

# 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

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## St. Theresa

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Earlville, IL 60518  
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st-theresa-earlville.com

### 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.

Deacon Ron Wackerlin  
815-712-5882

## Father Ghislain Inai, SMA Pastor

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## Father Augustin Kassa, SMA Parochial Vicar

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Sunday, August 16, 2020  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Aug. 15	5:30 pm	Dale Hettel By: Ed & Darlene Hettel
Sun. Aug. 16	10:30 am	Jackie Leininger By: Betty Fontana
Sat. Aug. 22	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Aug. 23	10:30 am	Mike & Elaine Sheridan 50th Wedding Anniversary By: Mike & Elaine Sheridan

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday August 22</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Lector: Mara Bruno Altar Servers: Clara Bruno	
<b>Sunday August 23</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Lector: Pat Duffield Altar Servers: TBD	

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

August 9, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 774.89 (18 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$ <u>50.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 824.89</b>

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.**

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Sat. Aug. 15	4:00 pm Butch & Grace Eich By: Ray & Pam Eich
Sun. Aug. 16	9:00 am The Barla Family By: The Barla Family
Tue. Aug. 18	8:15 am Dennis Farrell By: Jim Claggett
Wed. Aug. 19	8:15 am Mario Tolomei By: Joyce Panti & Bob Smith
Thurs. Aug. 20	8:15 am Catherine Farrell By: Jim Claggett
Fri. Aug. 21	8:15 am Danny Feldkamp By: Paula Freepartner
Sat. Aug. 22	4:00 pm Richard Rosencrans By: The Rosencrans Family
Sun. Aug. 23	9:00 am Richard Rosencrans By: The Rosencrans Family

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday August 22</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Eucharistic Minister: Jackie Nusbaumer Lector: David Nusbaumer Altar Servers: Ella Sterling	
<b>Sunday August 23</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Eucharistic Minister: Tracy Ellis Lector: Kathy Baker Altar Servers: Dominic Bilot	

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

August 9, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,030.00 (45 Env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 493.00
Fuel	\$ 100.00
Assumption	\$ 30.00
Online	\$ <u>720.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,548.00</b>

Capital Improvement \$725.00  
Fuel \$100.00

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

### DRIVE THRU PORK CHOP SUPPER

Stavanger Lutheran Church, 2904 N. 32nd Rd, Seneca will be having a drive thru Pork Chop Supper on **August 29th** from 4:30 -6:30pm. 2 Chop Dinner \$13.00, Hot Dog Meal \$4.00. For tickets call 815-343-3304 or 815-474-1187.



# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sun. Aug. 16</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Colin Reeder & all serving in the Military By: Mary & Dick McConville
<b>Mon. Aug. 17</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Sister Agnese By:
<b>Tues. Aug. 18</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Waichunas Family By:
<b>Wed. Aug. 19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Ignatius Family By:
<b>Thur. Aug. 20</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> All Souls in Purgatory By: Fr. Kassa
<b>Fri. Aug. 21</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> All Souls in Purgatory By: Fr. Kassa
<b>Sun. Aug. 23</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Rose McConville By: Joanna & Dan McConville

## Eucharist Minister, Lector

**Sunday August 23 9:00 am**

Lector: Diego Vazquez

Minister: Mary Sons

Altar Server: None Scheduled at this time

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

August 9, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,905.00
Loose	\$ 950.46
Candle	\$ 49.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,904.46</b>

**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](http://www.st-theresa-earlville.com) or call the rectory.



## ST. THERESA MASS INTENTIONS

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

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Fr. Kassa will be leaving our Parish, his final mass will be on August 23rd at St. Theresa. He will be taking Theology classes at Villanova University in PA. before his visa expires in December. No priest has been assigned at this time.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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### **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.

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### **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.

*If you are really humble, if you realize how small you are and how much you need God, then you cannot fail.*

**Mother Theresa**

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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