1130@gmail.com](mailto:mikeevers1130@gmail.com). Our new mailing address will be 1216 Hawthorne Street, Houston, MO 65483. I look forward to staying in touch with everyone from St. Theresa. God bless you all, Deacon Mike Evers

## ST. THERESA

**Sunday Mass will be at 9:00am due to the heat.** Weekday mass is being offered inside the Church each day at 8:00am. Pews are marked for any restrictions. Masks are required. We will have one mass each weekend until further notice.

For updated information check St. Theresa's Facebook page or the website at [www.st-theresa-earlville.com](http://www.st-theresa-earlville.com) or call the rectory.



## ST. THERESA MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions available for July, August and September. Please contact Fr. Kassa.

## WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:

While our parish staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space, since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

## PROTOCOL FOR CHURCH REOPENING

- Please wear your mask or face covering when at Church.
- Use the hand sanitizer as you enter the church. They are located at every entrance.
- Maintain social distancing when at Church (Family members in the same household do not need to maintain distance from each other) including in line to receive communion.
- Communion will be taken in the hand to avoid any physical contact.
- If you are sick or have a fever or flu-like symptoms you should not enter the church and should stay home.
- Those who are elderly or vulnerable are encouraged to remain at home.

Those who are in high-risk population or who are vulnerable should exercise prudence by remaining as safe as possible. When in doubt, the ill and elderly should continue to remain at home. The faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for these reasons.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.

### **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.

For those who need to reach Deacon Ron you may contact him at 815-712-5882.

**PEORIA DIOCESE ONLINE GIVING:** The "Support Your Parish" online giving option from the Diocese is going to be phased out at the end of July. Several parishes have seen donations come through this portal during the stay at home mandate. You may still send checks by mail.

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### **2020 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

The ADA for 2020 has been rescheduled for the weekend of September 19/20, 2020. The overall Diocesan goal was lowered and each parish should see an 11% decrease in its goal. New goals will be sent at a later date and will be printed in the bulletin. There will not be another appeal in March 2021. Instead all future Annual Diocesan Appeals will be held in September moving forward.

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### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity of LaSalle-Bureau-Putnam Counties are looking for volunteers. For more information call their office at 815-434-2041, leave a message and you will receive a call back.

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## SEEDS OF TRANSFORMATION

• **Douglas Sousa, STL**

Words can be cheap. We can't always tell whether people mean what they say until we see them do something about it. There are some people whose word we can trust, but they are very often the exception. For most people, we need to get everything spelled out in writing or in a contract so that we can hold them to it. For most of us, actions are what count, not words.

With God, however, it is different. Because God is truth, His word is trustworthy. Unlike people, God cannot use words to lie or to deceive. God's words are never empty or meaningless. God means what He says. And what He says has the power to change and to save us.

[Sunday's first reading from the prophet Isaiah](#) describes the power of God's Word. It is like rain which drenches the ground and feeds the soil, causing vegetation and fruit to grow. Just as the rain gives life to the earth, so God's Word nourishes our roots and fills us with life.

Isaiah tells us that God's Word will not come back to Him empty. It will fulfill its purpose. God's Word will not be frustrated. If we hear God's Word and take it to heart, it will mean salvation and life for us. If we decide to ignore it and to live our life as if God didn't exist, we will be judged by that Word.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus compares God's Word to seeds which a man scatters on the ground. Seeds are tiny. But, when one of them finds the right soil, it can grow into a fruitful tree. Like a seed, God's Word doesn't always seem like much. But, when we take it to heart and it finds good soil in us, it has the power to really change us, to give us life, and to make us fruitful.

The image of the seed helps us to understand God's Kingdom in another way. It grows in our midst silently and slowly. We don't often notice it from day to day or even from year to year. But, with sure progress, God is laying more of a claim on our hearts and on our society. Just as a seed, once it is planted, has a power within it that drives it to become the tree it is meant to be, so God's Kingdom, once planted in our world and in our souls by Jesus himself, takes root and spreads its branches slowly but surely throughout all of human history.

As we look at our world, at our Church and at ourselves, we know that we are not all that we could be. We know that as a community and as individuals, we fall short of the high standard that God's Word has set for us. But we are still in seed form. We are still growing. Just as it takes time for the tiny acorn to become the mighty oak which is sleeping within it, so we are still far off from the glory and the freedom which will be revealed in us as sons and daughters of God. As Saint Paul writes in the second reading, "All creation groans and is in agony awaiting the revelation of the sons and daughters of God." There is a glory and a freedom sleeping within all of us, growing slowly, leading us to become more fully the women and men God intended us to be.

God tells us so in His Word. It is true, even though we cannot yet see it in all its fullness.

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