

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, April 25
4:00 p.m. Roberta Wenzel
 (MM Link)

Sunday, April 26
11:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski
 (Cerkoski Family)

Monday, April 27

Tuesday, April 28
8:00 a.m. Suzanne Newman
 (T. Duncan)

Wednesday, April 29
8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, April 30

Friday, May 01
8:00 a.m. Paul Madden
 (R. Leone Family)

Saturday, May 02
4:00 p.m. Chelsea Marinacci
 (Bray Family)

Sunday, May 03
11:00 a.m. Joe Niebrand
 (Niebrand Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 02
 Lector Lee Ross
 E. Min. J. Ross, T. Duncan, B. Lubrant
 Server Volunteers Needed
 Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, May 03
 Lector Gayla Crites
 E. Min. K. Jarden, T. Crites, B. Jillson
 Servers Volunteers Needed
 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

COLLECTIONS:

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$1,390.00	Env: \$1,450.00
Loose: \$252.00	Loose: \$140.00
PSR: \$0.00	PSR: \$55.00
2nd Coll, Candles: \$144.00	2nd Coll, Easter: \$269.00
Easter: \$50.00	Centennial Campaign: \$95.00
\$1,836.00	\$2,009.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, April 26
7:45 a.m. Darlene Koniak
 (G. Koniak)

Monday, April 27

Tuesday, April 28
8:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, April 29
8:00 a.m. Chandy Thomas Koyickal
 (Fr. Joe)

Thursday, April 30

Friday, May 01
 8:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, May 02: No Mass

Sunday, May 03
7:45 a.m. Mariam Koyickal
 (Fr. Joe)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 02: No Mass

Sunday, May 03
 Greeters Bill Gill & Tom Connors
 Lector Bill Bertetto
 E. Min. J. Kelly, E. Saracco, B. Bertetto
 Servers Lucca Kapp
 Off. Fam. Jerry Saracco Family

Pastor: Rev. Joe Koyickal, SAC (jkoyickal@dio.org)
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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, Stacy Stoops, Brenda Lowe

Good Shepherd Sunday: Jesus the Gate Who Leads Us to Life; World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**, a day when we reflect on the loving care of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. In the gospel today Jesus presents Himself in a closely related image: *"I am the gate for the sheep... whoever enters through me will be saved... I came so that they might have life & have it more abundantly."*

In the time of Jesus, shepherds often led their sheep into an enclosure at night to protect them from thieves & wild animals. The shepherd himself would lie across the entrance, becoming the "gate." Nothing harmful could enter without passing through him, & none of the sheep could wander out into danger unnoticed. In this way, the shepherd became both **protector & guardian**, ensuring the safety & well-being of the flock.

For us today, this image of Jesus as the Gate means that **He is the way to safety, hope, & fullness of life**. In a world filled with many voices, choices, & distractions, we are often tempted to follow paths that promise happiness but do not truly satisfy. Jesus reminds us that true life, peace, meaning & lasting joy is found when we walk with Him & allow Him to guide our choices. It means choosing compassion over indifference, honesty over convenience, & courage over fear. When we follow His way, we discover the abundant life He promises.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, reminding us that Jesus continues His shepherding care through those called to priesthood & religious life. Today we pray that many generous hearts will respond to this call & serve the Church with dedication & joy.

At the same time, this Sunday also invites each of us to listen for God's voice in our own lives. Every vocation, whether to priesthood, religious life, marriage, or dedicated service, is a response to the Good Shepherd who calls us by name to His service.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, may we find comfort in knowing that **Jesus stands as the Gate of our lives**, guarding us with His love and leading us to abundant life. Let us pray for vocations and may each of us follow the voice of the Good Shepherd with trust and generosity.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

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 26 Last PSR/Youth Group Class

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

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Important Dates & Information

April 25/26: Free Community Laundry Days The Macoupin County Health Department is sponsoring Free Community Laundry Days-events where individuals & families can wash & dry their clothes at no cost. Something as simple as clean clothing can make a tremendous difference: it supports children's confidence at school, helps adults feel prepared for work & daily life, & ensures that families don't have to choose between basic necessities & financial strain. There will be a special collection the weekend of April 25 & 26 if you would like to help. **This is monetary donations only, no laundry products please.** **Make checks payable to MCPH.**

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.

Saturday, May 2: Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish is partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) to make beds for kids who don't have a bed. The workday will be held in the Aladdin buildings behind the high school. Shifts are from 8:30am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-4:30pm. If you are unable to work, but would like to donate; mattresses are the most in need, followed by comforters & then sheet sets. SHP has set up a deal with Heinz furniture, you can purchase a mattress there for \$70. Questions, please contact Michael Millard at 217-710-4942.

Wednesday, May 6: Altar Society Mother's Day Dinner Ladies & 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 & payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked for the Altar Society. Please make checks payable to Altar Society.

Wednesday, May 6: Blood Drive Carlinville Area Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401.

Sunday, May 10: 40th Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Chuck Edwards Father Chuck Edwards would like to celebrate his 40th Anniversary of his Ordination with our Tri-Parish Communities, on Sun, May 10. As such, he will celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:45am in Benld & at 11am in Gillespie. Having a reception after the 7:45am Mass is the most practical thing to do on that day since it is Mother's Day. There will be a coffee & pastries reception after the 7:45am Mass in St. Joseph's parish hall. If you plan to attend another Mass but want to meet with Father Chuck, please plan to attend this reception. He will be in attendance until 10:15am. All are welcome & encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to congratulate Father Chuck on 40 years of faithful service. **There will also be a gift bag in all three parish narthexes if you would like to send Fr. Chuck cards, notes, or small gifts.**

Congratulations and God's Blessings, Fr. Chuck!