

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, August 30

4:00 p.m. Terry Plovich / Ralph Glassbrenner
(M. Friedman / M. Friedman)

Sunday, August 31

11:00 a.m. Terry Plovich / Rick Garbin
(D. Grandone / SSSJ Altar Society)

Monday, September 01

Tuesday, September 02

8:00 a.m. Bill & Joanne Byots
(J. Ross Family)

Wednesday, September 03

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, September 04

Friday, September 05

8:00 a.m. Betty Borgini
(C. Reid)

Saturday, September 06

4:00 p.m. Mike Hailstone
(MM Kocis)

Sunday, September 07

11:00 a.m. C. Grandone / Ginni Altieri
(MM Allan / MM Preston)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, September 06

Lector Lee Ross
E. Min. J. Ross, T. Duncan, B. Lubrant
Server Ben Burns
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, September 07

Lector Karen Genetti
E. Min. Barb Jilson
Servers
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: \$1,710.00	Env: \$660.00
Loose: \$91.00	Loose: \$212.00
Building: \$0.00	Assumption: \$65.00
Votive Candles: \$43.00	Insurance: \$35.00
Mission: \$780.00	Mission: \$607.00
\$2,624.00	\$1,579.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, August 31

7:45 a.m. Ralph & Rose Tebbe (65th Anniversary)
(Tebbe Family)

Monday, September 01

Tuesday, September 02

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, September 03

8:00 a.m. Terry Plovich
(MM Fassero)

Thursday, September 04

Friday, September 05

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, September 06: First Saturday Devotion @ 8:30am

Sunday, September 07

7:45 a.m. Rose Marie Tebbe
(B. White)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, September 06: No Mass

Sunday, September 07

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marcacci
Lector Bill Bertetto
E. Min. R. Byots, R. Gill, M. Bertetto,
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Bill Gill Family

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

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

DRE: Donette Clark (gillespiedre@gmail.com)

Deacon Emeritus: Deacon Denny Baker

Gillespie Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00am-Noon

Bulletin Submissions: send to secretaryssmj@gmail.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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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: Tonya Koller, Cindy Alepra, Michael McCullough, Matt Orr, Brian Orr, Peggy Geurin, Denny Skeldon, Meredith Heyen, Mike Marcacci, Deacon Denny Baker, Adrienne Devlin, Millie Polovich, Paul Madden, Virginia Gruenenfelder, Dr. Stephen McCullough, Jerri Bayse, Carol Chesus, Ed Saracco, Mary Cavanaugh, Blake Sloan, Norman Emmons, Terry Crites, Matthew Alepra

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

PSR Class: Sundays from 9:45am-10:45am at SSSJ School

Youth Group: Sundays from 6pm-7pm at SSSJ School

Upcoming Dates:

Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21, Sept 28

PSR KICKOFF: Sun, Sept 7th, before 9:45am class, donuts/ refreshments will be available for students, families, & parishioners. Come early & help us KICKOFF our new year!!

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

A Note from Deacon Denny

One of the things that seems to be lacking in our lives is the time to see all the good things around us, the people & God's creation. We seem to focus on what lies ahead: where do I want to be in the future, what's best for me. The gospel for this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time might be calling us to take a different take on life. Someone once said that "humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." In other words, "let go & let God" guide our thoughts & actions. We humans are so convinced that we are the change everyone is looking for. True change can ONLY come from giving ourselves completely to the will of God, emulating the life of his Son. Jesus' mission on earth was to show us the love of his Father, unconditional as it is, is to be passed on through our example, our ministry to one another. We are called to humbly put others first. The theme for PSR at Ss. Mary & Joseph this year is JOY. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our tri-parish community would adopt that theme & look for the joy in serving each other?

New beginnings come & go on our life's journey. Each chapter connects with the previous one. And there is such beauty to behold with the turning of each page. The main focus of my 50+ years of ministry over the years had been through youth ministry & catechesis. I probably should have experienced burnout long ago but it has brought me such joy to work alongside young people! That's what probably jump-started me when I considered entering the diaconate. That venture was not without its struggles though. There were challenges with illness, studies & balancing ministry with family life. As usual, God was the one with the plan. Through the support of family, friends, & clergy, we have come to this new chapter, a new beginning. The support, also, from parishioners, has been phenomenal. I want to particularly recognize the folks at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit (Mt. Zion) & St. Isidore (Bethany) who gave me the initial boost following ordination. The wonder of God's love I have experienced in witnessing marriages, celebrating baptisms, preparing loved ones for funerals, visiting those who are ill or homebound, & a myriad of other experiences, have woven a fabric of my life that my wildest of dreams could never have imagined. I thank God every day for this AND I thank God every day for each & every one of YOU! My biggest supporter, Kathy, & I are moving geographically, but you all will continue to be in our thoughts & prayers. We ask you to pray for us & our family. This tri-parish faith community will forever be in our hearts.

And, REMEMBER ALWAYS THAT GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME.



Wed, Sept 10: Reception for Deacon Denny & Kathy

We will have a send off reception for Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker as they move on to the next chapter of their retirement & make their move to Montana on Wed, Sept 10 at 5pm in SSMJ Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Please come say goodbye to two valuable members of our Tri-Parish Family. We wish you both well!

Friday, September 12: Silver Rose Prayer Service

Ss. Mary & Joseph KC Council #663 is hosting the Silver Rose Prayer Service on Friday, Sept 12 from 11am-Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please read the bulletin insert.

Weekend of Sept 13/14: 50+ Years of Marriage Blessing

Fr. Joe will offer a special blessing during Mass of parish members who are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage in 2025. Let the office know by Aug. 31 to be included.

Mon, Sept 15 - Fri, Sept 19: Priests' Convocation

Fr. Joe will be in Springfield 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.

Sun, Sept 21: Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate! On September 21 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 Sept 21st 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.

Sun, Sept 28: Pilgrimage to Springfield

The Tri-Parish Community is invited to come on a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Sunday, September 28 for Mass. **Itinerary:** Arrive at the Cathedral 2:30pm, a Tour of the Cathedral 2:45pm, Rosary at 3:15pm, Confession & personal prayer time from 3:45-4:45pm, Mass at 5pm, conclusion & departure after Mass.

Wed, Oct 1: 2025 SDCCW Convention

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Sat, Oct 4: Pet Blessing at 10am at Ss. Simon & Jude

In the parking lot behind the rectory, please have your pet on a leash or pet carrier.

Sat, Oct 4: Oktoberfest

SAVE THE DATE! Oktoberfest after 5:30pm Mass at Ss. Mary & Joseph! Check out the insert for more information.

Saturday, October 18: Ss. Simon & Jude Feast Day

Save the Date! Mass at 4pm with Eucharistic Procession, Dinner & Celebration at the Civic Center Hall to follow. More information to follow.