

# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, January 31

4:00 p.m. Pete Visintin  
(C. Visintin)

Sunday, February 01

11:00 a.m. Cameron Tucker  
(MM Tucker)

Monday, February 02

Tuesday, February 03

8:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski  
(Cerkoski Family)

Wednesday, February 04

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, February 05

Friday, February 06

8:00 a.m. Robert J. Polo  
(G. Leoni)

Saturday, February 07

4:00 p.m. Roberta Wenzel  
(MM Link)

Sunday, February 08

11:00 a.m. Deceased Siblings of Barb & Clark Jillson  
(MM Jillson)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 07

Lector Karla Huddlestun  
E. Min. Nancy Schmidt  
Server Ben Burns  
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, February 08

Lector Denise Wirth  
E. Min. Gayla Crites  
Servers  
Greeter Mary Gucciardo & Linda Ronald

***If you are scheduled at an inconvenient time, please call someone to replace you.***

**Confessions 3:00-3:45pm on Saturdays with 4pm Mass**

### HOLY HOUR:

Every Saturday afternoon from 3:00-4:00pm

## CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, February 01

7:45 a.m. For the Deceased Members of St. Joseph  
(Parishioner)

Monday, February 02

Tuesday, February 03

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, February 04

8:00 a.m. Don Dobrino  
(Clark Family)

Thursday, February 05

Friday, February 06

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, February 07: First Saturday Devotion at 8:30am

Sunday, February 08

7:45 a.m. Virginia Greff  
(C. Greff)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 07: No Mass

Sunday, February 08

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Ed Saracco  
Lector John Fassere  
E. Min. N. Balzraine, G. Link, J. Kelly  
Servers Lucca Kapp  
Off. Fam. Ralph Tebbe Family

**Confessions 7:15-7:40am on Sundays with 7:45am Mass**

**Pastor: Rev. Joe Koyickal, SAC (jkoyickal@dio.org)**

**DRE: Donette Clark (gillespiedre@gmail.com)**

**Gillespie Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00am-Noon**

**Bulletin Submissions: send to secretaryssmj@gmail.com**

**Ss. Simon & Jude Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass: 8:00am on Tuesdays (and all first Fridays)

Saturday: 4:00pm. & Sunday: 11:00am

**St. Joseph Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass: 8:00am on Wednesdays

Sunday: 7:45am

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**Facebook Pages:**

**SS Simon & Jude - Gillespie**

**St. Joseph's - Benld**

Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator & liaison between the Diocese & anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor (217) 321-1155.

**PRAYERLINE:** Dennis Skeldon, Michael McCullough, Brian Orr, Matt Orr, Meredith Heyen, Kyle Billings, Peggy Geurin, Kim Stotts

### COLLECTIONS:



Gillespie

Benld

Env: \$630.00

Env: \$0.00

Loose: \$90.00

Loose: \$0.00

PSR: \$0.00

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Building: \$0.00

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Candles: \$16.00

Capital Campaign: \$0.00

**\$736.00**

**\$0.00**

**As you plan your 2026 contributions,  
please keep the Capital Campaign in mind.**

**End of the year contribution statements are complete & ready to be picked up in the Narthex!** If you have any questions please let the office know.

### **PSR / HS Youth Group Corner**

**PSR Class:** Sundays from 9:45am-10:45am at SSSJ School

**Youth Group:** Sundays from 6pm-7pm at SSSJ School

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22, Mar 01

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students** must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

### *Upcoming Meetings*

**Tues, Feb 10:** Ss. Simon & Jude Altar Society Mtg after Mass

**Wed, Feb 11:** KC Mtg at 6:30pm at St. Joseph

**Tues, Feb 17:** St. Joseph joint Parish & Finance Council Mtg 6:30pm

**Wed, Feb 25:** St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Mtg 10am

**Wed, Feb 25:** COR KC Mtg 6:30pm at St. Joseph

If you weren't able to find your **Christmas ornament** in the box & would like a replacement, please let the office know.

