

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

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)

Monday, March 23

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Jeannette Small / Mary San Gia Como
(Clark Family / MM Preston)

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, March 26

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

4:00 p.m. Becky Cerkoski
(Cerkoski Family)

Sunday, March 29

11:00 a.m. Ron Semplowski
(Horn Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 28

Lector Lee Ross (Mary Newman Passion)
E. Min. J. Ross, T. Duncan, B. Lubrant
Server
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, March 29

Lector Karen Genetti (Gayla Crites Passion)
E. Min. B. Jillson, T. Crites, K. Jarden
Servers Maria Jarden
Greeter Mike & Debbie Rossetto

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 22: *Parish Feast Day!*

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

Monday, March 23

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 a.m. For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
(Friend)

Thursday, March 26

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28: No Mass

Sunday, March 29

7:45 a.m. Don Dobrino
(Clark Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 28: No Mass

Sunday, March 29

Greeters Knights of Columbus
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. Knights of Columbus
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Knights of Columbus

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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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: \$1,617.00	Env: \$695.00
Loose: \$0.00	Loose: \$232.00
Bldg, PSR, Stole: \$116.00	Bldg, PSR \$0.00
V. Candle, Flowers: \$132.00	2nd Collection: \$267.00
2nd Collection: \$128.00	Centennial Campaign: \$0.00
\$1,993.00	\$1,194.00



Happy
St. Joseph Parish
Feast Day!
Mass at 11:00am

St. Joseph Parish, Benld will be celebrating the Feast of its Patron Saint, with a special Mass. The Mass will conclude with a solemn Eucharistic procession around the Church followed by benediction. A catered lunch will be held in the church hall.

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 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!,
Apr 5 No Class Easter Sunday, Apr 12, Apr 19, Apr 26

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.

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!

Confession – the way to Returning Home to the Father



As we continue our Lenten journey with our theme of Returning home to the Father, you are given a beautiful opportunity to make it a real return through the Sacrament of Confession. We already had a guided adoration in preparation for the sacrament of confession last week before the Mass & prayer for healing. In case you missed it I am offering you a 15 minutes guided Adoration in preparation for this important Sacrament this coming Tuesday prior to our scheduled confessions, at 6pm. I hope to help you to open your heart truly to receive the grace of the Sacrament- peace & reconciliation, so that you can joyfully celebrate the joy of Easter.

Through this Sacrament we are returning to the father who never tires of waiting for us or forgiving us. It is we who get tired of asking for forgiveness. Lent is not simply a season of giving things up; it is a sacred time of *renewal, reconciliation, & joyful return*. And confession is a beautiful way to do this. As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he can raise us up to newness of life in Him through this Sacrament.

In confession, we encounter not judgment, but mercy; not condemnation, but healing; not distance, but the tender love of God who restores us. So, I warmly invite you to this **guided Adoration and confession**. Together, in the quiet presence of the Lord, we will reflect, pray, and gently examine our lives in the light of God's love. Let us try to look at our hearts as if in a mirror and recognize the areas of our lives where we need renewal and reconciliation. Jesus truly present in the Eucharist can help us to do that, because he knows us through and through. Let us respond to his invitation wholeheartedly. The **Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed** during the time of confessions, offering a peaceful space for prayer while you wait or after you celebrate the sacrament.

This weekend, you are also given a **bulletin insert with an Examination of Conscience**. I encourage you to take it home, spend some time with it in prayer, and come prepared. Even if it has been a long time, do not be afraid—the father is waiting for you with open arms. Let us receive His loving embrace.

Let **this Lent** be the moment we truly come home.

- Come to be **renewed** in spirit.
- Come to be **reconciled** in heart.
- Come to **rejoice** in God's mercy.

Let us heed to his words of invitation "You are always welcome. You are always loved. And it is never too late to begin again! 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.



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