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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

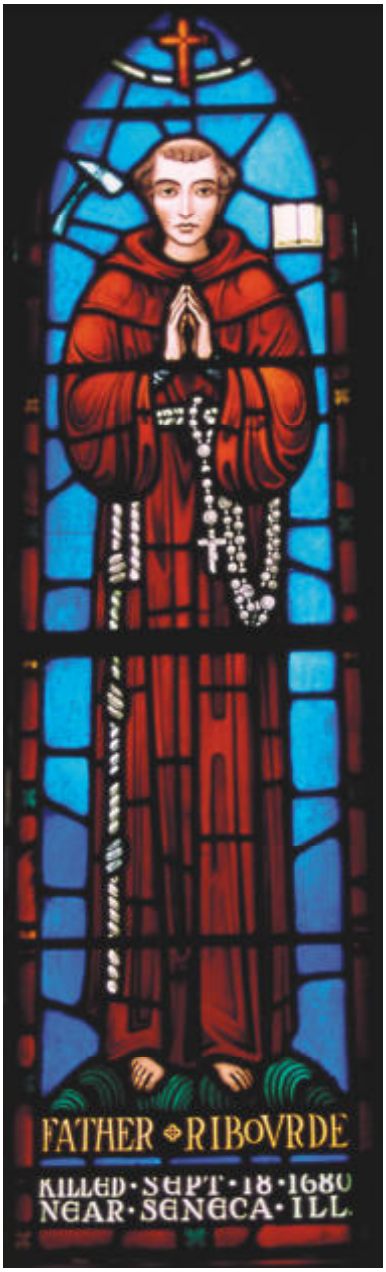
Saturday
4:00p Seneca
4:00p Marseilles
5:30p Grand Ridge

Sunday
7:00a Earlville
7:30a Ransom
8:30a Earlville
9:00a Seneca
10:30a Grand Ridge
11:00a Marseilles

COMMUNION SERVICE

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

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Fr. Alexander Millar
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA
Parish Deacon
Dcn. Ron Wackerlin

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St. Joseph's in Marseilles

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FEBRUARY 28, 2021
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sat. Feb. 27	**5:30 pm**	Bob & Mary Alice Hughes (Wedding Anniversary)
Sun. Feb. 28	**10:30 am**	Janis & Al Kruse By: Pat & Cal Duffield
Wed. Mar. 3	**5:30 pm**	Joan Nichols (Special Int.) By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan
Sat. Mar. 6	**5:30 pm**	Joe & Mary Hughes By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes
Sun. Mar. 7	**10:30 am**	Missa Pro Populo

Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Wednesday March 3 5:30 pm
Lector:
Altar Servers:
Saturday March 6 5:30 pm
Lector:
Altar Servers:
Sunday March 7 10:30 am
Lector:
Altar Servers:

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

February 21, 2021	**Stays in Parish**
Sunday Collection	$ 1,259.00 (Env.)
Loose Cash	$ 140.00
Ash Wednesday	$ 158.00
Total	**$ 1,557.00**
Aid E. Europe $20.00	

LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS

Monica Leskanich 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.

ST. MARY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for the following dates: March 13, 20, and April 4, 11, 25. 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.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Sat. Feb. 27	**4:00 pm**	Bill Mitchell By: Carol Mitchell
Sun. Feb. 28	**9:00 am**	William Lewis By: Jim Claggett
Mon. Mar. 1	**8:15 am**	***Communion Service**
Tue. Mar. 2	**8:15 am**	Katelynn Elizabeth Ortiz By:
Wed. Mar. 3	**8:15 am**	Richard Virgo, Jr. By: The Virgo Family
Thurs. Mar. 4	**8:15 am**	Bob Heath By: The Virgo Family
Fri. Mar. 5	**8:15 am**	Margaret Hallet By: Nancy James Conness
Sat. Mar. 6	**4:00 pm**	Joan Partridge By: Jim Claggett
Sun. Mar. 7	**9:00 am**	Barbara Higgins By: Merlyn Higgins

Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday March 6 4:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Annette Olson
Lector: Margi Weber
Altar Servers: Peyton Weber, Kevin Einhaus
Sunday March 7 9:00 am
Eucharistic Minister: Allie Williamson
Lector: Robert Mierhofer
Altar Servers: David/Dominic Bilot, Jace Mitchell

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

February 21, 2021	**Stays in Parish**
Sunday Collection	$ 3,978.00 (37 Env.)
Loose Cash	$ 297.00
Online	$ 705.00
Total	**$ 4,980.00**
Capital Improvement $365.00	
Aid E. Europe $20.00	
Catholic Relief $20.00	

Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal

For those that would like another type of way to follow the mass at home or at church we have been notified that the publisher of our Breaking Bread has an app, USCCB -approved *Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal* app! With music, readings, prayers and the Order of Mass, this digital resource helps you fully participate in the liturgy. The *Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal* app is available for iOS and Android users at only $4.99 for the entire year.

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb. 28	**7:00 am** Joan Norton By: Joan Norton Family **8:30 am** Pat Crawford By: Dick & Mary McConville
Mon. Mar. 1	**8:00 am** Dick & Shirley Smith By: John & Florence McConville
Tues. Mar. 2	**8:00 am** Gerald Zimmerman By: Jane & Ted Zimmerman **5:00 pm** Evelyn Hogan By: The Hogan Family
Wed. Mar. 3	**8:00 am** Joan Norton By: Tim & Cindy Cook
Thur. Mar. 4	**8:00 am** Ruth & Paul Zimmerman By: Jane & Ted Zimmerman
Fri. Mar. 5	**8:00 am** ***Communion Service**
Sun. Mar. 7	**7:00 am** Emmett McLachlan By: Dan & Carol McLachlan **8:30 am** Roscoe Goodbred By: The Goodbred Family

Eucharistic Minister, Lector

Tuesday March 2 5:00 pm
Minister:
Lector:
Sunday March 7 7:00 am
Minister:
Lector:
Sunday March 7 8:30 am
Minister:
Lector:

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

February 21, 2021	**Stays in Parish**
Sunday Collection	$ 1,800.00
Loose Cash	$ 300.00
Total	**$ 2,100.00**

Repair $75.00 E. Europe $115.00

ST. THERESA MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for the **additional mass** during lent on **Tuesdays at 5:00pm** and also the following dates: March 10, 16 (8am), 24, & 29th. 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 and also by emailing the main office at: parishgroup3@gmail.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
St. Theresa, Earlville	Tuesday, 5:00pm	Mass & Stations
St. Mary	Wednesday, 5:30pm	Mass & Stations
St. Joseph	Fridays, 5:30pm	Stations
St. Patrick, Ransom	Thursday, 5:00pm	Stations

FAITH FORMATION
Understanding the Sacred Liturgy
6:30pm - St. Patrick, Seneca
March 1 - The Structure of the Mass
March 8 - The Liturgy of the Word
March 15 - The Eucharistic prayers
March 22 - The Communion Rite
March 29 - Catholic Life as Liturgy

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ST. PATRICK ALTAR & ROSARY

St. Patrick Altar & Rosary Society has returned to holding in-person meetings while observing the use of mask and social distancing guidelines. We encourage any and all parishioners to please consider joining us as we move forward into 2021. We are hoping to once again participate in some of our activities, such as funeral dinners and church picnics. Altar & Rosary meet at the parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. If you would like more information please help yourself to the pamphlet located on the back tables or feel free to contact any member.

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.

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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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.

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

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

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