

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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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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St. Theresa

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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, August 2, 2020
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Aug. 1	5:30 pm	James & David Sheridan By: Mike & Elaine Sheridan
Sun. Aug. 2	10:30 am	Katherine Riva By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes
Sat. Aug. 8	5:30 pm	Casey Skiba By: The Skiba Family
Sun. Aug. 9	10:30 am	Dave Fulkerson By: Bill & Carol Olson

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday August 8	5:30 pm
Lector:	TBD
Altar Servers:	TBD
Sunday August 9	10:30 am
Lector:	TBD
Altar Servers:	TBD

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

July 26, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 687.67 (23 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$ <u>230.00</u>
Total	\$ 917.67
St. Vincent \$1.00	
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$1,377	

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.**



Don't forget to sign up!
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. Aug. 1	4:00 pm Dick Voitik By: Ray & Pam Eich
Sun. Aug. 2	9:00 am Mario Tolomei By: Bonnie & Jim Olson
Tue. Aug. 4	8:15 am The Feldkamp Family By: Paula Freepartner
Wed. Aug. 5	8:15 am The Summers Family By: Joe Newman
Thurs. Aug. 6	8:15 am Henry Nellet By: Utica Knights of Columbus
Fri. Aug. 7	8:15 am Bill & Marilyn Kruger By: Richard & Nancy Sulzburger
Sat. Aug. 8	4:00 pm Al & Jean Smolka By: Bob & Cindy Mitchell
Sun. Aug. 9	9:00 am Mario Tolomei By: Bud Grignon

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday August 8	4:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Jenniver Doloski	
Lector: Jenny Chellino	
Altar Servers: Clara Bruno	
Sunday August 9	9:00 am
Eucharistic Minister: Gary Kizior	
Lector: Josh Marik	
Altar Servers: Dominic Bilot	

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

July 26, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,111.00 (Env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 427.00
Online	\$ <u>690.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,228.00

Capital Improvement \$185.00
Cemetery \$230.00

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

We are looking for volunteers to watch for bats inside and outside the Church. Interested parties may contact Ray Eich and he will put you on a list and call you once he has dates scheduled. For the inside bat watch, you will need a high powered spotlight. Call Ray Eich at 815-357-1820 (leave a message if no answer).

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Aug. 2	9:00 am Gladys Kipper By: Mary Co
Mon. Aug. 3	8:00 am Rich Konitzer By: Family
Tues. Aug. 4	8:00 am Ernest Tesch By: Ted & Margaret Seed
Wed. Aug. 5	8:00 am Donna Linder By: Mary Corel
Thur. Aug. 6	8:00 am James Lederman By: Mary Corel
Fri. Aug. 7	8:00 am Mary Catherine Wujer By: Mary Corel
Sun. Aug. 8	9:00 am Mildred Goodbred By: The Goodbred Family

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

July 19, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 361.00
Loose	\$ <u>132.00</u>
Total	\$ 493.00

July 26, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,004.00
Loose	\$ <u>320.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,324.00

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

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 or call the rectory.



ST. THERESA MASS INTENTIONS

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

Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless.

Mother Theresa

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE ACTION

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place.

No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

– Tracy Earl Welliver
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DIOCESAN 25TH & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



On September 13, 2020 at 3:30 pm Bishop Jenky will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary for couples who are celebrating either their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020. Please call the office if you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage this year at 815-795-2240. These couples will receive a personal invitation from the Bishop.

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.

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.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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.

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