

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, July 18

4:00 p.m. Suzanne Newman
(T. Duncan)

Sunday, July 19

11:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski / Ed Chesus
(Cerkoski Family / MM Jillson)

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Shannon Diehl
(T. Wasylenko)

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, July 23

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

4:00 p.m. Rose Preston / The Mussatto Family
(L. Preston / P. Zaksas)

Sunday, July 26

11:00 a.m. Virginia Greff
(C. Greff)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

Lector Gayla Crites
E. Min. Kristine Jarden
Servers Volunteers Needed
Greeter Dennis Janssen & Kim Bertino

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: \$1,855.00	Env: \$1,085.00
Loose: \$85.00	Loose: \$237.00
Building: \$45.00	PSR: \$30.00
PSR: \$45.00	Ins & Building: \$20.00
Mission Appeal, Ins: \$1,301.00	Mission Appeal: \$436.00
\$3,331.00	\$1,808.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 a.m. Charlene Bearden
(M Friedman)

Thursday, July 23

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25: No Mass

Sunday, July 26

7:45 a.m. Cameron Tucker
(MM Link)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 25: No Mass

Sunday, July 26

Greeters Knights of Columbus
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. Knights of Columbus
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Knights of Columbus

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, Amy Miles

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

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

Coming Soon: Registration details for the 2026-27 PSR year. Share with families of students K-8th or 9th-12th (High School Youth Group) interested in joining the program. Incoming Kindergarteners welcome!



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.

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



Ss. Simon & Jude Parish is collecting gently used Bibles to help meet requests from members of our community. If you have a Bible that you no longer use and would like to donate, we would be grateful for your generosity. Donations may be placed on the counter in the church vestibule. Thank you for helping us share God's Word with those in need.



Remember a Loved One with a Pew Plate: Honor & remember a loved one with a memorial pew plate at Ss. Simon & Jude. The cost for each plate is **\$100**. For more information, please contact the parish office by phone or email. Payments may be sent by mail or placed in the collection basket. Please be sure to include your contact information with your payment.

We send our condolences to the **family of Charlene Bearden**, who passed away on June 6. Please keep her family in your prayers.

WE NEED YOU! If interested in a ministry listed below please contact Mary Newman in Gillespie or Cindy Saracco in Benld or you can call the office at 217-839-3456.

Volunteers Needed!

- ⇒ Eucharistic Ministers
- ⇒ Altar Servers
- ⇒ Lectors
- ⇒ Greeters
- ⇒ Offertory Family



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God's Patience and Tolerance

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds. At first, the servants want to pull out the weeds immediately, but the owner tells them to wait until the harvest. Through this simple story, Jesus reveals something beautiful about the heart of God: **God is patient.**

God sees everything, the good and the bad, our strengths and our weaknesses. Yet He does not give up on us. Instead, He gives us time to grow, to change, and to return to Him. God has the bigger picture. His desire is not to condemn but to save. His mercy is always greater than our failures, and His love never stops reaching out to us. This indeed is good news for us especially when we feel discouraged or disappointed with our own shortcomings and failures or of others. So, there is always hope for us. As this week's second reading reminds us; "The Spirit comes to our aid in our weaknesses; we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words" (Rom. 8:26).

This Gospel also challenges us to look at our own hearts. Patience is often one of the greatest struggles in our life and relationships. We can become frustrated by the faults and limitations of others. We are sometimes quick to judge, slow to forgive, and inclined to focus more on what is wrong than on what is good. If we really pause and look, we realize that there is so much goodness in us and around us.

Jesus invites us to see others as God sees them, with hope rather than despair. Every person is still a work in progress. Just as God has been patient with us, He asks us to be patient with one another. Instead of dwelling on people's weaknesses, let us try to notice their goodness, encourage their growth, and leave final judgment to God.

May we thank God for His incredible patience with us and ask for the grace to reflect that same patience, mercy, and love in our families, our parish, and our daily lives. In doing so, we become living signs of the God who never gives up on His children.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

**Important Dates & Information**

Wednesday, July 29: St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Mtg
The St. Joseph Altar & Rosary will be holding a meeting on Wed, July 29 at 10am. Gloria Saracco & Pat Obertine are the hostesses.

Saturday, August 1: Ultreya Dinner
There will be an Ultreya gathering on August 1 for anyone who has attended a Cursillo weekend at Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall. We will begin after the 5:30pm Saturday Mass. The main dish and drink will be provided, and attendees are asked to bring a side dish.