

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, May 16

4:00 p.m. Ron Semplowski
(Horn Family)

Sunday, May 17

11:00 a.m. Connie Reiniesch
(F. Hendricks)

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Suzanne Newman
(MM Rossetto)

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

4:00 p.m. Mag Rolando
(Rolando Family)

Sunday, May 24

11:00 a.m. George Sawyer
(SSSJ Altar Society)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 23

Lector Mary Newman
E. Min. Jeff Ross
Server Volunteers Needed
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, May 24

Lector Karen Genetti
E. Min. Terry Crites
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

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, May 17

7:45 a.m. Tom Sherman
(G. Leone)

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. For our Parish Family

Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23: No Mass

Sunday, May 24

7:45 a.m. Darlene Koniak
(G. Koniak)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 23: No Mass

Sunday, May 24

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Ed Saracco
Lector Bill Bertetto
E. Min. J. Saracco, R. Gill, R. Byots
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Dave Dopuch 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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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, Stacy Stoops, Brenda Lowe, Ed Chesus, Mary Cavanaugh

COLLECTIONS:

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$1,690.00	Env: \$1,280.00
Loose: \$452.00	Loose: \$302.00
PSR: \$10.00	PSR: \$60.00
Building: \$20.00	Building: \$140.00
Candles, 2nd Collection: \$138.00	Centennial Campaign: \$0.00
\$2,310.00	\$1,782.00

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

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

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. There is a red bag in each parish for Joie. Parishioners may drop a note, card or small gift into the bags, which will be gifted on Confirmation Day!

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

Donette Clark, DRE
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Bless our High School Graduates as they begin their next chapter!



*Emily Bergen
 Addi Cox
 Kate Gerdes
 Carson Hailstone
 Sofia Hedrick
 Stephen Kochinski
 Lexi Schardan*

*Congratulations to the Class of 2026
 We are proud of you!*

Important Dates & Information

Thursday, May 21: Eucharistic Minister Training: Fr Joe will be holding a training for current Eucharistic Ministers & anyone that would like to be part of this ministry on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30pm. On Pentecost Sunday weekend, May 23/24, Father Joe will commission all Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions or would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at 217-839-3456.

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day Mass Schedule

- * 9am at New Calvary Cemetery in Carlinville
 In case of rain Mass will be at Ss. Mary & Joseph
 - * 10:30am at Holy Cross Cemetery in Gillespie
 In case of rain Mass will be at Ss. Simon & Jude
- Bring lawn chairs if the Masses are held at the cemeteries.*

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.

Saturday, June 6: First Communion & Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield.

Sunday, June 14: Presentation of the Newly Confirmed
 Fr. Joe will be presenting the newly confirmed to the congregation on Sunday, June 14 at the 11am Mass.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Jimmy Carter was at the peak of his presidential campaign. On a Sunday he was coming out of a service at a Baptist Church in Georgia. One reporter asked him a rather intriguing question. "Mister Carter, suppose, when you are president, you get into a situation, where the laws of the United States are in conflict with what you understand to be the will of God, which will you follow, the laws of the state or the commandment of God?" After a brief pause, he turned towards the reporter and said, "I would obey the commandment of God!" Here was a man, who was true to his faith, true to his convictions, and was not afraid or shy of proclaiming it.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. As Jesus returns to the Father, He does not leave His disciples alone. Instead, He entrusts them, and each one of us, with His mission: "Go and make disciples of all nations." He also gives us a powerful promise and assurance: "I am with you always, until the end of time."

So, Ascension is both a celebration and a call. It reminds us that, through our Baptism, we are called to be Christ's witnesses in the world. Pope Francis often described every Christian as a "missionary disciple", someone who knows Jesus, loves Jesus, and brings Jesus to others.

This call is addressed to all of us. Our homes are our first mission place, our families our first communities of faith, and our workplaces and neighborhoods the places where we are called to live and share the Gospel. Others should be able to experience the presence of Jesus through the way we speak, the way we forgive, the way we serve, the way we encourage, and the way we love. The example of Jimmy Carter is a great inspiration! Let us live our faith with conviction and courage reflecting His love and presence in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives.



Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! Fr. Joe



Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Macoupin County Laundry Days Collection. A \$282 donation was made to help them provide this service to area residents.

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.