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St. Theresa's Earlville + St. Joseph's Marseilles + St. Patrick's Seneca
St. Mary's Grand Ridge + St. Patrick's Ransom

MASS TIMES

Monday - Thursday

8:00a Earlville

Tuesday - Friday

7:15a Marseilles

8:15a Seneca

Saturday

4:00p Seneca

4:00p Marseilles

5:30p Grand Ridge

Sunday

7:00a Earlville

7:30a Ransom

8:30a Earlville

9:00a Seneca

10:30a Grand Ridge

11:00a Marseilles

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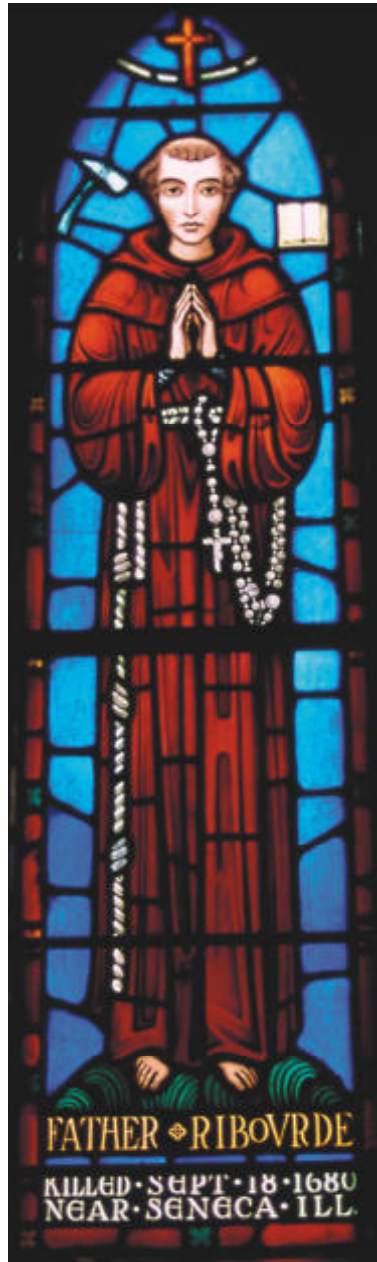
Monday

7:15a Marseilles

8:15a Seneca

Friday

8:00a Earlville



CONFESSIONS

Saturday

3:00-3:45p Seneca

3:00-3:45p Marseilles

Sunday

8:00a-8:20a Earlville

CLERGY

Pastor

Fr. Alexander Millar

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA

Parish Deacon

Dcn. Ron Wackerlin

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FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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221 W. Union St
Earlville, IL 60518

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200 Broadway St
Marseilles, IL 61341

Saint Patrick's
176 W. Union St
Seneca, IL 61360

St. Mary of the Fields
2098 E. 22nd Rd
Grand Ridge, IL 61325

Saint Patrick's
110 S Wallace St
Ransom, IL 60470

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH		
Sat. Feb. 13	5:30 pm	Phillip Whalen By: Friends & Family
Sun. Feb. 14	10:30 am	Jim Durdan By:
Wed. Feb. 17	5:30 pm	Phillip Whalen By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan
Sat. Feb. 20	5:30 pm	Arnold Bailey Jr. By: Ed & Darlene Hettel
Sun. Feb. 21	10:30 am	Phillip Whalen By: Frank Youmans

Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Wednesday February 17 5:30 pm
Lector: Pat Durdan
Altar Servers: TBD
Saturday February 20 5:30 pm
Lector: Pat Durdan
Altar Servers: TBD
Sunday February 21 10:30 am
Lector: Marc Cheffer
Altar Servers: TBD

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

February 7, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,700.00 (Env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 70.00
School	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,790.00
St. Vincents	\$20.00
Eastern Europe	\$10.00
Capital Improvement	\$50.00

LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS

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

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.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH		
Sat. Feb. 13	4:00 pm	Herman Schaefer By: Rudy & Viv Maierhofer
Sun. Feb. 14	9:00 am	Barbara Higgins By: Merlyn Higgins
Mon. Feb. 15	8:15 am	*Communion Service
Tue. Feb. 16	8:15 am	Annette Denninger By: Annette Olson
Wed. Feb. 17	8:15 am	Larry O'Brien By: Jim Claggett
	7:00 pm	Tiffany Bicknase By: The Hogan Family
Thurs. Feb. 18	8:15 am	Mary Reeves By: Jim Claggett
Fri. Feb. 19	8:15 am	Anton & Theresa Pagoria By: Nancy Lawson
Sat. Feb. 20	4:00 pm	Bryja Family By: Katherine Bartkus
Sun. Feb. 21	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving, God Bless America By: Tom Raibley

Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Wednesday February 17 7:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski
Lector: Michael Doloski
Altar Servers: Caleb Doloski
Saturday February 20 4:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski
Lector: Michael Doloski
Altar Servers: Daniel & Joshua Doloski
Sunday February 21 9:00 am
Eucharistic Minister: Gary Kizior
Lector: Michael Bilot
Altar Servers: David & Dominic Bilot, Elliot Geier, Brody Thompson

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

February 7, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,665.00 (40 Env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 122.00
Online	\$ <u>610.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,397.00
Capital Improvement	\$1,990.00



ALL Parishioners at St. Patrick's in Seneca greatly appreciate the ongoing snow plowing that has been done. We would like to thank Parishioners Gerry Barla and Richard Barla. Matt Erickson, a non-Parishioner, has been so kind to help out with plowing our parking lot and parking spaces around the church. If you see these guys around town, please be sure to thank them personally!

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb. 14	7:00 am Missa Pro Populo 8:30 am Marguerite Hill By: Cindy & John Noel and Larry Burd
Mon. Feb. 15	8:00 am Joan Norton By: Joan Norton Family
Tues. Feb. 16	8:00 am Charlotte Corcoran By: John Garrity
Wed. Feb. 17	8:00 am Robert & Charlotte Corcoran By: The Family 7:30 pm Joan Zimmerman By: Jane & Ted Zimmerman
Thur. Feb. 18	8:00 am Emmett McLachlan By: Dick & Marylee McConville
Fri. Feb. 19	8:00 am *Communion Service
Sun. Feb. 21	7:00 am Archbishop Myers By: Class of '59 8:30 am Mario Donato By: Dan & Jane McConville

Eucharistic Minister, Lector

Sunday February 21 7:00 am
Minister: Don McLachlan
Lector: Carol McLachlan
Sunday February 21 8:30 am
Minister: Jack Cantlin
Lector: Wally Cwikla

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

February 7, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,500.00
Loose Cash	\$ 45.00
Candle	\$ 53.00
Total	\$ 1,598.00

ST. THERESA FISH BOIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the following:

Cook fish and potatoes call John Garrity, 815-343-1243
Kitchen Help, Mary McConville 815-866-8876

Need prepping help after 8:00am mass for 1-2 hours and serving help at 2:30.

Also needed are a few people to help make Mac n Cheese, recipe will be provided. To purchase or sell tickets call Mary Sons at 815-414-3241. We also need a few agile, young people to carry food to cars and do miscellaneous jobs.

Any questions regarding the above information please contact Judy Konitzer, 815-495-4421.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 17, 2021	Mass	Ashes Only
St. Theresa, Earlville	8:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	
St. Mary, Grand Ridge	5:30 p.m.	
St. Patrick, Seneca	8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	
St. Joseph, Marseilles	7:15 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
St. Patrick, Ransom		5:00 p.m.

LENTEN EXERCISES FOR MEN

Tired of the same thing every year for Lent? Are you interested in the unique challenges that Lent presents for your spiritual life. Consider trying the Lenten Exercises for Men, a combination of spiritual and ascetical practices to assist your campaign of Christian Service. Pick up a handout in the back of the church and make this your best Lent ever.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 2020 TAXES

St. Mary

Please put a note in the collection basket with your name, address and phone number or call the office at 815-795-2240 or email parishgroup3@gmail.com.

St. Patrick

Fill out the 2020 Statement Request Form and drop in the weekly collection basket. Forms are located at the back of the church or on the website: www.senecastpatricks.com.

St. Theresa

Please put a note in the collection basket with your name and envelope number.

THE CATHOLIC POST

Those who subscribe to our excellent diocesan newspaper, **The Catholic Post**, have received materials to renew their subscription for another year. As Lent is about to begin, we encourage *all members* of our parish to receive and support this valuable resource for Catholic living and unity, especially during this challenging time. Stay connected to your family of faith, especially in this time of pandemic, by subscribing instantly via credit or debit card online at thecatholicpost.com; by calling (309) 671-1550 during business hours; or sending a check to **The Catholic Post**, PO Box 1722, Peoria, IL 61656. The subscription rate remains at \$30. Additional levels of support are invited.



Homebound

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to schedule. Parents should be registered members or have permission of proper pastor.

Sacrament of the Sick

In an emergency, please call (815)780-9366.

Otherwise please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office 8-12 months prior to their desired date. Please contact the parish before making other wedding arrangements.

Parish Registration

To join the parish or update your information, please contact parish office or complete form in the back of each Church. Forms can be returned to office or placed in the collection basket

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Regulations for Lent and the Easter Triduum

1. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.
2. Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 and all Fridays of Lent.
3. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and Good Friday, April 10, 2020.
4. On those two days of fast and abstinence, one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work should be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
5. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

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