

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh
(MM Newman)

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, August 27

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

4:00 p.m. Rose Preston
(L. Preston)

Sunday, August 30

11:00 a.m. Suzanne Newman
(MM Newman)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 29

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

Sunday, August 30

Lector Rhonda Heyen
E. Min. Barb Jilson
Servers Volunteers Needed
Greeter Terry Crites & Renee Katich

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: \$1,255.00	Env: \$800.00
Loose: \$192.00	Loose: \$208.00
Assumption of Mary: \$290.00	Stole: \$100.00
PSR: \$5.00	Assumption of Mary: \$130.00
Candles: \$29.00	Capital Campaign: \$0.00
\$1,771.00	\$1,238.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. All Souls

Thursday, August 27

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29: No Mass

Sunday, August 30

7:45 a.m. Mariam Koyickal
(Fr. Joe)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 29: No Mass

Sunday, August 30

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Mike Byots
Lector Joe Dopuch
E. Min. M. Bertetto, N. Balzraine, G. Link
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Lanny Ribes 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 Bedinger, Joe Chiarodo

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

3rd 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



Classes for adults interested in becoming Catholic will be starting soon. If you would like more information please contact Don Reid at 217-825-6987.

Classes will be held in Ss. Mary & Joseph Conference Room at 7pm

Upcoming Dates: September 2, October 7, November 4

Important Dates & Information

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.

Sat, Sept 12: Confirmation Reunion Mass & Reception
Did you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Ss. Simon & Jude or St. Joseph Parish/Cathedral between 2022 & 2026? If so, we would love to welcome you back! All those confirmed during the past five years are warmly invited to join us for a Confirmation Reunion Mass on Sat, Sept 12, at 4pm. Parents & Confirmation sponsors are also warmly invited to attend this special celebration. Following Mass, please join us in the parish hall for refreshments & fellowship. Confirmation is not the end of our faith journey but the beginning of a deeper life in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. This reunion is an opportunity to give thanks for God's gifts, reconnect with your parish family, & celebrate the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in your life. We look forward to welcoming you home!

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 and everyone from the Tri-Parish Family are invited! 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.

**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**

Forming Our Children in Faith: A Shared Responsibility

We will be starting our PSR classes next month. I want to underline the importance of this program for our children to help them to meet the challenges they are facing in today's world. This is a shared responsibility of parents, Catechists, volunteers & the entire parish community. Our PSR program is much more than a weekly class or a religious education requirement. It is an important part of our mission as a parish to help our children **know Jesus, grow in faith, & learn to live the Gospel.**

We are raising our children in a world that is very different from the one many of us knew growing up. Through phones, social media, the internet, entertainment, & other forms of digital media, our children are exposed every day to many different messages, ideas, & value systems. Some of these are helpful & positive; others can be confusing &, at times, directly opposed to the values of the Gospel. Our children & young people need more than information, they need **faith, guidance, good examples, & a community that will help them discover who they are and what truly matters.**

This is why our PSR program is so important. But **faith formation does not happen in the classroom alone.**

Parents are the first and most important teachers of faith.

What children experience at home, prayer, Sunday Mass, forgiveness, kindness, service, gratitude, & the way faith is lived each day often teaches more powerfully than any lesson in a classroom. Our catechists & volunteers build upon what parents begin, sharing their time, faith, & love with our children. And the entire parish community has a role in creating an environment where our young people know that they are welcomed, valued, loved, & an important part of the Church.

For this reason, strengthening our PSR program is a responsibility we share together. We need the **commitment of parents, the dedication of catechists & volunteers, & the support & encouragement of the whole parish community.** Our goal is not simply to have children attend a class, but to help build a **vibrant community of faith** in which our children & families worship together & grow together as disciples of Jesus.

Let us work together to give our children what they need most: **a strong foundation in Jesus Christ, a loving family of faith, & the confidence to live the Gospel in the world in which they are growing.** Our children are not only the future of our Church, but they are **also an important part of our Church today.** Blessings of peace and joy always! *Fr. Joe*

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.