

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, February 21
4:00 p.m. Andrew Bray
 (P. Bray)

Sunday, February 22
11:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski
 (Cerkoski Family)

Monday, February 23

Tuesday, February 24
8:00 a.m. Rick Garbin
 (Garbin Family)

Wednesday, February 25
8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Thursday, February 26

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28
4:00 p.m. Zak Kennedy
 (MM Rossetto)

Sunday, March 01
11:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski
 (Cerkoski Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 28
 Lector Karla Huddlestun
 E. Min. Nancy Schmidt
 Server
 Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, March 01
 Lector Kristine Jarden
 E. Min. Barb Jilson
 Servers
 Greeter Terry Crites & Renee Katich

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 22
7:45 a.m. Darlene Koniak / Rose Marie Tebbe
 (G. Koniak / Tebbe Family)

Monday, February 23

Tuesday, February 24
8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, February 25
8:00 a.m. For All Souls

Thursday, February 26

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28: No Mass

Sunday, March 01
7:45 a.m. For the Tri-Parish Community

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 28: No Mass

Sunday, March 01
 Greeters Mr. & Mrs. James Kelly
 Lector Janice Burns
 E. Min. E. Saracco, B. Berteeo, J. Saracco
 Servers Lucca Kapp
 Off. Fam. Bill Gill 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

Parish office: 304 N. Macoupin Gillespie, IL 62033
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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: \$1,625.00	Env: \$1,006.00
Loose: \$206.00	Loose: \$155.35
PSR: \$25.00	PSR: \$50.00
Energy, V. Candle: \$59.00	Fuel \$40.00
Ash Wednesday: \$20.00	Capital Campaign: \$0.00
\$1,935.00	\$1,251.35

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:

Mar 01, Mar 08, Mar 15, Mar 22 (No Class)

3rd Grade students must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.

3/29: Palm Sunday/Egg Hunt/Breakfast: 7:45am Mass in Benld with Egg Hunt and Breakfast to follow. This is in place of regular PSR class. Please plan to join the fun!

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

Wed, Feb 25: St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Mtg 10am
Wed, Feb 25: COR KC Mtg 6:30pm at St. Joseph

Please bring old palms to church & place them in the receptacle in the Narthex so these blessed items can be reverently & properly disposed of. Please do not throw them in the trash.

We send our condolences to the **family of Suzanne Newman** who passed away on February 13. Please keep Harold, Mary & their family in your prayers.

Important Dates & Information

Carlinville KC Fish Fries (Fridays 2/20-3/27)

Held at Moose Lodge from 11-1 & 4-7; River Fish/Bufalo, White Fish/Alaskan Pollock, Shrimp with fries or baked potato and slaw. \$12 dine in or carry out. No drive thru.

Now until April 4: Red Bag in the Narthex of St. Joseph:

As we prepare to celebrate our OCIA Catechumen, Chester Wyatt, we ask you, the parish to keep all the catechumens in your thoughts & prayers. In addition, a red gift bag will soon be placed in the Narthex for Chester. Parishioners may drop a note, card or small gift into the bags, which will be gifted at the Easter Vigil in Carlinville.

Saturday, March 7: PSR Family Bowling Night!

The PSR Family Bowling Night has been rescheduled for Sat, Mar 7 at 5:30pm at Besseman Superbowl. Please let Donette know if you will be attending.

Saturday, March 7: Cursillo Dinner

There will be a Cursillo Dinner on Sat, Mar 7 after the 5:30pm Mass at Ss. Mary & Joseph. Please contact Dan Kallal (217-473-3734) if you have any questions.

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.

Tuesday, March 24: Women's Group BINGO

Ladies of the Tri-Parish Community are invited to BINGO at SSMJ's Parish Hall at 2pm. \$5 to play with light snacks being provided. Please join us!

Lent: Returning Home to the Father



As we begin the holy season of Lent, the Lord invites us to return home to the Father. On Ash Wednesday we heard the prophet Joel: *“Return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious & merciful, slow to anger, rich in mercy”*. Lent is a time to open ourselves to God’s mercy, a season of conversion, humility, & trust in His love.

As displayed on our bulletin boards, Our Lenten journey is guided by three simple calls: **Renew, Reconcile, & Rejoice.**

Renew: Lent calls us to renewal through prayer, fasting, & almsgiving. Prayer deepens our relationship with God. Make it a point to find some time each day to be present to Him. Fasting helps us grow in self-discipline, not only with food but also with habits, tendencies & attitudes that hold us back. Almsgiving opens our hearts to generosity, inviting us to share our time, talent, & treasure in love & service. These practices are not about appearances, but about real interior change & conversion. What does renewal mean for me this Lent?

Reconcile: St. Paul urges us, *“Be reconciled to God.”* Lent invites us to heal our relationships—with God, with others, & with ourselves. This is a special time for Confession, forgiveness, & letting go of resentment & discouragement. As Pope Francis reminds us, God is never tired of forgiving us; we get tired of asking for His forgiveness. His mercy is always greater than our sins. What would reconciliation mean for me this Lent?

Rejoice: Lent is a journey toward Easter joy. The ashes remind us of our mortality & our call to repentance; & the cross reminds us that there is no resurrection without the cross. Conversion leads to joy, & repentance opens the door to hope & new life.

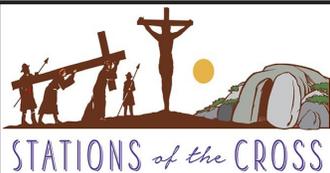
The Temptations of Jesus: Our Lenten Journey

On the First Sunday of Lent, we hear of Jesus tempted in the desert. He faces hunger, desire for power & glory, & the temptation to test God, yet He remains faithful to the Father. This Gospel reminds us that Lent is a time of spiritual struggle & growth. Like Jesus, we face temptations—comfort, pride, control, & many distractions. Through prayer, fasting, & generosity, we learn to choose God over self, faith over fear, & love over selfishness.

Let this be a meaningful & fruitful season as we return home to the Father—renewed in faith, reconciled in love, & prepared to rejoice in the joy of Easter.

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 & obtain permission to publish names & 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 beneficial to our parish family.



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

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