

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, August 08

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

Sunday, August 09

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

Monday, August 10

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski
(Cerkoski Family)

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, August 13

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

4:00 p.m. Jack Plovich
(C. Plovich)

Sunday, August 16

11:00 a.m. Mary Kay Ungarelli
(MM Preston)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 16

Lector Karen Genetti
E. Min. Terry Crites
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: \$3,815.00	Env: \$1,325.00
Loose: \$151.00	Loose: \$165.00
Building: \$0.00	PSR: \$120.00
PSR: \$65.00	Building: \$27.00
Candles: \$22.00	Capital Campaign: \$330.00
\$4,053.00	\$1,967.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, August 09

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

Monday, August 10

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Jack Kochinski
(Parishioner)

Thursday, August 13

Friday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, August 15: No Mass

Sunday, August 16

7:45 a.m. Freida Malloy
(G. Leone)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 15: No Mass

Sunday, August 16

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. James Kelly
Lector Joe Dopuch
E. Min. R. Gill, R. Byots, M. Bertetto
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Ralph Tebbe 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, Dave Gedinger, Joe Chiarodo

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.

**Important Dates & Information**

Saturday, August 22: Ultreya Dinner There will be an Ultreya gathering on August 22 for anyone who has attended a Cursillo weekend. We will begin after the 5:30pm Saturday Mass AT Ss. Mary & Joseph. The main dish & drink will be provided, & attendees are asked to bring a side dish.

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.

Mon, Sept 21-Thurs, Sept 24: Priests' Convocation Fr. Joe will be in Florissant, MO attending the Priests' Convocation, which is where all the priests of the diocese meet with the Bishop. There will be no daily Masses during this week.

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!

Sat, Oct 3: Oktoberfest SAVE THE DATE! Oktoberfest at Ss. Mary & Joseph! More information to come.

Sun, Oct 4: Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate! On October 4 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events and clicking on the Oct 4 Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted last year. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you did not do so last year. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.

New Mass Schedule

Starting the first weekend of September (5/6)

Saturday Vigil

4pm at Ss. Simon & Jude in Gillespie

6pm at Ss. Mary & Joseph in Carlinville

Sunday Morning

8am at St. Joseph in Benld

10am at Ss. Mary & Joseph in Carlinville

God Often Comes in Unexpected Ways

We all have expectations about how God should answer our prayers or work in our lives. Yet this Sunday's readings remind us that God often comes to us in ways we do not expect.

The prophet Elijah looked for God in the mighty wind, the earthquake, & the fire, but instead encountered Him in a gentle whisper. In the Gospel, the frightened disciples met Jesus in the midst of the storm & heard His comforting words: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid. 'We need to be open to God's presence & action in our lives even if it is contrary to our expectations. Silence & prayer are great ways to be open to God."*

In our busy and noisy world, it is easy to miss God's quiet presence. We are constantly surrounded by distractions of all sorts that leave little room for silence and reflection. Yet it is often in those quiet moments, in silence, in prayer, in the beauty of creation, in the kindness of another person, or in the peace that follows a difficult time, that God speaks most clearly to our hearts. What does it mean for me to be open to God's presence and workings in my life? Keeping the phone away for a while? Slowing down? Finding some time for quietness?

This week, let us make time each day to be still and listen. We may be surprised by the many ways God is already present, gently reminding us that He is always with us. May we be assured of His presence always!

Blessings of Peace and Joy always!

Fr. Joe

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.

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!

St. Joseph Altar & Rosary dues are now being collected.

Anyone wishing to pay the \$5.00 dues may do so by giving your payment to Cindy Saracco or by mailing it to the following address. **St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society, PO Box 42, Benld, IL 62009.** Thank you for your participation.