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+ St. Mary's Grand Ridge + St. Patrick's Ransom +

## 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

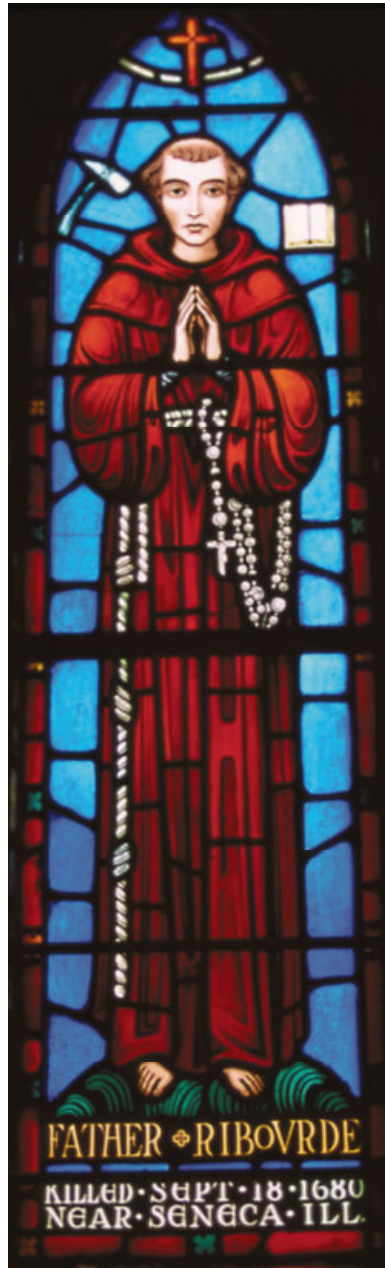
3:00p Seneca

3:00p Marseilles

### Sunday

7:00a Ransom

8:00a Grand Ridge



## CLERGY

*Pastor*

Fr. Alexander Millar

*Parochial Vicar*

Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA

*Parish Deacon*

Dcn. Ron Wackerlin

## COMBINED OFFICE

St. Joseph's in Marseilles

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Saint Patrick's  
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Ransom, IL 60470

## Mass Intentions

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Sat. Jan. 1	4:00 pm	†Raymond LeRette
Sun. Jan. 2	11:00 am	†Marilyn DeBernardi
Mon. Jan. 3	5:30 pm	†William & Patricia Sexton
Tue. Jan. 4	5:30 pm	†Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Wed. Jan. 5	5:30 pm	*Joe & Juanita Bruno
Thu. Jan. 6	5:30 pm	*Julie Delaire
Fri. Jan. 7	5:30 pm	*Joan Tillman
Sat. Jan. 8	4:00 pm	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Jan. 9	11:00 am	*Pro Populo

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RANSOM

Sat. Jan. 1	12:00 pm	†Joshua Bauer
Sun. Jan. 2	7:30 am	†Wayne & Bernadine Denaple
Sun. Jan. 9	7:30 am	†Kenneth McComb

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sat. Jan. 1	5:30 am	†Edward Leskanich
Sun. Jan. 2	8:30 am	*In Thanksgiving of Our Catholic Church and Our Country
Sat. Jan. 8	5:30 am	†Richard Quinlan
Sun. Jan. 9	8:30 am	†Jerry Nanouski

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, SENECA

Sat. Jan. 1	4:00 pm	†Bob Heath
Sun. Jan. 2	9:00 am	*Pro Populo
Mon. Jan. 3	8:15 am	†Eileen & Wil Biron
Tue. Jan. 4	8:15 am	†Frank Russo
Wed. Jan. 5	8:15 am	†Charles & Jane Rundgren
Thu. Jan. 6	8:15 am	†William Carden
Fri. Jan. 7	8:15 am	†Purgatorial Society Mass
Sat. Jan. 8	4:00 pm	†Dr. Tony Urban
Sun. Jan. 9	11:00 am	†Kenneth McComb



#### 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.

## Weekly Collection

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

December 26, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,520.00 (53 env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 154.00
Christmas	\$ 1,754.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 59.00
Utilities	\$ 155.00
Online Donations	\$ <u>190.00</u> (3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,832.00</b>
Capital Improvement \$95.00	Food Pantry \$55.00
Religious Retirement \$50.00	School Assessment: \$30.00
<b>December 19, 2021 Collection Total: \$2925.00</b>	

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Dec. 26, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 313.00
Loose Cash	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 2,392.00 (25 env.)
Online	\$ <u>75.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,790.00</b>
St. Vincent	\$20.00
<b>December 19, 2021 Collection Total: \$1,745.00</b>	

### ST. PATRICK CHURCH, RANSOM

Dec. 26, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 395.00
Loose Cash	\$ 145.00
Christmas	\$ 340.00
Utilities	\$ <u>10.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 890.00</b>
Religious Retirement	\$20.00
<b>December 19, 2021 Collection Total: \$515.00</b>	

### ST. PATRICK CHURCH, SENECA

December 26, 2021	Stays in Parish
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,575.00 (32 env.)
Loose Cash	\$ 156.00
Christmas	\$ 2,967.00 (47 env.)
Immaculate Conception	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 100.00
Cemetery	\$ 255.00
Online Donations	\$ <u>470.00</u> (3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,543.00</b>
Capital Improvement \$50.00	Religious Retirement \$100.00
<b>December 19, 2021 Collection Total: \$3194.00</b>	

#### 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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Special thank you to these students that volunteered to dress in costume to help celebrate at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Logan Kirkman (Grade 1), Jensen Balnis (Grade 2), Marina Berkland, Max Brown, Jordan Kirkman (Grade 3), Zoey Binion, Bailey Schaefer, Emma Vicich (Grade 4), Elizabeth Arnold, Joey Brown (Grade 5), Irene Vicich (Grade 8). Altar Servers were Eoin and Eoban Rickey We are very proud of the Children who volunteered to help us celebrate the Christmas Eve Mass. They all did a fantastic job!

