

# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, February 14

4:00 p.m. Andrew Bray  
(P. Bray)

Sunday, February 15

11:00 a.m. Don Swann  
(SSSJ Altar Society)

Monday, February 16

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Ron Semplowski  
(Horn Family)

Wednesday, February 18 (Ash Wednesday)

6:45 p.m. Jack Plovich  
(MM Cavanaugh)

Thursday, February 19

Friday, February 20

10:00am Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab  
For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, February 21

4:00 p.m. Andrew Bray  
(P. Bray)

Sunday, February 22

11:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski  
(Cerkoski Family)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 21

Lector Lee Ross  
E. Min. Jeff Ross  
Server Mitchell Clark  
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, February 22

Lector Karen Genetti  
E. Min. Terry Crites  
Servers Maria Jarden & Harper Thackrey  
Greeter Rob & Denise Wirth

**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 15

7:45 a.m. Martha Hahnenkamp  
(MM Saracco)

Monday, February 16

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, February 18 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 a.m. Jim Eisman  
(Leone Family)

Thursday, February 19

Friday, February 20

10:00am Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab  
For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, February 21: No Mass

Sunday, February 22

7:45 a.m. Darlene Koniak / Rose Marie Tebbe  
(G. Koniak / Tebbe Family)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 21: No Mass

Sunday, February 22

Greeters Denise Cadmus & Jerri Bayse  
Lector John Fassero  
E. Min. G. Link, J. Kelly, E. Saracco  
Servers Lucca Kapp  
Off. Fam. Lanny Ribes 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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**Website: www.3parishes1faith.com**

**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: \$2,043.00	Env: \$1,072.00
Loose: \$160.00	Loose: \$255.00
PSR: \$10.00	PSR: \$75.00
Energy: \$150.00	Bdg, Fuel, C. Times: \$225.00
Candles: \$23.00	Capital Campaign: \$250.00
<b>\$2,386.00</b>	<b>\$1,877.00</b>



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

### 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 22, Mar 01, Mar 08, Mar 15

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

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

**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

### **Per the Diocese, we are required to post our burial prices in the bulletin once a year.**

Cost of grave: \$600

Endowed Care Per Grave: \$100

Grave Opening: \$700 weekdays, \$750 weekends & holidays

Cremation Opening: \$400 weekdays, \$450 on weekends & holidays

### Important Dates & Information

#### **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

#### **Sunday, February 22: Introducing OCIA Candidates**

Chester Wyatt, OCIA Candidate, will be introduced during Mass on Sunday, February 22.

#### **Wednesday, March 11: Jerseyville Deanery Meeting**

The Jerseyville Deanery CCW will meet on March 11, 2026 at St. Francis Xavier 8:40 am Rosary prior to 9 am Mass with registration and meeting following the Mass at KC Hall, 307 N. State St., Jerseyville, IL. Fr. Martin Smith will speak about St. Joseph at the meeting.

### **Lent: Returning Home to the Father**

We begin the Season of Lent this week with Ash Wednesday. The Church invites us to begin a sacred journey, a journey of the heart. This year, I invite you to think of Lent as "Returning Home to the Father." Like the prodigal son in the Gospel, we are called to rise, turn back, & rediscover the loving embrace of our merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32).

Lent is not just about giving things up; it is about coming back to what truly matters—our relationship with God, with one another, & with ourselves. To guide us on this journey, we will reflect on three simple themes: Renew, Reconcile, & Rejoice.

#### **Renew**

Lent is a time to renew our hearts & our spiritual lives. Through prayer, self-discipline, fasting, & acts of charity & mercy, we open space for God to renew us. Each of us can ask: What in my life needs renewal? Where is God inviting me to grow this lent?

#### **Reconcile**

Returning home also means healing relationships. Lent calls us to reconciliation within ourselves, with others, & with God. So, this is a beautiful time to seek forgiveness, to let go of grudges, & to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where the Father runs out to meet us with mercy. Where/ with whom/in what manner, is God inviting me to be reconciled this lent?

#### **Rejoice**

Finally, Lent leads us to joy. Our journey ends in the joy of Easter, the joy of new life, hope, & resurrection. So, Lent is not a time of mourning, it is a time of new beginning & new life. Even in our penance & discipline, we walk with hope, knowing that God is preparing something new in us. Joy is the fruit of being renewed & reconciled in spirit.

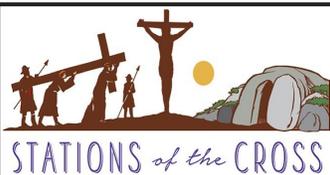
I invite every parishioner, every family, & every young & old person to join this Lenten journey wholeheartedly. Let us walk together as a parish family, supporting one another, & returning home to the Father who never stops loving us.

May this Season of Lent be time of spiritual renewal for all of us.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! *Fr. Joe*

**The Ss. Simon & Jude Parish Contact Directories** are now available. Members of the Parish Council have contacted registered parishioners to verify information and obtain permission to publish names and phone numbers. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information.

If we were unable to make contact, or if a parishioner requested that their address not be published, only the individual's name is listed. We hope you will find this directory helpful and beneficial to our parish community.



### **Stations of the Cross opportunities during Lent (Feb 20-Apr3) between the three parishes.**

- ◆ Tuesdays in Gillespie after Daily Mass
- ◆ Wednesdays in Benld after Daily Mass *AND* Wednesdays in Carlinville at 5pm
- ◆ Fridays in Carlinville at Noon *AND* Fridays in Gillespie at 7pm