

# 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

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.

### Communion Service

Monday ~ 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



## St. Theresa

221 West Union Street  
Earlville, IL 60518  
815-246-4321  
st-theresa-earlville.com

### Mass Times

Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m.  
Mon - Thur. ~ 8:00 a.m.

### Communion Service

Friday - 8:00 a.m.

### Confessions

By appointment

Religious Education for Students  
CCD Classes are held on Sundays  
from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Please con-  
tact Jean Dau for details, 815-712-  
7021

Deacon Ron Wackerlin 815-712-5882

### Father Alexander Millar, Pastor

176 West Union Street  
Seneca, IL 61360

### Father Jean Tayoro, SMA Parochial Vicar

221 West Union Street  
Earlville, IL 60518

### Common Parish Office

200 Broadway St.  
Marseilles, IL 61341

Mon - Thur. 9:00am to 2:30pm

Office Phone (815) 795-2240

Email address: parishgroup3@gmail.com

Sunday, October 4, 2020

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Oct. 3	5:30 pm	Richard Naretty By: Kathleen Naretty
Sun. Oct. 4	10:30 am	Joseph Hughes By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes
Sat. Oct. 10	5:30 pm	Norma Hepner By: The Hepner Family
Sun. Oct. 11	10:30 am	Richard Naretty By: Kathleen Naretty

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday October 10</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Lector: Cindy Mickelson Altar Servers: TBD	
<b>Sunday October 11</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Lector: Marc Cheffer Altar Servers: TBD	

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

September 27, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,137.67 (24 Envelopes)
Loose Cash	\$ <u>60.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,197.67</b>

## LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS

Monica Soulsby is the new scheduler for Lectors and Altar Servers. Monica may be contact by email at [mmsoulsby@yahoo.com](mailto:mmsoulsby@yahoo.com) or call/text her at 815-257-5058. We are in need of new Altar Servers.

## ST. MARY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions needed for October and November. 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](mailto:parishgroup3@gmail.com).

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	
Sat. Oct. 3	4:00 pm Mario Tolomei By: Joyce Ponti & Bob Smith
Sun. Oct. 4	9:00 am Richard Rosencrans By: Rosencrans Family
Mon. Oct. 5	8:15 am <b>Communion Service</b>
Tue. Oct. 6	8:15 am Lynn Shearin By: Paula Freepartner
Wed. Oct. 7	8:15 am Class of 1949 By: Joe Newman
Thurs. Oct. 8	8:15 am Mario Tolomei By: Tom & Terri Kramarsic
Fri. Oct. 9	8:15 am Richard Virgo, Jr. By: Donna Virgo
Sat. Oct. 10	4:00 pm Joan Reardon By: Laylon Sanchez
Sun. Oct. 11	9:00 am Mario Tolomei By: Bill & Kim Jaraczewski

## Eucharist Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

<b>Saturday October 10</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
Eucharistic Minister: Jackie Nusbaumer Lector: David Nusbaumer Altar Servers: Ella Sterling	
<b>Sunday October 11</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Eucharistic Minister: Tracy Ellis Lector: Kathy Baker Altar Servers: Jace Mitchell	

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

September 27, 2020	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,093.00 (54 Env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 988.00
Fuel	\$ 50.00
Online	\$ <u>555.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,686.00</b>

Capital Improvement \$250.00  
 Cemetery \$495.50  
 Food Pantry \$25.00

## ST. PATRICK CHURCH, SENECA

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

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# ST. THERESA CHURCH

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sun. Oct. 4</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Salvatore Ferrera By: Janis & Mark Dunklau
<b>Mon. Oct. 5</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Richard Naretty By: Kathleen Naretty
<b>Tues. Oct. 6</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Deceased members of the Leo Doherty Family By: Kate Donahue
<b>Wed. Oct. 7</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Carl Rolewick By: Mary Corel
<b>Thur. Oct. 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Spencer, Pete & Esther Yarnell By: Rose & Cary Stockley
<b>Fri. Oct. 9</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Communion Service
<b>Sun. Oct. 11</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Wanda Ferrera By: Janis & Mark Dunklau <b>8:30 am</b> Ralph Wakerlin, Sr. By: Beth & Russel Wakerlin

## Eucharist Minister, Lector

<b>Sunday Oct. 11</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
Minister:	
Lector:	
Altar Servers:	None Scheduled at this time
<b>Sunday Oct. 11</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Minister:	Mary Sons
Lector:	Diego Vazquez
Altar Servers:	None Scheduled at this time

## Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

<b>September 27, 2020</b>	<b>Stays in Parish</b>
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,206.00
Loose	\$ ____ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,211.00</b>

Cemetery \$50.00

## WINDOW PROJECT UPDATE

The windows are in at Golden Rule and we have paid for them. We are now waiting for the contractor to install them this fall. We have raised enough money to cover the contract, barring any unforeseen issues. Thank you for all your generous donations to this project!

## BLOOD DRIVE - EARLVILLE, IL

Upcoming blood drive on October 29th from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church on East St. in Earlville.



For those who need to reach Fr. Millar directly please email him at: [awmillar@outlook.com](mailto:awmillar@outlook.com)

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

Brothers and Sisters,

In the seminary, we are often instructed to change as little as possible in our first year; unfortunately with the change in weather, we have been forced to look at adapting our Mass times to ensure that everyone in our parishes are able to attend the Sacred Mysteries during the COVID19 restrictions. After consulting with Fr. Jean, Dcn. Ron, and members of the various parish councils, I believe that we have created a schedule that will allow us to serve each parish to the best of our abilities. Although it was not possible to account for every parish's preferences, there will now be a greater diversity of times across our various churches, which will ensure Fr. Jean and I have plenty of time to be at each church after Masses without having to run off immediately to the next. Furthermore, due to the change in weather, it was also recommended that we make these changes as soon as possible. Therefore, starting October 10, we will move to the new schedule given below. Thank you all for your understanding and patience as we make these changes. May God continue to bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Alexander Millar

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF October 10/11	SATURDAY Mass	SUNDAY Mass
St. Patrick, Seneca	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
St. Joseph, Marseilles	4:00 PM	11:00 AM
St. Mary, Grand Ridge	5:30 PM	10:30 AM
St. Patrick, Ransom	---	7:30 AM
St. Theresa, Earlville	---	7:00 AM 8:30 AM

### **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 office. 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 office 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 office for more information. Thank you.

### **COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Deacon Ron will have Communion Service at 7:15am in **Marseilles** and at 8:15am in **Seneca** on Monday each week. Friday Communion Service will be in **Earville** at 8:00am.

### **ALL SOULS DAY**

Those who wish to have their Loved Ones remembered at the All Souls Day Mass, please use the envelope provided in your packet or write on a separate sheet of paper with your donation and add to the collection basket. The names will be printed in the bulletin so please print clearly and return all envelopes by October 25th. Thank you!

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### **FALL KICKOFF DRIVE THROUGH LUNCHEON**

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus presents a Fall Kickoff Drive-through Luncheon on Sunday October 11th from 12pm to 3pm at St. Joseph Church, Marseilles. Choice of Burger, Brat or Hot Dog with fries and drink. **\$5.00 all meals!**

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### **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.

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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