Students return to class January 5, 2022. First semester report cards will be given to students on January 26, 2022.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** Money collected from the votive candles for the month of December was \$292.00. May God's Love, Peace and Grace be with all of you.

**THANK YOU:** We are very grateful for all the lovely gifts you have bestowed on the children and their families this season. God bless everyone who took a tag and filled it out. These families and I would like to thank you for your generosity. God Bless You, Rose Rogalla

### HOLY HOUR RESUMES JANUARY 7, 2022, 4:30PM

#### 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.



#### MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED

Mass intentions are available for the following dates:



**St. Joseph:** January 19, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 31. Many dates available in February.

**St. Patrick, Seneca:** January 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 & 31. Many dates available in February.

**St. Mary:** January 22, 23, 29 & 30. Many openings available in February.

**St. Patrick, Ransom:** January 16 & February 27.

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.

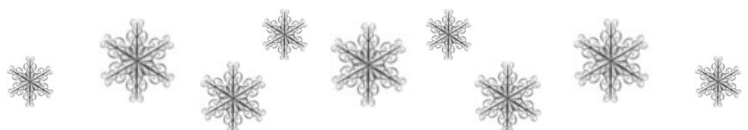
### Message from Father Millar,

I would like to begin by acknowledging how weird it is to be writing about the Epiphany before we have celebrated Christmas. The reason for this is that this year with Christmas on a Saturday we have the earliest possible dates for both the Feast of the Holy Family (the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas) and the Epiphany (the Sunday between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8). This has the effect of not only foreshortening the Christmas season, but also our bulletin schedule – hence writing this article before Christmas. When I first realized this, I was somewhat dismayed – Christmastide is already short, and Ordinary Time in winter is boring now that Epiphanytide doesn't extend until Candlemas (Feb. 2). But there is a blessing in the fact that Epiphany is the novena of Christmas: it reminds us that the Incarnation is something to be shared and boldly proclaimed to all.

The Feast of the Epiphany is a hybrid celebration; in addition to the Adoration of the Magi, it also commemorates the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding Feast at Cana, and the Transfiguration. What is common to all these celebrations is that they reveal the divinity that is ordinarily hidden in the humanity of Christ, showing how Jesus is the light of Revelation to the Gentiles and the Salvation of His people. Each of these moments also mark turning points in Jesus' life: after the Adoration, the Holy Family flees to Egypt; after the Baptism and Wedding, Jesus begins His public ministry; and after the Transfiguration He ascends to Calvary. Each is intimately linked to the Paschal Mystery, and as a result, we announce the date of Easter on Epiphany.

But let us return to the fact that the closeness of Christmas and the Epiphany reminds us that the reality of the Incarnation is something to be proclaimed and shared. God became man because as the Nativity Proclamation says, He desired to consecrate the world by His most loving presence. Christmas is the bold proclamation of God's love for us, and the Epiphany is an invitation for us to respond. Love, by nature, wants to share itself – just ask anyone in the first stages of human love.

Will we traverse field and fountain, moor and mountain to encounter the love of Christ? Will we join Him to proclaim the Kingdom of God to others? Or, like Herod, Scribes, and Pharisees will we react to the disruption of God's presence with hatred and anger? This Epiphany, let us radiate anew the presence of the Incarnate God. Let us embrace the change that God's presence demands, abandoning the shadows of this world and embracing the light of the really real God.



# Liturgical Roles

## **ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**Saturday January 8 4:00 pm**

Lector: Jayme Cook

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Woodyer

Altar Servers: Arianna Graves

**Sunday January 9 11:00 am**

Lector: Ernie Manz

Eucharistic Minister: Walt Woodyer

Altar Servers: Eoin & Eoban Rickey, Killian Berkland

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## **ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RANSOM**

**Sunday January 9 7:30 am**

Lector: Marita Stevens

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## **ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**Saturday January 8 5:30 pm**

Lector: Shannon Johnson

**Sunday January 9 8:30 am**

Lector: Marc Cheffer

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## **ST. PATRICK CHURCH, SENECA**

**Saturday January 8 4:00 pm**

Lector:

Eucharistic Minister:

Altar Servers:

**Sunday January 9 9:00 am**

Lector:

Eucharistic Minister:

Altar Servers:

## **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Live Line Screening, the nations' leading provider of preventive health screenings, will be coming to St.

Joseph this year! They will offer affordable, non invasive and painless health screenings at St. Joseph Church on Friday February 25, 2022. More information to come.

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## **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](mailto:jenzenberger@cdop.org)



## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt.

Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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