

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, June 27

4:00 p.m. Ralph Iasillo
(MM Preston)

Sunday, June 28

11:00 a.m. Jack Plovich / Rick Garbin
(C. Plovich / Garbin Family)

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 a.m. George Sawyer
(Wasylenko Family)

Wednesday, July 01

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, July 02

Friday, July 03

8:00 a.m. Marjorie Storm
(MM Newman)

Saturday, July 04 **Happy 4th of July!**

4:00 p.m. Mag Rolando / Terry Plovich
(Rolando Family / Plovich Family)

Sunday, July 05

11:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski
(Cerkoski Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 04

Lector Mary Newman
E. Min. R. Niehaus, T. Duncan, B. Lubrant
Server Volunteers Needed
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, July 05

Lector Karen Genetti
E. Min. B. Jillson, T. Crites, K. Jarden
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: \$1,655.00	Env: \$692.00
Loose: \$196.00	Loose: \$185.00
Building: \$20.00	PSR: \$40.00
PSR: \$0.00	Building: \$0.00
Candles: \$61.00	Capital Campaign: \$370.00
\$1,932.00	\$1,287.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, June 28

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

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, July 01

8:00 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh
(SSSJ Altar Society)

Thursday, July 02

Friday, July 03

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, July 04: First Saturday Devotion at 8:30am

Happy 4th of July!

Sunday, July 05

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 04: No Mass

Sunday, July 05

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Mike Byots
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. G. Link, J. Kelly, E. Saracco
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 (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, Stacy Stoops, Brenda Lowe, Adrienne Devlin

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

We would like to thank all the wonderful people who helped this past week to make our VBS "Come to the Table" such a success! Special Thank You's to all the adult volunteers at each station teaching our kids about Jesus and that EVERYONE is welcome at his table, the student volunteers, the tri-parish family who donated so much from snacks, to decorations and cash, Clara Boyett for organizing the wonderful week! Last but not least, the families, for sending your children!



Reminder!! The VBS kids will be singing at the 9:30am Mass at Ss. Mary & Joseph on Sunday, June 28.

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

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Congratulations to **Ron & Rhonda Heyen** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. May the Lord bless you & keep you for many more years to come.

Father Paul Raj, a diocesan priest from Chingleput Diocese in India will be making a mission appeal for his diocese in India on July 11-12, 2026 at the Tri-Parish communities, of Ss. Mary & Joseph, Carlinville, IL, Ss. Simon & Jude, Gillespie & St. Joseph, Benld.

The purpose of this mission is to promote education among the poor children in this diocese. Christianity is India's third-largest religion with approximately 30 million followers, constituting 3% of India's population. Around 70% of Christians in this diocese are Dalits, a marginalized group without any rights or power. Dalits are formerly known as 'Outcaste or Untouchables' under the caste system in some parts of India. For centuries, they have been deprived of education, human dignity, & equal opportunity.

Due to poverty, these Christian children are unable to continue their schooling & end up working in restaurants, tea shops, brick kilns, hazardous firework factories, & weaving factories. They are robbed of their beautiful childhoods & bright futures.

In this painful context, our Bishop, A. Neethinathan, Bishop of Chingleput Diocese makes this appeal in seeking your support & prayers. Your generosity through this mission appeal can help our children return to school & enjoy their childhood. You can surely prevent many children from child labor, child trafficking & child migration. Your contribution will be used to pay school fees, books, & uniforms. For more information please visit [Home - Dalit Solidarity](#).

Thank you and may God richly bless you for answering God's greatest commandment -- to love. Fr. Paul Raj

Putting Christ First in Our Daily Lives

The words of Jesus in the gospel today may sound surprising & too radical. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, & whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;" Does he mean to say to love our families less? Absolutely not. He is asking us to put them in the right order. When Jesus is at the center of our lives, every other love & relationships fall in the right place & become pure, generous & faithful. So, Jesus is inviting us to discover the source of every true love. When He becomes our first love, every other love becomes stronger.

This is not easy. It calls for commitment and sacrifices. That is why he says, "whoever does not take up his cross & follow after me is not worthy of me". Last Sunday Jesus reminded us to live out our faith, to be His witnesses, with courage & without fear. Fear not, he says, because we are precious in His eyes, & nothing can happen to us without his knowledge. Let us renew our commitment to Jesus by making Him the center of our lives & experience the joy of His love.

Jesus also speaks about offering hospitality. Hospitality is faith in action. It does not have to be anything great. Simple acts of kindness, a welcome offered, a helping hand extended, even a cup of cold water given to someone in need. In God's eyes, no act of love is too small or insignificant. Ordinary gestures done with faith & love become extraordinary in His sight.

In the hustle & bustle of our daily lives, this Gospel invites us to ask: *Is Jesus truly at the center of my life? How can I show His love to others through simple acts of kindness & hospitality?*

May we remember that discipleship is lived not only in great sacrifices but also in the little things we do each day with love. As followers of Christ, let us strive to put Him first & to be His presence to one another through kindness, generosity, & welcome.

Blessings of peace and joy Always!
Fr. Joe



We need your help! St. Joseph and Ss. Simon & Jude will be collecting cereals & soups for the Caring Center for the next few weeks. Collection boxes will be in the vestibules. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Classes for adults interested in becoming Catholic will be starting very soon. If you would like more information please contact Donette Clark.

**Important Dates & Information**

Weekend of July 11/12: A Mission Priest will be visiting this weekend.

Friday, July 17: Biking for Babies!

Save the date! Biking for Babies will be at Ss. Mary & Joseph on Friday, July 17. Come meet with the bikers, learn about the organization, which supports crisis pregnancy centers. Light refreshments will be served at 5:45pm.