

# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

**Saturday, August 15**

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

**Sunday, August 16**

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

**Monday, August 17**

**Tuesday, August 18**

**8:00 a.m.** Eugene Preston  
(MM Preston)

**Wednesday, August 19**

**8:00 a.m.** Attend Mass in Benld

**Thursday, August 20**

**Friday, August 21**

**10:00 a.m.** Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab  
For Roger Miller

**Saturday, August 22**

**4:00 p.m.** Suzanne Newman / Mussatto Family  
(M. Friedman / P Zakas)

**Sunday, August 23**

**11:00 a.m.** Ed Chesus / Mariam Koyickal  
(M. Friedman / Fr. Joe)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, August 22**

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

**Sunday, August 23**

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: \$1,780.00    | Env: \$1100.00            |
| Loose: \$286.25    | Loose: \$226.00           |
| Insurance: \$20.00 | PSR: \$100.00             |
| PSR: \$100.00      | Insurance: \$65.00        |
| Candles: \$39.00   | Capital Campaign: \$10.00 |
| <b>\$2,225.25</b>  | <b>\$1,501.00</b>         |

## CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

**Sunday, August 16**

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

**Monday, August 17**

**Tuesday, August 18**

**8:00 a.m.** Attend Mass in Gillespie

**Wednesday, August 19**

**8:00 a.m.** Mariam Koyickal  
(Fr. Joe)

**Thursday, August 20**

**Friday, August 21**

**10:00 a.m.** Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab  
For Roger Miller

**Saturday, August 22: No Mass**

**Sunday, August 23**

**7:45 a.m.** Jim Eisman / Judy Emmons  
(MM Link / Emmons Family)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, August 22: No Mass**

**Sunday, August 23**

Greeters Bill Gill & Tom Connors  
Lector Joe Dopuch  
E. Min. R. Byots, M. Bertetto, N. Balzaine  
Servers Lucca Kapp  
Off. Fam. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marcacci 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

Parish office: 304 N. Macoupin Gillespie, IL 62033

Phone (217) 839-3456

Email: simonjude3456@sssimonjudegillespie.com

**Website: www.3parishes1faith.com**

**Facebook Pages:**

**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 Bedinger, Joe Chiarodo

**PSR / HS Youth Group Corner**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students** must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.

**Registration for the 2026-27 PSR year is now OPEN!**



Please register your student (K-12) at <https://forms.gle/23HNPd9sT62Fxc929> or by using the QR code. Classes will begin Sunday, September 13. If you have any questions, please reach out to Donette.

**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 [donette.clark@sssimonjudegillespie.com](mailto:donette.clark@sssimonjudegillespie.com)

**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.



We send our condolences to the **family of George Dresch** who passed away on July 31. Please keep Dolores & their family in your prayers.

**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](http://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**

**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.**

Please join us in celebrating this joyous occasion with Jim!

**A Faith That Does Not Give Up**

In today's Gospel, a Canaanite woman comes to Jesus with a simple but desperate prayer: **"Lord, help me."** At first, Jesus seems to remain silent, yet she does not give up. She continues to trust, continues to ask, and continues to knock despite the apparent refusal of Jesus. Her persistent faith and trust resulted in the comforting words of Jesus to her: **"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."**

The humble and trusting faith of this woman is a great example and invitation for us not to give up at the face of challenges and obstacles in our faith journey. Her story reminds us that prayer is not always answered in the way or at the time we expect. Sometimes God seems silent, but silence does not mean that God has abandoned us. Faith means continuing to trust even when we do not understand. Where there is love there is faith. Where there is faith there is trust. And where there is trust there is hope. And hope sustains us and refuses to let go!

May our love grow stronger, our faith grow deeper, and our trust in God never waver!

Blessings of peace and joy Always!

Fr. Joe



**A BIG THANK YOU** to Ellen Etter for organizing the Tri-Parish End of Summer Pool Party that took place on **Saturday, August 8 at the Carlinville City Pool.** About 60 kids enjoyed 2 hours of swimming, diving competitions, snow cones, chips and drinks.

*Also, a very special thank you to the Carlinville Knights of Columbus, Carlinville Ladies KC Auxiliary & the Ss. Simon & Jude Altar Society who funded this wonderful morning for our kiddos!*

**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.