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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

Pastor

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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MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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. 27	5:30 pm	Dode Brown By: James D. Brown
Sun. Mar. 28	10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo By:
Fri. Apr. 2	3:00 pm	No Intention
Sun. Apr. 4	10:30 am	Marsha Hughes By: Bob & Mary Alice Hughes

Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Friday April 2 3:00 pm
Lector: Marc Cheffer, Pat Duffield
Altar Servers:
Sunday April 4 10:30 am
Lector: Cindy Mickelson
Altar Servers:

Weekly Collection ~ St. Mary

March 21, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,430.00
Loose Cash	\$ <u>130.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,560.00

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.

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 this Sunday, March 28th.

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. Mar. 27	4:00 pm	The Barla Family By: The Barla Family
Sun. Mar. 28	9:00 am	Edward Claggett By: Jim Claggett
Mon. Mar. 29	8:15 am	*Communion Service
Wed. Mar. 31	8:15 am	For Our Service Men & Women By: Tom Raibley
Fri. Apr. 2	5:30 pm	No Intention
Sat. Apr. 3	8:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo By:
Sun. Apr. 4	9:00 am	Henry Nellet By: Dr. Gail Nellet

Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Servers

Friday April 2 5:30 pm
Eucharistic Minister:
Lector:
Altar Servers:
Saturday April 3 8:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski
Lector: Tamar Bruno, Michael Doloski, Fran Ogden
Altar Servers: Daniel Doloski, Caleb Doloski
Bernadette Dittmer, Ruby Dittmer
Sunday April 4 9:00 am
Eucharistic Minister: Gary Kizior
Lector: Josh Marik
Altar Servers: Levi Maierhofer, Calvin Maierhofer
Brady Fort, Jackson Fort

Weekly Collection ~ St. Patrick

March 21, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,010.00 (53 Env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 1,140.00
Fuel	\$ 100.00
Online	\$ <u>585.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,835.00

Catholic Relief \$5.00
E. Europe \$5.00
Solemnity of Mary \$17.00
Capital Improvement \$45.00

SPRING CLEAN-UP

St. Patrick's spring cleanup will be at 9:00 am on Saturday April 3rd, weather permitting. Please bring shovels, rakes, and garbage cans. The more that show up the quicker we'll be done. A rain date will be determined later.



ST. THERESA CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Mar. 28	7:00 am Archbishop Myers By: Class of '59 8:30 am Allen Powell By: The Powell Family
Mon. Mar. 29	8:00 am Robert & Charlotte Corcoran By: The Family
Wed. Mar. 31	8:00 am Joan Norton By: Joan Norton Family
Fri. Apr. 2	7:30 pm No Intention
Sun. Apr. 4	7:00 am Robyn Bomtsad By: Wilma Stillwell 8:30 am Albert Vasquez By: Isela Vasquez

Eucharistic Minister, Lector

Friday April 2 7:30 pm

Minister:

Lector:

Sunday April 4 7:00 am

Minister: Don McLachlan

Lector: Carol McLachlan

Sunday April 4 8:30 am

Minister: Paula Wold

Lector: Wally Cwikla

Weekly Collection ~ St. Theresa

March 21, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,227.00
Loose Cash	\$ <u>178.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,405.00
Easter Flowers \$180.00	Catholic Relief \$10.00



EASTER FLOWERS

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

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



BULLETIN NEWS

News and announcements for the April 4th, Easter Sunday bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Monday March 29th. Email information to www.parishgroup3@gmail.com or call the office, 815-795-2240.

FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Sacred Liturgy

6:30pm - St. Patrick, Seneca

March 29 - Catholic Life as Liturgy

Please join us!



Audio recordings can be found at
www.senecastpatricks.com



EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Patrick Seneca will have an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 9:00am mass on April 4th, Easter Sunday. All linked parishes welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

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.

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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple.

When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.



During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

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