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MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday

8:15a Seneca

5:30p Marseilles

Saturday

4:00p Seneca

4:00p Marseilles

5:30p Grand Ridge

Sunday

7:30a Ransom

8:30a Grand Ridge

9:00a Seneca

11:00a Marseilles

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday

7:30a Seneca

4:45p Marseilles

Saturday

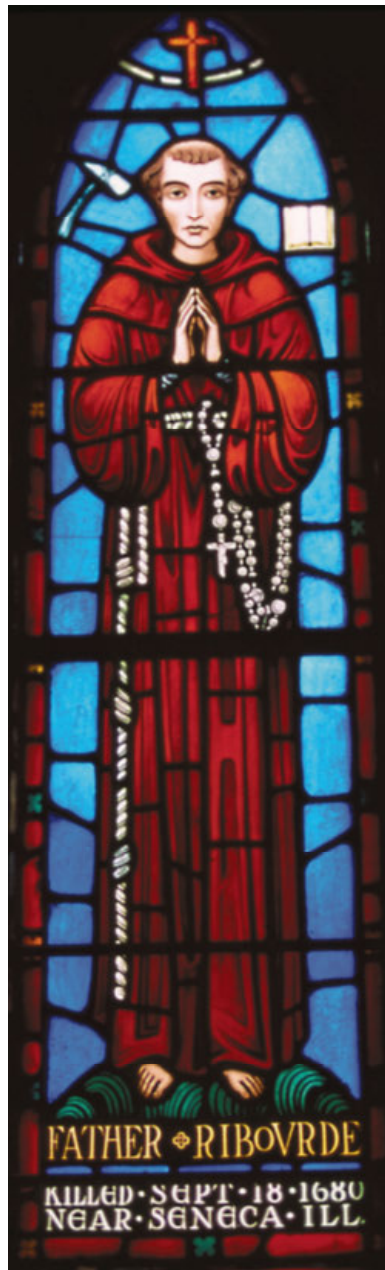
3:00p Seneca

3:00p Marseilles

Sunday

7:00a Ransom

8:00a Grand Ridge



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Fr. Alexander Millar

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Saint Patrick's
110 S Wallace St
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Mass Intentions

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Sat. Dec. 25 11:00 am †Joseph & Edna Rogalla
 Sun. Dec. 26 11:00 am †Henry Nellet & Julie Bales
 Mon. Dec. 27 5:30 pm †Raymond J. LeRette
 Tue. Dec. 28 5:30 pm †All Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Wed. Dec. 29 5:30 pm *Brad & Cindy Reynolds
 Thu. Dec. 30 5:30 pm *Jim Donahue
 Fri. Dec. 31 5:30 pm †Renell Douglas
 Sat. Jan. 1 4:00 pm †Raymond LeRette
 Sun. Jan. 2 11:00 am †Marilyn DeBernardi

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RANSOM

Sun. Dec. 26 7:30 am †Tom Coughlin
 Sat. Jan. 1 12:00 pm †Joshua Bauer
 Sun. Jan. 2 7:30 am †Wayne & Bernadine Denaple

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sat. Dec. 25 8:30 am Casey Skiba
 Sun. Dec. 26 8:30 am Pro Populo
 Sat. Jan. 1 5:30 am Edward Leskanich
 Sun. Jan. 2 8:30 am In Thanksgiving of Our Catholic Church and Our Country

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, SENECA

Sat. Dec. 25 9:00 am Henry Nellet
 Sun. Dec. 26 9:00 am Bernard Raibley
 Mon. Dec. 27 8:15 am Kenneth McComb
 Tue. Dec. 28 8:15 am Nora & Bill Peart
 Wed. Dec. 29 8:15 am Msgr. Raymond Boyle
 Thu. Dec. 30 8:15 am Kenneth McComb
 Fri. Dec. 31 8:15 pm Henry Nellet
 Fri. Dec. 31 6:30 pm Adele Sweeney
 Sat. Jan. 1 4:00 pm Bob Heath
 Sun. Jan. 2 9:00 am Pro Populo



Message from Fr. Millar:

Merry Christmas to all of you and a Happy Feast of the Holy Family. I pray that all of you have been filled with the joy of the Incarnate God this season. It is a rare thing that the Feast of the Holy Family falls the day after Christmas itself – and perhaps it is this rarity that reminded me of a bizarre moment on this feast day some years ago. In 2017, in the midst of a particularly harsh flu season, Bishop Jenky asked us to suspend the use of the Sign of Peace and to announce it on today's feast. How bizarre that on the day we celebrate how the Son of God entered the human family, we would also suspend the sign of peace. But by suppressing the sign of peace, which is always only optional, the Bishop invited us to marvel at what is really going on at that moment in Mass. In the Eucharistic Prayer, we experience the Incarnation firsthand, but upon the completion of the minor elevation (Through Him and with Him...) something more marvelous happens: for the first time in the Mass we call God, *Our Father*. The sacrifice of the cross has made this possible, but the praying of the Our Father and the Sign of Peace are only preparations for the thing that makes us a family: the Eucharist. We can call God Father because Jesus is our brother, and in receiving the Eucharist we are made one family. The sign of peace is not the cause of our being family, it is just a preparation. In fact, the sign of peace is unnecessary precisely because of what comes right after it: the reception of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is what makes us family. Now each are aware of the strengths and weaknesses of our human families, and we know the family of the Church can also be deeply flawed. But with today's celebration, we recognize one fact: only the Incarnate God can make a family holy. And He does so by bringing people, His brothers and sisters into the one church, the Holy Family. So on this great feast, I pray that we might receive more perfectly the grace of God to make our families holy. May God bless you all this Christmas season.

