

# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

**Saturday, March 28**

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

**Sunday, March 29**

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

**Monday, March 30**

**Tuesday, March 31**

**8:00 a.m.** Mag Rolando  
(Rolando Family)

**Wednesday, April 01**

**8:00 a.m.** Attend Mass in Benld

**Thursday, April 02**

**5:30 p.m.** Paul Madden  
(MM Newman)

**Friday, April 03**

**3:00 p.m.** Attend Good Friday Service in Benld

**Saturday, April 04**

**7:30 p.m.** Attend Easter Vigil Mass in Carlinville

**Sunday, April 05: Easter Sunday**

**11:00 a.m.** Terry Plovich  
(Plovich Family)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, April 04: Easter Vigil in Carlinville**

Lector  
E. Min.  
Server  
Greeter

**Sunday, April 05: Easter Sunday**

Lector Rhonda Heyen  
E. Min. B. Jillson, M. Newman, N. Schmidt  
Servers Volunteers Needed  
Greeter Dennis Janssen & Terry Crites

***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

## COLLECTIONS:

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$1,375.00	Env: \$1,918.00
Loose: \$266.00	Loose: \$30.00
PSR: \$35.00	PSR \$520.00
V. Candle: \$ 31.00	Building: \$620.00
Other: \$170.00	Centennial Campaign: \$605.00
<b>\$1,877.00</b>	<b>\$3,693.00</b>

## CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

**Sunday, March 29**

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

**Monday, March 30**

**Tuesday, March 31**

**8:00 p.m.** Attend Mass in Gillespie

**Wednesday, April 01**

**8:00 a.m.** Lou Polovich  
(Clark Family)

**Thursday, April 02**

**5:30 p.m.** Attend Holy Thursday Mass in Gillespie

**Friday, April 03**

**3:00 p.m.** Good Friday Service

**Saturday, April 04:** Easter Vigil Mass in Carlinville at 7:30pm

**Sunday, April 05: Easter Sunday**

**7:45 a.m.** Rose Marie Tebbe  
(Tebbe Family)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, April 04: Easter Vigil in Carlinville**

**Sunday, April 05: Easter Sunday**

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Ed Saracco  
Lector Joe Dopuch  
E. Min. R. Gill, M. Bertetto, N. Balzraine  
Servers Lucca Kapp  
Off. Fam. Bill Bertetto 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:** amy.killam@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.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, Joey Bertetto, Virginia Gruenenfelder, Jerri Bayse, Angela Weidner



# Holy Week

## 2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Holy Thursday (4/2):</b>	5:30pm at Ss. Simon & Jude 7:00pm at Ss. Mary & Joseph
<b>Good Friday (4/3):</b>	3:00pm at St. Joseph 5:30pm Stations of the Cross at SSMJ 6:00pm at Ss. Mary & Joseph 7:00pm Station of the Cross at SSSJ
<b>Easter Vigil (4/4):</b>	7:30pm at Ss. Mary & Joseph
<b>Easter Sunday (4/5):</b>	7:45am at St. Joseph 9:30am at Ss. Mary & Joseph 11:00am at Ss. Simon & Jude

## 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:

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

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

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

**Thank you** to everyone who made a donation toward the Altar Flowers. These funds will be used for Easter & for additional floral needs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## 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, red gift bags 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, April 12: Reception for the Newest Members of our Tri-Parish Family** You are warmly invited to CELEBRATE & WELCOME the newest members of our Tri-Parish Family after 9:30am Mass on Sunday, April 12 in the Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall. The SSMJ Hospitality Committee will be serving refreshments; KC's biscuits & gravy, donuts, cake, coffee & juice. Everyone from the Tri-Parish Community are welcome!

**Wednesday, May 6: Altar Society Mother's Day Dinner** Ladies and their guests are invited to the Mother's Day Dinner on Wednesday, May 6 at Ss Simon & Jude School dining room. \$25 per person includes a social time at 5:30pm, followed by a catered dinner at 6pm with entertainment. Please let us know by April 26 if you will be attending. Send your name and payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked for the Altar Society. Please make checks payable to Altar Society.

## Holy Week — An Invitation to Walk with Jesus



Today, on **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**, we begin **Holy Week**, the most sacred & important week of our Liturgical Year. During these holy days, we remember with gratitude what Jesus has done for us through His suffering, death, & Resurrection. The best way to express our gratitude is to **be present with Him** & accompany Him

through the celebrations of Holy Week.

Saint Andrew of Crete, an eighth-century bishop & theologian, reminds us that it is not only palms or branches we offer to Christ, but ourselves—our time, our hearts, & our presence. This week specially invites us to walk with Jesus & remain with Him through the events that gave us salvation.

- **On Holy Thursday**, we remember the **Institution of the Holy Eucharist**, God's greatest gift to us, & the gift of the **Priesthood**. We witness Jesus humbly washing the feet of His disciples, teaching us to love one another with humility, generosity, & sacrificial love.
- **On Good Friday**, we stand at the foot of the Cross & remember His suffering & death, the price He paid for our salvation.
- **At the Easter Vigil**, the holiest night of the year, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ—the victory of life over death, light over darkness, & hope over despair.

This year, our celebration of the **Easter Vigil** will be especially meaningful as **10 OCIA candidates** will be received into the Catholic faith. What a grace & blessing for our parish! Their journey of faith reminds us of our own call to renewal & deeper commitment to Christ. Your presence at the Easter Vigil will be a powerful sign of welcome & support for them as they take this beautiful step into the life of the Church.

I warmly encourage everyone to make a sincere effort to attend these special services. Too often, we celebrate Palm Sunday & return only for Easter Sunday, missing the heart of our faith that unfolds during these sacred days.

Let us set aside time this week to nurture our spiritual lives, deepen our faith, & grow closer to the Lord. Let this Holy Week be different. Let it be meaningful. Let it be a time of renewal for each of us.

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



**THANK YOU ALL** for making the St. Joseph Feast Day celebration a wonderful & memorable one. Our beautiful Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Joe Dominic, the Provincial of the Pallottines, Milwaukee. Thank you to Bill Bertetto for making all the liturgical preparations & arrangements; Cindy Saracco & the

Altar Society for making all the arrangements for the scrumptious meal. And everyone else who helped in one way or another. It was a great day of fellowship, food & fun!

**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.