



RIBOURDE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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

Pastor

Fr. Alexander Millar

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA

Parish Deacon

Dcn. Ron Wackerlin

COMBINED OFFICE

St. Joseph's in Marseilles

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9:00a-2:30p

Telephone

815-795-2240

For medical emergencies
please call

815-780-9366

Email

parishgroup3@gmail.com

MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saint Theresa's
221 W. Union St
Earlville, IL 60518

Saint Joseph's
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. Mar. 13 | 5:30 pm | Ben Price By: |
| Sun. Mar. 14 | 10:30 am | John & Katherine Riva By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes |
| Wed. Mar. 17 | 5:30 pm | Joe & Freeda Mish By: Bill & Phyllis Durdan |
| Sat. Mar. 20 | 5:30 pm | Mary Nanouski By: June Steder |
| Sun. Mar. 21 | 10:30 am | Sheila Rowllins By: James D. Brown |

Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Wednesday March 17 5:30 pm

Lector:

Altar Servers:

Saturday March 20 5:30 pm

Lector: Bill Novotney

Altar Servers:

Sunday March 21 10:30 am

Lector: Pat Duffield

Altar Servers:

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

| March 7, 2021 | Stays in Parish |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 1,340.00 (20 Env.) |
| Loose Cash | \$ 68.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ 10.00 |
| Easter | \$ 10.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,428.00 |

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Help us decorate our altar for Easter by filling out the special Easter Flower envelope or put a note in the collection basket with the names printed clearly. Please have envelopes in by March 28th.



ST. MARY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for the following dates: April 4 (Easter), 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. Mar. 13 | 4:00 pm | Missa Pro Populo |
| Sun. Mar. 14 | 9:00 am | Frieda Ellis By: Tracy Ellis |
| Mon. Mar. 15 | 8:15 am | *Communion Service |
| Tue. Mar. 16 | 8:15 am | John Claggett By: Jim Claggett |
| Wed. Mar. 17 | 8:15 am | For the Sick of St. Patrick By: Tom Raibley |
| Thurs. Mar. 18 | 8:15 am | Bob Heaton By: Paula Freepartner |
| Fri. Mar. 19 | 8:15 am | The Newman Family By: Joe Newman |
| Sat. Mar. 20 | 4:00 pm | Richard Rosencrans By: Lisa Passwater |
| Sun. Mar. 21 | 9:00 am | Henry Nellett By: Dr. Gaile Nellett |

Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Saturday March 20 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Minister: Cathy Erickson

Lector: Robert Mitchell

Altar Servers: Clara Bruno, Ella Sterling

Sunday March 21 9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister: Sandra Kizior

Lector: Michael Bilot

Altar Servers: Levi/Calvin Maierhofer, Brody Thompson

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

| March 7, 2021 | Stays in Parish |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 2,160.00 (Env.) |
| Loose Cash | \$ 281.00 |
| Online | \$ 1,025.00 |
| Total | \$ 3,466.00 |

Capital Improvement \$595.00

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.

ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Sun. Mar. 14 | 7:00 am Robert & Charlotte Corcoran By: The Family 8:30 am Deceased Members of the Edward & Marie Madden Family By: Tim & Cindy Cook |
| Mon. Mar. 15 | 8:00 am Joan Norton By: Joan Norton Family |
| Tues. Mar. 16 | 8:00 am Albert Vasquez By: Isela Vasquez 5:00 pm Peter Dunklau & Deceased Members of the Dunklau Family By: Janis & Mark Dunklau |
| Wed. Mar. 17 | 8:00 am Arch Bishop Myers By: The Class of '59 |
| Thur. Mar. 18 | 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Lewis & Majorie Cook Family By: Tim & Cindy Cook |
| Fri. Mar. 19 | 8:00 am *Communion Service |
| Sun. Mar. 21 | 7:00 am Elsie Donato By: Dan & Joanna McConville 8:30 am Missa Pro Populo |

Eucharistic Minister, Lector

Tuesday March 16 5:00 pm

Minister:

Lector:

Sunday March 21 7:00 am

Minister: Don McLachlan

Lector: Carol McLachlan

Sunday March 21 8:30 am

Minister: Jack Cantlin

Lector: Wally Cwikla

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| March 7, 2021 | Stays in Parish |
| Votive Candle | \$ 42.00 |
| Sunday Collection | \$ 1,977.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$ <u>212.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 2,231.00 |
| Easter Flowers \$240.00 | |
| Cemetery \$83.00 | |

EASTER FLOWERS



Donations for Easter flowers need to be turned in by Palm Sunday, March 28 in order to ensure that any memorials will be on the insert for Easter Sunday.

