

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, March 14

4:00 p.m. Sandra Bandyk / Suzanne Newman
(MM Preston / MM Newman)

Sunday, March 15

11:00 a.m. Roberta Wenzel
(MM Link)

Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 a.m. Paul Madden / Rick Garbin
(Leone Family / Garbin Family)

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Attend Communion Service in Benld

Thursday, March 19

Friday, March 20

10:00 a.m. Mass at Gillespie Heath & Rehab
For the well being of the residents

Saturday, March 21

4:00 p.m. Becky Cerkoski / The Mussatto Family
(MM Cavanaugh / S. Borgini)

Sunday, March 22

7:45 a.m. Rose Ungarelli / Eugen Preston
(MM Preston)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

Lector Gayla Crites
E. Min. Terry 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, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 19

Friday, March 20

10:00 a.m. Mass at Gillespie Heath & Rehab
For the well being of the residents

Saturday, March 21: No Mass

Sunday, March 22

11:00 a.m. Jim Eisman
(Leone Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 21: No Mass

Sunday, March 22

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marcacci
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. R. Byots, R. Gill, M. Bertetto
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Mike Byots 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, Joey Bertetto, Virginia Gruenenfelder

COLLECTIONS:

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$2,562.00	Env: \$850.00
Loose: \$229.00	Loose: \$195.00
Bldg, PSR: \$90.00	Bldg, PSR \$125.00
V. Candle, A. Wed: \$58.00	Fuel, Easter: \$90.00
Altar Flowers: \$230.00	Centennial Campaign: \$0.00
\$3,169.00	\$1,260.00

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 22 (No Class-Attend St. Joseph Feast Day!), Mar 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!

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

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

Important Dates & Information

Now until April 4: Red Bag: As we prepare to welcome Chester Wyatt, along with others from the Tri-Parish Community, please keep all catechumens in your thoughts & prayers. In addition, a red gift bag are in the Narthexes for Chester. Parishioners may drop a note, card or small gift into the bags, which will be gifted at the Easter Vigil in Carlinville.

Sunday, March 15: Donations in Honor of the Feast of St. Joseph There will be a collection of food items on that Sunday for the Gillespie Caring Center. The items in most demand are as follows: pasta, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, soup & cereal. Please bring these items to St. Joseph on or before March 15.

Tues, March 17 & Wed, March 18 Fr. Joe will be attending a Priest Meeting in Springfield on these two days. He will leave after Daily Mass in Gillespie on Tuesday & return Wednesday evening.

Sunday, March 22: St. Joseph Parish Feast! St. Joseph Parish Feast will be held on Sun. March 22 at 11am. The Mass will conclude with a solemn Eucharistic procession around the church & benediction. Following this there will be a catered dinner in the church hall. All parishioners from our Tri-Parish Community are invited to attend. Sign-up sheets will be located in Benld & Gillespie vestibules. Anyone from SSMJ wishing to attend please contact Cindy Saracco at 217-835-2623 or at esaracco4@gmail.com (Ss. Simon & Jude Mass at 7:45am)

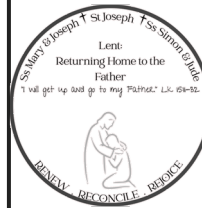
Tuesday, March 24: Women's Group BINGO Ladies of the Tri-Parish Community are invited to BINGO at SSMJ's Parish Hall at 2pm. \$5 to play with light snacks being provided. Please join us!

Tuesday, March 24: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at Ss. Simon & Jude from 6-7:30pm.

Wednesday, March 25: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St. Joseph from 8:30-9:30am.

Wednesday, March 25: Adoration will be held from 5:30-6pm, and **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be held from 6-7:30pm for adults all at Ss. Mary & Joseph.

Holy Cross Cemetery Spring Clean-up: The cemetery will soon be preparing to cut grass for the upcoming season. Please remove any grave blankets, decorations, etc. that will impede the cutting of the grass before March 25. After that date, the cemetery will remove any items. Thank you!

Come and Celebrate the Holy week this Lent

As we continue our Lenten journey under the theme **“Returning Home to the Father: Renew, Reconcile, & Rejoice,”** I would like to warmly invite every member of our parish family to take part in the sacred celebrations of **Holy Week**, especially the three most important days of our faith: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & the Easter Vigil.**

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Sometimes it is easy to come only for Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. But the beauty & meaning of Easter become much deeper when **we journey with the Lord through these holy days** that lead up to it. These three days, often called the **Sacred Triduum (Sacred three days)**, are really **one great celebration** of the **mystery of our salvation.**

On **Holy Thursday**, we remember the gift of the Eucharist & the priesthood at the Last Supper. Jesus gathers His disciples around the table & shows us that love is expressed in humble service. It is a beautiful moment for us to **renew** our love for the Eucharist & our commitment to serve one another.

On **Good Friday**, we stand at the foot of the Cross. In silence & prayer, we remember the depth of God's love revealed through the suffering & sacrifice of Christ. It is a powerful day to **reconcile** our hearts with God, reflecting on how deeply we are loved & forgiven.

Then, on **Holy Saturday evening**, we gather for the **Easter Vigil**, the most solemn & joyful liturgy of the entire Church year. Beginning in darkness at the Easter Fire, & moving into the light of the Resurrection, we celebrate Christ's victory over sin & death. It is a time to truly **rejoice**, because Christ is alive & brings us new life here & now!

I encourage you & your families to come & experience these beautiful celebrations. A postcard with the **dates & times for all the Holy Week services in our three parishes** has been sent out as a reminder & invitation. Please consider making time to participate in these sacred liturgies.

Walking with Jesus through these holy days helps us **return home to the Father**, allowing our hearts to be **renewed, reconciled, & filled with the joy of Easter.** May this Holy Week be a time of grace & blessing for all of us. I look forward to praying & celebrating with you.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

Remember a Loved One with a Pew Plate: Honor & remember a loved one with a memorial pew plate at Ss. Simon & Jude. The cost for each plate is **\$100**. For more information, please contact the parish office by phone or email. Payments may be sent by mail or placed in the collection basket. Please be sure to include your contact information with your payment.

We send our condolences to the **family of Michael Lyn Bruhn** who passed away on February 27. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**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