

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, August 29

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

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 01

8:00 a.m. Jim Alderson
celebrating receiving his sacraments

Wednesday, September 02

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, September 03

Friday, September 04

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

Saturday, September 05

4:00 p.m. Paul Madden
(MM Jarden)

Sunday, September 06: No Mass

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, September 05

Lector Denise Wirth
E. Min. R. Niehaus, T. Duncan, B. Lubrant
Server Volunteers Needed
Greeter Rob & Denise Wirth
Off. Fam. Terry & Gayla Crites

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: \$1,800.00	Env: \$1,060.00
Loose: \$241.00	Loose: \$225.00
Assumption of Mary: \$10.00	Insurance & Candles: \$108.00
Building: \$100.00	Assumption of Mary: \$220.00
Candles: \$22.00	Capital Campaign: \$0.00
\$2,173.00	\$1,613.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 01

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, September 02

8:00 a.m. George Dresch
(G. Leone)

Thursday, September 03

Friday, September 04

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, September 05: No Mass

Sunday, September 06

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 29: No Mass

Sunday, September 06

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marcacci
Lector Bill Bertetto
E. Min. N. Balzaine, G. Link, J. Kelly
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Dave Dopuch 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

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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, Carol Bangert

New Mass Schedule: Starting NEXT WEEKEND! Sept 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

The Meaning of Suffering: In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds His disciples that following Him involves the cross: **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, & follow me."** Suffering is never something we seek or glorify, but it is an unavoidable part of human life. As Christians, however, we believe that suffering, when united with Christ, need not be meaningless. Jesus transformed the Cross from an instrument of death into a sign of love, sacrifice, & new life. Our sufferings can deepen our faith, strengthen our trust in God, make us more compassionate toward others, & become an offering of love. Pope Francis reminds us that **"in Christ, even suffering is transformed into love."** God does not stand at a distance from our trials & sufferings; He enters into them. Jesus does not simply explain suffering-**He bends toward those who suffer.** On the Cross, Christ reveals the depth of God's solidarity with us, identifying Himself completely with the weak, the broken, & the suffering. Therefore, we can unite our own crosses with His, trusting that even our pain, when placed in God's hands, can become a path of grace, love, and new life. May we find comfort and hope in our sufferings! Blessings of peace and joy always! *Fr. Joe*

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

Dues for Ss Simon & Jude Altar Society are being collected. If you would like to pay, send your \$5 in an envelope with your name & place in the collection basket. Be sure to mark Ss Simon & Jude on the outside. All ladies of our parish are members & invited to meetings & activities held during the year.

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.

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.

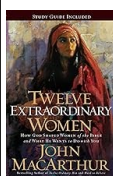
Mon, Sept 7: Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

The KC Council #2076 is hosting a Soccer Shootout on Monday, September 7 at the Benld Family Sports Complex (formerly Ben-Gil Elementary). Registration at 8:30am, 9am Start Time. Questions email KofC2076@gmail.com.

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!

Twelve Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Stories



Take a closer look at twelve ordinary women who were made extraordinary by a life-changing encounter with God. Their stories will challenge, motivate, encourage, and inspire you. Join us Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm in the Ss. Simon & Jude School Conference Room beginning September 14. Sign up on the counter at Ss. Simon & Jude or call Mary at 217-825-9171. Books are available to order for \$10.50 through Amazon. Please let us know when you sign up if you would like a book ordered.

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.

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.