

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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815-357-6239
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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.

Deacon Ron Wackerlin
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Sunday, August 23, 2020
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
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
Sat. Aug. 29	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Aug. 30	10:30 am	Lorraine Landers By: Ed & Darlene Hettel

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday August 29	5:30 pm
Lector: Bill Novotney Altar Servers: TBD	
Sunday August 30	10:30 am
Lector: Marc Cheffer Altar Servers: TBD	

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

August 9, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 780.00 (19 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$ 45.00
Assumption	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 875.00
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.



The St. Mary's Parish Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteers at the church in anyway. We are sincerely grateful that there are so many, it is hard to list or thank everyone individually. Our parish is the great parish it is due to volunteers. Thank you again!

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Sat. Aug. 22	4:00 pm Richard Rosencrans By: The Rosencrans Family
Sun. Aug. 23	9:00 am Richard Rosencrans By: The Rosencrans Family
Tue. Aug. 25	8:15 am Richard Virgo, Jr. By: Donna Virgo
Wed. Aug. 26	8:15 am Fred Berta By: Peg Berta
Thurs. Aug. 27	8:15 am The Sulzburger Family By: Richard & Nancy Sulzberger
Fri. Aug. 28	8:15 am Msgr. Raymond Boyle By: Jim Claggett
Sat. Aug. 29	4:00 pm Fannie Newman By: Joe Newman
Sun. Aug. 30	9:00 am Herman Schaefer By: Bill & Theresa Doerfler

Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday August 29	4:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Cathy Erickson Lector: Margi Weber Altar Servers: Peyton Weber	
Sunday August 30	9:00 am
Eucharistic Minister: Allie Williamson Lector: Robert Maierhofer Altar Servers: Levi Maierhofer	

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

August 16, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,901.00 (36 Env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 567.00
Assumption	\$ 205.00
Online	\$ <u>795.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,468.00
Capital Improvement \$496.15	
Needed each week to pay expenses: \$3,200	

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, SENECA

- 2nd Sunday of month Food Pantry Collection
- 4th Sunday of month for Cemetery Collection

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Aug. 23	9:00 am Rose McConville By: Joanna & Dan McConville
Mon. Aug. 24	8:00 am By:
Tues. Aug. 25	8:00 am By:
Wed. Aug. 26	8:00 am Margaret Stockley By: Kate Donahue
Thur. Aug. 27	8:00 am By:
Fri. Aug. 28	8:00 am By:
Sun. Aug. 30	9:00 am By:

Eucharist Minister, Lector

Sunday August 30 9:00 am
Lector: Wally Cwikla
Minister: Jack Cantlin
Altar Server: None Scheduled at this time

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

August 16, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,195.00
Loose	\$ 112.00
Cemetery	\$ <u>22.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,329.00
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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration Forms and information regarding CCD are on St. Theresa's website. Classes will begin in mid September following the Sunday morning Mass. Please contact Jean Dau 815-712-7021 with any questions.



Welcome Fr. Millar!

Fr. Alexander Millar, a Diocesan Priest, will be joining our Parishes on Wednesday September 9, 2020. Fr. Millar was ordained in 2015 and will be coming from (Rector) St. Mary Cathedral and (Pastor) St. Bernard, Sacred Heart, Peoria.



Fr. Jean has a new name "Father Farmer Jean".

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.

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.



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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

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



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