

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, August 01

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

Sunday, August 02

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

Monday, August 03

Tuesday, August 04

8:00 a.m. Suzanne Newman
(M. Friedman)

Wednesday, August 05

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, August 06

Friday, August 07

8:00 a.m. Pete Visintin
(C. Visintin)

Saturday, August 08

4:00 p.m. Franklin Orr
(L. Orr)

Sunday, August 09

11:00 a.m. Paul Madden
(MM Crites)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 08

Lector Karla Huddlestun
E. Min. Nancy Schmidt
Server Volunteers Needed
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, August 09

Lector Denise Wirth
E. Min. Gayla Crites
Servers Volunteers Needed
Greeter Mike & Debbie Rosetto

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: \$1,865.00	Env: \$860.00
Loose: \$255.00	Loose: \$142.00
Building: \$0.00	PSR: \$0.00
PSR: \$10.00	Ins & Building: \$30.00
Candles, Pew Plate: \$139.00	Capital Campaign: \$831.00
\$2,269.00	\$1,863.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, August 02

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

Monday, August 03

Tuesday, August 04

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, August 05

8:00 a.m. Don Dobrino
(Clark Family)

Thursday, August 06

Friday, August 07

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, August 08: No Mass

Sunday, August 09

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 08: No Mass

Sunday, August 09

Greeters Michelle Bertetto & Peg Allen
Lector Joe Dopuch
E. Min. J. Saracco, R. Gill, R. Byots
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Jerry Saracco Family

Confessions 7:15-7:40am on Sundays with 7:45am Mass

Pastor: Rev. Joe Koyickal, SAC (jkoyickal@dio.org)

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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, Dave Gedinger

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.

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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.

**Gillespie Holy Cross Cemetery Map of Grave Markers**

Through the efforts of Steve Joyce of the Gillespie Public Library, mapping of the grave markers in Holy Cross Cemetery has been completed. Please see the large sign by the cemetery flag pole for instructions to assist in finding grave markers. Thank you to Steve and everyone else who assisted with this effort.

Important Dates & Information**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.

Weekend of August 8/9: Backpack Blessing

During the Masses on the weekend of August 8/9, Fr. Joe will be offering a special blessing for our students.

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.

Sunday, September 27:

A combined St. Joseph / Ss. Simon & Jude OUTDOOR MASS will take place on Sunday, September 27 at 10am at the Benld City Park. There will be a celebration of the Mass followed by fellowship. Be on the lookout for more details coming soon!

**A Request for Your Partnership**

Before you read my letter in this week's bulletin, I invite you to please reflect on Sunday's this Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21). Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples saw only a problem: "We have only five loaves and two fish." Jesus, however, saw an opportunity. He simply asked them to bring what they had, & He transformed their small offering into an abundant blessing for everyone.

Our Tri-Parish community finds itself at a similar moment. Like many parishes throughout our Diocese, we are facing changing realities that call us to look ahead and consider how we can best strengthen our mission for the future. Rather than focusing on what we may be giving up, the Gospel invites us to ask: What is Jesus asking us to place into His hands so that He can continue to bless our parish family?

In my letter, I share a proposal to adjust our weekend Mass schedule beginning in September. I know this will be difficult for some, especially those who have faithfully attended the Sunday morning Mass in Gillespie for many years. Please know that this recommendation comes only after much prayer, reflection, & consultation, & with the sincere desire to serve the long-term good of our Tri-Parish community.

Like the disciples in today's Gospel, I simply ask you to offer what you already have: your understanding, your trust, your prayers, and your cooperation. I truly believe these changes can strengthen our PSR programs, create new opportunities for faith formation, allow me to be more present and available as your pastor, and help build even stronger parish communities for future generations.

This proposal is not simply about changing Mass times; it is about strengthening our mission, caring for our children, supporting our families, making our parish communities more vibrant, and allowing your pastor to be more present among you. My hope is that, years from now, we will look back and see that this was a difficult step that God used for a greater good.

Thank you for reading my letter with a prayerful and open heart. Let us entrust this journey to the Lord, confident that the One who multiplied the loaves and fishes will continue to bless our Tri-Parish family as we walk forward together in faith.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

James Alderson will officially become a full member of the Catholic Church as he receives the Sacraments of Baptism, First communion, and Confirmation at the **11am Mass on Sunday, August 16**. Jim and his late wife JoElla have been long time members of the Ss. Simon & Jude parish. A reception to welcome James will be held after the Mass in the school basement. A light meal and refreshments will be provided. Please join us in celebrating this joyous occasion with Jim!

We send our condolences to the **family of Linda Cadmus** who passed away on July 10. Please keep her family in your prayers.