

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, April 04: Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m. Attend Easter Vigil Mass in Carlinville

Sunday, April 05: Easter Sunday
11:00 a.m. Terry Plovich
 (Plovich Family)

Monday, April 06

Tuesday, April 07
8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, April 08
8:00 a.m. Attend Communion Service in Benld

Thursday, April 09

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11
4:30 p.m. Becky Cerkoski
 (Cerkoski Family)

Sunday, April 12
11:00 a.m. Paul Madden
 (MM Crites)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, April 11
 Lector Mary Newman
 E. Min. Roger Niehaus
 Server Volunteers Needed
 Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, April 12
 Lector Karen Genetti
 E. Min. Barb Jillson
 Servers Volunteers Needed
 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

COLLECTIONS:

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$3,080.00	Env: \$1,180.00
Loose: \$180.00	Loose: \$206.00
PSR: \$5.00	PSR: \$0.00
V. Candle: \$33.00	Building: \$0.00
Other: \$35.00	Centennial Campaign: \$946.00
\$3,333.00	\$2,332.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, April 05: Easter Sunday
7:45 a.m. Rose Marie Tebbe
 (Tebbe Family)

Monday, April 06

Tuesday, April 07
8:00 p.m. Attend Communion Service in Gillespie

Wednesday, April 08
8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, April 09

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11: No Mass

Sunday, April 12:
7:45 a.m. For the Tri-Parish Community

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, April 11: No Mass

Sunday, April 12
 Greeters Denise Cadmus & Jerri Bayse
 Lector Joe Dopuch
 E. Min. M. Bertetto, N. Balzraine, G. Link
 Servers Lucca Kapp
 Off. Fam. James Kelly Family

Confessions 7:15-7:40am on Sundays with 7:45am Mass

Pastor: Rev. Joe Koyickal, SAC (jkoyickal@dio.org)
DRE: Donette Clark (donette.clark@sssimonjudegillespie.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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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

WE HAVE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!

Please make sure you update the office emails in your contact list.

Office: simonjude3456@sssimonjudegillespie.com
DRE: donette.clark@sssimonjudegillespie.com

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 12, Apr 19, Apr 26 Last PSR/Youth Group Class

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

The Lenten Tree Cross donations yielded \$514 that will be donated to the High School Youth Group to help with their trip to Steubenville, Ohio for the Youth Conference in June!

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, 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.

Honor a special woman in your life this Mother's Day. Ss. Simon & Jude Altar Society is offering Mother's Day flowers to honor both living & deceased women. Pink carnations will represent living women, & white carnations will honor those who are deceased. These flowers will be placed on the altar during Mother's Day weekend. The cost is \$4 per flower. All proceeds will be donated to Carlinville Catholic Charities to support programs for women & children in Macoupin County. A list of all donations received by Sun, May 3 will be published. To participate, please complete the order form & return it in the collection basket labeled "Mother's Day Flower." Kindly make all checks payable to the Altar Society.

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 Sun, 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!

Sunday, April 19: A Garden Wedding Ladies Luncheon Mark your calendars for this year's Ss. Mary & Joseph Ladies Luncheon *A Garden Wedding* which will be at 11:30am on Sun, April 19. This is the last weekend to buy tickets! Questions contact the Carlinville Office.

Wednesday, May 6: Altar Society Mother's Day Dinner Ladies and their guests are invited to the Mother's Day Dinner on Wed, 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.

Easter Blessings!

Together with our Staff, I wish each one of you and your families a Blessed and Happy Easter filled with peace, joy, and abundant blessings! **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

Over the past weeks of Lent, we journeyed together in the spirit of our Lenten theme: **"Returning Home to the Father:**

To Renew, To Reconcile, and To Rejoice." Our Lenten journey has truly been grace-filled and meaningful.

I sincerely thank each of you for your faithful participation and involvement. Your presence at Mass, Stations of the Cross, Confession, Adoration, and the Holy Week liturgies has been deeply encouraging to me. Seeing so many of you make time for prayer, reflection, and reconciliation has been a beautiful witness to the strength of our parish family. Your commitment reminds us that we are never alone. We walk this journey together as a family of faith. Thank you!

Now, as we celebrate Easter, we rejoice in the heart of our faith: **Jesus' victory over sin and death and over all the forces of evil.** The empty tomb, resurrection, proclaims that darkness does not have the final word, suffering does not have the final word, and death itself does not have the final word. Life, hope, and love triumph in Christ. Let us believe this truth and live it!

In these times when our world experiences war, global tensions, uncertainty, and anxiety, our hearts can feel troubled and weary. Yet Easter reminds us that God is always present and at work, even in the midst of darkness and uncertainty. The Risen Lord walks with us, strengthens us, and fills us with courage. **"Be not afraid,"** says the risen Lord to each one of us! Easter hope assures us that peace, healing, and new life are always possible with God.

My prayer for each of you is that the hope of Easter will renew your hearts and strengthen your faith. May it inspire us to live as people of hope, bringing kindness to those who are hurting, patience to those who are struggling, and encouragement to those who feel discouraged. Let us continue to **"return home to the Father"** each day, living as renewed, reconciled, and joyful disciples of the Risen Lord. Trust that we can make a difference!

May the Risen Lord bless you and your loved ones with peace in your hearts, joy in your homes, and renewed hope in your lives.

Blessings of Peace & 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.