ADA Update as of 12/10/21	St. Mary	St. Pat, Seneca	St. Joseph	St. Pat, Ransom
Goal	\$9,136	\$24,662	\$21,672	\$5,809
Pledges Paid	\$7,920	\$16,678	\$16,235	\$5,120
Amount Owed	\$1,216	\$7,984	\$5,437	\$689

If you have not made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports the important diocesan ministries and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

Collection totals for the weekend of December 19th will be in next weekends bulletin.

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

Masses at St. Joseph and St. Patrick, Seneca are broadcast on 106.7 FM on your car radio.

ST. JOSEPH, MARSEILLES NEWS

ALTAR & ROSARY

Thank you to everyone who stayed after Mass last week to help decorate and make the Church beautiful for this Christmas Season. Your help is greatly appreciated! Merry Christmas to all and a Blessed New Year from the Alar & Rosary Society.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Altar look extra beautiful for this Christmas season with your donation to the memorial flower fund. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!



ST. PATRICK, SENECA NEWS

ALTAR & ROSARY

Mark your calendars - January 12th and February 9th @ 5:30pm. These dates are for the next two Altar & Rosary Meetings. We meet at the Parish Center and we'd like to see our group grow. Please feel free to stop by and join us. If you would like more information please take a leaflet from the tables at the back of the church.



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St. Patrick Seneca Wedding

December 18, 2021



Congratulations
Andrew Chamberlin
and
Janelle Maierhofer

CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE Saturday January 8, 2022

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a bus pilgrimage to Chicago to attend the March for Life 2022! This pilgrimage is open to adults 18+ only. Cost will be \$25.00 for adults and current college students have a reduced rate of \$10.00. Trip includes Round trip transportation from Peoria to Chicago, participation in the 2022 Chicago March for Life, Sunday Vigil Mass after the March, lunch and dinner and a time for fellowship, community prayer and pilgrimage. For more information, please call: Cecilia Sone at 309-671-1550 or email: csone@ccdop.org. Online registration at cdop.weshareonline.org/marchforlife-chicago2022 Seats are limited so register early.

SAVE THE DATE! Marriage Mass & Date Night

Join Bishop Louis Tylka for the Marriage Mass on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 4pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. After Mass there will be a date night and special dinner at the Spalding Center. There will also be live music by the Water Street Stompers from 6pm to 8pm. Wear your dancing shoes! Any questions contact Julie Enzenberger at jenzenberger@cdop.org



MASS REQUESTS

Mass Intention Book is open for 2022. 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. Forms are located in the back of the church.



PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

The next scheduled mass for the Purgatorial Society will be on Friday, January 7, 2022, 8:15am at St. Patrick Church in Seneca.



NO HOLY HOUR ON DECEMBER 31ST

Liturgical Roles

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Friday December 31 5:30pm

Lector: Joe Jakupcak

Eucharistic Minister: Walt Woodyer

Altar Servers: Eoin & Eoban Rickey

Saturday January 1 4:00 pm

Lector: Rose Rogalla

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Woodyer

Altar Servers: Arianna Graves

Sunday January 2 11:00 am

Lector: Teresa Dittmer

Eucharistic Minister: Walt Woodyer

Altar Servers: Bernadette & Ruby Dittmer, Joey Brown

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RANSOM

Saturday January 1 12:00pm

Lector: Ed Condon

Sunday January 2 7:30 am

Lector: Denver Trainor

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday January 1 5:30 pm

Lector: Pat Durdan

Sunday January 2 8:30 am

Lector: Cindy Mickelson

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, SENECA

Saturday January 1 4:00 pm

Lector: Michael Doloski

Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Doloski

Altar Servers: Daniel & Joshua Doloski

Sunday January 2 9:00 am

Lector: Josh Marik

Eucharistic Minister: Michael Bilot

Altar Servers: David & Dominic Bilot, Presley Marik

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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas

season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

****BULLETIN NEWS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE****

Please keep these dates in mind if you have any information that needs to go into the weekly bulletin during Christmas Season.

News and announcements for the January 2 bulletin need to be submitted no later than 9:00am Monday December 27.

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