American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 15th from 1:00 - 6:00pm at the Lutheran Church, 415 East St., Earlville



MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES

March 17, St. Patrick's Day

7:15am St. Joseph - Mass Cancelled
Please join us to celebrate the Solemnity at St. Patrick Ransom, or St. Patrick Seneca

8:00am St. Theresa

8:15am St. Patrick Seneca

5:30pm St. Mary

5:30pm St. Patrick, Ransom

March 19, St. Joseph's Day

Please join us for the Solemnity at:

7:15am St. Joseph

8:00am St. Theresa Communion Service

8:15am St. Patrick Seneca

5:30pm St. Joseph

March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

7:15am St. Joseph

8:00am St. Theresa, Earlville

8:15am St. Patrick Seneca

5:30pm St. Joseph

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 15 - The Eucharistic prayers

March 22 - The Communion Rite

March 29 - Catholic Life as Liturgy

Please join us!



March 24th is a Rogation Day that highlights the beginning of the growing season, associated with the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Rogation days are observed by prayer and fasting.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Marseilles Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt will take place at St. Joseph on Sunday March 28th immediately after the 11:00am mass. Over 500 eggs and special prizes! The hunt will be outside, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, meet in the parish hall. All linked parishes welcome.



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

FORMED registration www.formed.org.

Choose St. Joseph Marseilles

Did you Know?

Your child can attend a Catholic School Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2021-2022 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under **Catholic Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2021-2022 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is **April 30, 2021**. Notification of grant awards will be made by the end of June 2021.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.



BILL WALSH
AUTOMOTIVE GROUP
OTTAWA • PERU • STREATOR

815-434-2323
www.billwalsh.com

RIVERSIDE
CHIROPRACTIC CENTER
A Healthy Touch from Pediatrics to Geriatrics

260 S. Main
~Chiropractic ~ Massage
~Personal Training
(815) 357-6858 • Seneca

Building the Path to
Your Success

PIONEER
STATE BANK

Earlville 815.246.8411 | Seneca 815.849.5242 | Free Paw 815.677.2631

www.pioneerstatebank.com

The CANTLIN
Law Firm

760 E. Etna Road
Ottawa, IL 61350
(815) 433-4712

128 South Ottawa
Earlville, IL 60518
(815) 246-8241

www.cantlinlaw.com
cantlin@cantlinlaw.com

OSBORNE/NELSON
FUNERAL HOME

KAREN NELSON

Nussbaum

YORK
INSTALL CONFERENCE

Heating &
Air Conditioning
Systems & Repair

Call today to discuss your needs
and arrange for a free estimate.

901 W. Bluff Street, Marseilles, IL
815.795.4500

AL'S
BODY SHOP

260 Shipyard Rd.
Seneca — (815) 357-6159

SPRY PHYSICAL THERAPY &
GERIATRIC WELLNESS

LINDSEY NORDSTROM - PT, DPT
Board Certified Clinical Specialist
in Geriatric Physical Therapy

(815) 735-2356 | spryottawa.com
1028 LaSalle St., Suite B • Ottawa, IL

First
Midwest Bank

770 N. Main Street, Seneca, IL (815) 807-8712 | firstmidwest.com

Earlville Cold Storage Locker LLC
Custom Butchering & Meat Processing

Curing • Smoking
Cooked Roast Beef & Roast Pork
Retail Meats
Fresh & Smoked Sausage

101 N. East Street, Earlville, IL 60518
Phone: 815-246-9469 • Fax: 815-245-9490
GENE COPPES • Owner

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

Join our team

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

AVAILABLE
FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Nick Derkacz** to place an ad today!
nderkacz@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2436

