

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

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)

Monday, July 27

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 a.m. Drew & Kyra Wasylenko & Bryce Alpi
(T. Wasylenko)

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, July 30

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 01

4:00 p.m. Becky Cerkoski
(Cerkoski Family)

Sunday, August 02

11:00 a.m. For the Tri-Parish Community

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 01

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

Sunday, August 02

Lector Knight of Columbus
E. Min. Knight of Columbus
Servers Volunteers Needed
Greeter Knight of Columbus

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: \$1,395.00	Env: \$775.00
Loose: \$150.00	Loose: \$208.00
Building: \$20.00	PSR: \$0.00
PSR: \$50.00	Ins & Building: \$60.00
Mission Appeal, Ins: \$78.00	Capital Campaign: \$50.00
\$1,693.00	\$1,093.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Chandy Koyickal
(Fr. Joe)

Thursday, July 30

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 01: No Mass

Sunday, August 02

7:45 a.m. Roy & Delores Tucker
(MM Link)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 01: No Mass

Sunday, August 02

Greeters Denise Cadmus & Jerri Bayse
Lector Joe Dopuch
E. Min. B. Bertetto, J. Saracco, R. Gill
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Daron Kapp 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, 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 in September. If you would like more information please contact Don Reid at 217-825-6987.



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.

**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.

Saturday, August, 8: End of Summer Pool Party!

All kids of the Tri-Parish Community are invited to attend an End of the Summer Pool Party on August 8! Come join us for music, fun, snow cones and fellowship at the Carlinville City Pool from 10am-Noon. Questions reach out to Ellen Etter at 217-502-2335.

Sun, Aug 30: Celebrating 50+ Years of Marriage in 2026:

Parish members of Ss Simon & Jude & St. Joseph's who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage in 2026 will be recognized this September. Father will offer a special blessing during Mass the weekend of Sept 19/20. If you were included last year we will update the list. Please call the church office or drop a note in the collection basket by Aug 30 to be included.

Pray for Wisdom

We live in a world that constantly tells us what we need in order to be happy. Every day advertisements encourage us to buy the latest phone, a newer car, fashionable clothes, or the next beauty product. Gradually, our wants can begin to look like our needs.

Yet, even after acquiring many things, people often discover that their hearts are still restless. Material possessions can make life more comfortable, but they cannot satisfy our deepest longing. That longing is spiritual. We were created for God, the source of all goodness, truth, and beauty.

In this Sunday's first reading (1 Kings 3:5-12), King Solomon teaches us what we should desire above everything else. When God invites him to ask for anything, Solomon does not ask for wealth, power, or a long life. Instead, he asks for wisdom.

Biblical wisdom is much more than knowledge or intelligence. It is the ability to see life from God's perspective, to recognize what truly matters, and to make choices that lead us closer to Him. Wisdom helps us place God first, love others generously, and live according to His will. Without this wisdom, even great success and many possessions cannot bring lasting happiness.

We see two beautiful qualities in Solomon's prayer. First, he humbly acknowledges who he is before God, dependent, limited, and in need of God's guidance. Second, he recognizes the mission God has entrusted to him: to serve God's people faithfully.

The same is true for us. Each of us has a vocation; as parents, grandparents, spouses, children, workers, neighbors, priests, or members of our parish community. We all need God's wisdom to fulfill that calling with love, integrity, and compassion.

This week, let us pray as Solomon prayed: "Lord, give me a wise and understanding heart." When we seek God's wisdom first, He will help us recognize what truly matters and lead us to the lasting joy that only He can give.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!
Fr. Joe



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 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