

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

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

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

Monday, May 04

Tuesday, May 05
8:00 a.m. Ginnie Altieri / Charles Altieri
 (MM Preston / MM Preston)

Wednesday, May 06
8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, May 07

Friday, May 08
10:00 a.m. Mass at Morse Farms in Carlinville
 For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, May 09
4:00 p.m. Suzanne Newman / Jack Plovich
 (MM Wirth / C. Plovich & Family)

Sunday, May 10
11:00 a.m. Paul Madden
 (MM Crites)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 09
 Lector Mary Newman
 E. Min. Roger Niehaus
 Server Volunteers Needed
 Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, May 10
 Lector Denise Wirth
 E. Min. Barb Jilson
 Servers Volunteers Needed
 Greeter Mike & Debbie Rosetto

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: \$1,580.00	Env: \$830.00
Loose: \$339.00	Loose: \$222.00
PSR: \$0.00	PSR: \$20.00
Candles: \$16.00	Other: \$0.00
Other: \$0.00	Centennial Campaign: \$835.00
\$1,935.00	\$1,907.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

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

Monday, May 04

Tuesday, May 05
8:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, May 06
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for all Mothers
 of the Parish

Thursday, May 07

Friday, May 08
10:00 a.m. Mass at Morse Farms in Carlinville
 For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, May 09: No Mass

Sunday, May 10
7:45 a.m. Virginia Greff / Rose Marie Tebbe
 (C. Greff / Tebbe Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 09: No Mass

Sunday, May 10

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Mike Byots
 Lector Bill Bertetto
 E. Min. E. Saracco, B. Bertetto, J. Saracco
 Servers Lucca Kapp
 Off. Fam. Ralph Tebbe 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, Stacy Stoops, Brenda Lowe

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

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

We ended our PSR and High School Youth Group year with a FUN DAY. A day full of treats, games, and of course FUN!

Very proud of our students and their studies which included:

prayers & praying, the rosary & Mary, saints, sacraments, Stations of the Cross, Jesus' passion / death / resurrection, server training, and much more.



Please keep **Joie Heyen** in your prayers as she finishes her preparations and heads to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Saturday, June 6th to celebrate mass with Bishop Paprocki and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.



Keep an eye out for Summer Activities. They will be posted here-stay tuned!

Donette Clark, DRE donette.clark@sssimonjudegillespie.com

Important Dates & Information

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. Social time at 5:30pm, followed by a catered dinner at 6pm with entertainment.

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!

Weekend of May 16/17: Graduate Blessing Fr. Joe will be blessing the graduates at the weekend Masses on May 16 & 17. If you are graduating or have graduated this year please plan to attend one of these Masses!

Sunday, May 31: Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish Feast: They will be celebrating the Feast of their Patron Saints with a special Mass, a solemn Eucharistic procession, benediction & a meal catered by Renos. All parishioners from our Tri-Parish Community are invited to attend! Please RSVP by Sun, May 24 by emailing the number of adults and number of children attending to amy.killam@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com.

Let Not Your Hearts be Troubled, Believe, & Trust

All of us experience moments in life when things seem dark and uncertain, when we cannot understand what is happening and cannot see the way forward. At such times, we feel the need for strong faith, yet those are often the very moments when faith feels hardest to hold on to.

When life goes smoothly, it is easy to think our faith is strong. But when difficulties come, health concerns, family struggles, financial worries, or the loss of a loved one, we discover what our faith is really like. Faith, in essence, is about placing our trust in God, even when life does not make sense.

Sometimes we can think if God loves us, life should be smooth and free from storms. So, when difficulties arise, we may feel shaken and even wonder if God has abandoned us. Even the disciples experienced this same fear at the Last Supper when Jesus began speaking about his departure. Their hearts were troubled and filled with anxiety. Jesus reassures them in the gospel today saying, **"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."** He was not abandoning them. Instead, he promised to prepare a place for them and invited them to trust, even when they did not fully understand. This is a good invitation for us too today.

Trust is one of the greatest gifts we can offer to God and to one another. Trust allows us to believe that even in the darkest moments, God is present and working in ways we cannot yet see. A crisis is not a sign of God's absence, but often an invitation to deepen our faith and rely more fully on him. We grow in our trust through prayer and practice of faith. That is why it is so important to nurture even the small faith we have. Faith becomes our source of strength and comfort, especially in difficult times. It reminds us that we are not alone, that God walks with us, and that light can still break through the darkness.

Even a small measure of faith can sustain hope. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, *"A person with a grain of faith in God never loses hope, because he believes in the ultimate triumph of truth."* So, when life feels heavy and uncertain, may we listen again to the reassuring words of Jesus:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled... have faith in God, have faith also in me."

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

May is the Month of Mary. We will be praying the Rosary for Peace at the Blessed Mother's Statue at the following times/ places during the month of May...

- ⇒ Tuesdays in Gillespie after the 8am Mass
- ⇒ Wednesdays in Benld after the 8am Mass
- ⇒ First Fridays in Gillespie after the 8am Mass
- ⇒ Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays in Benld at 8:45am



Weather Permitting. All are welcomed & encouraged to attend. If you can't make it to the church please say a rosary at home.