### **Important Dates & Information**

#### **Sunday, February 1: Gillespie KC Chili Dinner**

Knights of Columbus 2076 will be holding our Chili dinner on February 1 & will be serving carry-out only. Chili will be available after 11am Mass in Gillespie & will be \$7 for a 16oz container of chili or three 16oz containers for \$20. We would REALLY appreciate pre-orders so we know how much to make. Order forms will be in the vestibules at Ss. Simon & Jude & St. Joseph until Sun, Jan 25. You can also text your order to 1-217-556-9365 or email [kofc2076@gmail.com](mailto:kofc2076@gmail.com).

#### **Saturday, February 7: Family Mass & Vocation Sunday**

Families are invited and *strongly encouraged* to attend Mass on Saturday, February 7 at 4pm, as we welcome Fr. Zach Samples, who will be celebrating Mass and speaking about the importance of faithful Mass attendance, honoring the promises made at Confirmation and Baptism, and being open to God's call through vocations. Following Mass, all families are invited to a light dinner. Let us come together as a parish family to renew our commitment to Christ & support our children as they grow in faith.

#### **Sunday, February 15: Mardi Gras Potluck**

Celebrate Mardi Gras with a potluck dinner at Ss. Simon & Jude on Sunday, February 15 at 5:00pm. The main entrée & drinks will be provided, please bring a dish to share. As we prepare our hearts for the beginning of Lent, all parishioners are invited to gather for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Sign-up sheets are available on the narthex counter. Come enjoy a joyful night together!

#### **Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

8:00am: St. Joseph in Benld

5:15pm: Ss. Mary & Joseph in Carlinville

6:45pm: Ss. Simon & Jude in Gillespie

### **A Note from Deacon Denny**

The temptation is to think that the beatitudes are rules or conditions for being blessed or receiving our heavenly reward. They are not that at all. They are not about building up, accomplishing, or acquiring. They are about letting go, surrendering, living with a vulnerable and open heart. That does not mean we run away, back down, or isolate ourselves from the realities of our life and world. It means we engage them in a different way, Jesus' way. The beatitudes teach us to trust God more than the circumstances of our lives. They invite dependence on God rather than relying on ourselves. In today's world that sounds a lot like weakness and foolishness. That's what it sounds like in every age. But to those who are being saved it is the power of God! In truth, humility and trusting God are POWERFUL weapons in navigating this life.

In the trials and setbacks of life we discover that we cannot do life by ourselves. As we admit our need of God we find purity of heart. Our arrogance gives way to meekness. We realize that all that we are and have is from God and we begin to know ourselves as poor in spirit. Our own misfortunes awaken and connect us to the pain of the world for which we cannot help but mourn. We think less about ourselves and become merciful to others. We have no where else to go and so we turn our gaze back to God. The longer we gaze at God the more we hunger and thirst for righteousness, for God's life, and we become peacemakers reconciling ourselves to God and our neighbor. This is the life for which Christ's disciples are willing to be persecuted, a life of righteousness, the life for which Christ died and rose again. The beatitudes are not so much about what we do, our actions, but how we do, our being. They are less about actions and more about relationships. To live the beatitudes is to live a life of relying on God and our neighbor. That's called love. The only reason we can do that is because we know and trust ourselves to have already been blessed by God. We live the beatitudes as a response to God blessing us. That is the way of Christ. That is not only the way forward through this life, the way TO life, the abundant life that Jesus promises. If we are to follow Christ it must become OUR way.

### **Do you know about the Beatitudes?**

The beatitudes proclaim the blessings and rewards for those following Christ. They are:

- 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 2) Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 3) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the land.
- 4) Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 5) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- 6) Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
- 7) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 9) Blessed are you when men revile you & persecute you & utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice & be glad for your reward is great in heaven.