MARQUETTE
ACADEMY

OFFERING PRE-K-12TH GRADE
3 CAMPUS LOCATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL ELEMENTARY
1000 PAUL ST., OTTAWA 1110 LA SALLE ST.
(815) 433-0125 (815) 433-1199

EARLY EDUCATION
727 W. JEFFERSON
(815) 433-2393

McConville Realty & Auctioneering
SPECIALIZING IN FARMS, RESIDENTIAL &
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

"Call For Free Estimates"

SALES • AUCTIONS • APPRAISALS
office@mcconvillerealty.com

612 S Main
Mendota

815-539-5673 Parishioner

THOMAS L. JUSTICE, JR.
PARISHIONER
719 Canal St.
Ottawa, IL 61350
815-434-0709

JERRY J. JUSTICE
511 E. Main St., Streator, IL 61364
815-673-4344

R and P Carriages

UTILITY TRAILER
SALES & SERVICE

Robin & Paul Smith (815) 357-3292

270 E. Jackson St. • Seneca
www.NeedATrailer.com

Pavers and More
Family Owned
& Operated Since 1999

(815) 431-1108
paversandmore.net

Pavers • Decorative Stone • Concrete Edging
Patio Blocks • Landscape Decor
Plus Much More...

Kraus Local Service
Local Support

CABLE • INTERNET • PHONE

krausonline.com
357-6678

Cabinet Fronts
By Steinhour

"Don't Replace... Just Reface"

All New Doors & Drawer Fronts
A local company for over 30 years

815 357-1422
cabinetryfrontsbysteinhour.com

bp Johnson Oil
Company

Seneca BP
114 W Jackson St

OSF
HEALTHCARE

www.osfhealthcare.org

GROW YOUR BUSINESS WHILE
SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PARISH

BOOKS

Purchase a bulletin ad today!

J&D
DOOR SALES, INC
Garage Door Sales & Repairs

Servicing All Makes & Models
Residential & Commercial
630 556-3646
www.jdgaragedoors.com

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO PLUS SPECIAL OFFER
BILLED QUARTERLY

CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

BLUE GEM
COMPUTERS, INC.

- Custom Built Computers
- Upgrades & Virus Removal
- On-site Repair & Services
- L&D DJ Services

Dave Latimer Cell: (815) 651-9778
Website: Bluegempc.com

Exceptional Floor Coverings
Exceptional Kitchen Designs

STEVE'S
Flooring
& Design

STEPHEN J. MEYER
Owner/Designer
717 N. Liberty, Morris
P - 815-941-4505
Fax - 815-941-4650

JOBST
MONUMENTS & GIFTS

MEMORIALS, RELIGIOUS GIFTS,
LAWN & GARDEN DÉCOR

402 W. Main St. • Ottawa
(815) 433-0310

SUBWAY

Buy Any Regular 6" Sub
or Flatbread with Drink and
Get a 6" Sandwich FREE
of Equal or Lesser Value

114 W. Jackson, Seneca • 357-6410

OSB
Ottawa Savings Bank

Respected & Recommended since 1871
815-795-2129
www.ottawasavings.com
Member FDIC

The Hi-Way Restaurant
210 West Norris Drive, Ottawa, IL

We Serve Cocktails
Daily Specials
Take Outs Available

(815)
431-9431

Heritage Woods
of Ottawa

An Affordable Assisted Lifestyle
Community for the Older Adult

815-431-1400
801 East Etna Road • Ottawa, Illinois 61350
Managed by Gardant Management, Ltd.
www.hw-ottawa-slf.com

LET US EXPRESS YOUR
FEELINGS WITH FLOWERS

Blythe
Flowers

1231 LaSalle St. • Ottawa, IL
(815) 434-0875 | blytheflowers.com

Abigail
Women's Center

(815) 538-3044
1610 Stroble Ave. • Mendota, IL 61342
www.abigailwomenscenter.com

First State
INSURANCE

Jennie Smith • Tony Ayala • Erica Escatel
815-246-8261
www.firststateinsurance.biz

Too Sick for Mass?
SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered
right to your inbox!

www.parishesonline.com

George
McComb
Landscaping

Installation and Design

Whitehall Products
815-287-9806