

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

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)

Monday, July 06

Tuesday, July 07

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, July 08

8:00 a.m. Attend Communion Service in Benld

Thursday, July 09

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

4:00 p.m. Cinda McCullough
(L. Orr)

Sunday, July 12

11:00 a.m. Paul Madden / Jack Plovich
(MM Crites / C. Plovich)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 11

Lector Karla Huddleston
E. Min. Mary Newman
Server Volunteers Needed
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, July 12

Lector Kristine Jarden
E. Min. Rhonda Heyen
Servers Volunteers Needed
Greeter Rob & Denise Wirth

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: \$2,490.00	Env: \$850.00
Loose: \$224.00	Loose: \$155.00
Building: \$20.00	PSR: \$0.00
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Candles, Peter's Pence: \$123.00	Capital Campaign: \$1,112.00
\$2,857.00	\$2,117.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, July 05

7:45 a.m. Rose Marie Tebbe
(Tebbe Family)

Monday, July 06

Tuesday, July 07

8:00 a.m. Attend Communion Service in Gillespie

Wednesday, July 08

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, July 09

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11: No Mass

Sunday, July 12

7:45 a.m. Jim Eisman
(MM Link)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 11: No Mass

Sunday, July 12

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marcacci
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. J. Kelly, E. Saracco, B. Bertetto
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, Stacy Stoops, Brenda Lowe, Adrienne Devlin

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

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



Children that have attended Altar Server Training are eligible to begin serving Mass. Servers are listed in the bulletin as Volunteer Needed. Please contact the office if you are a new server and wish to start serving Mass. Someone will be paired with you for the first few times.

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Thank you to everyone that donated items/money to help the Caring Center. Your generosity is appreciated!

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



Email/Text Scams: Some parishioners have been getting email & text scams. They look like they are coming from priests in the area & are asking for a response. Please DO NOT respond, just delete the email/text & for good measure block the scammer. Fr. Joe or any other priest will never ask for money or favors via email or text. Thank you!

250 Years of Independence: Looking Back with Gratitude, Looking Forward with Hope

As our nation celebrates the **250th Anniversary of American Independence**, we thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon our country. History is not simply the story of what human beings accomplish; it is also the story of God's faithful love at work in the world. This milestone invites us to look back with gratitude for the courage, sacrifice, & vision of those who laid the foundations of our nation & worked to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

At the same time, this anniversary calls us to look forward with hope. Every generation is entrusted with the responsibility of building a future marked by justice, compassion, peace, & respect for the dignity of every human person. As Christians, we recognize that true freedom is not simply the ability to do what we want, but the freedom to do what is right, serving God & our neighbor.

The familiar motto, "**In God We Trust**," reminds us that our greatest strength has never been found merely in our wealth, technology, or military power, but in our dependence upon God. When we place our trust in Him, He gives us the wisdom to make good decisions, the courage to face challenges, & the grace to work together for the common good.

In today's world, so often marked by division, uncertainty, & conflict, we are called to be people of faith, hope, & charity. We can each contribute by living our faith with integrity, strengthening our families, serving those in need, respecting one another, & praying for our nation & its leaders.

As we celebrate this historic anniversary, let us renew our commitment to the values that have shaped our nation &, above all, to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which calls us to be instruments of God's peace & love. May God continue to bless our country, guide its leaders, & inspire each of us to help build a future filled with hope.

**God Bless America and may we always remember:
 "In God We Trust"**

I will be away on our annual Retreat with our Pallottine community this week and the weekend I will be away making a mission appeal in California for our Pallottine missions. A missionary priest from India will be here for the mission appeal and the weekend Masses. Please welcome him and be generous.

Blessings of peace and joy always! Fr. Joe

Important Dates & Information

Thursday, July 9: A reception to welcome Fr Paul Raj to our parishes will be held on **Thurs, July 9, at 6:30pm** in the **Ss. Simon & Jude School Dining Room**. Please join us to meet Father Paul, extend a warm welcome, and enjoy creating your own delicious ice cream sundae. We hope to see you there!

Weekend of July 11/12: 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. Please be generous.

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.

GRANT, WE PRAY, O HEAVENLY FATHER,
 A CLEAR AND UNITED VOICE TO ALL YOUR SONS
 AND DAUGHTERS GATHERED IN YOUR CHURCH
 IN THIS DECISIVE HOUR IN THE HISTORY OF
 OUR NATION, SO THAT, WITH EVERY TRIAL
 WITHSTOOD AND EVERY DANGER OVERCOME—
 FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN, OUR
 GRANDCHILDREN, AND ALL WHO COME AFTER
 US—THIS GREAT LAND WILL ALWAYS BE "ONE
 NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH
 LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL." WE ASK THIS
 THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.