

# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

**Saturday, September 13**

**4:00 p.m.** Terry Plovich  
(M. Zippay)

**Sunday, September 14**

**11:00 a.m.** Eugene Preston  
(MM Preston)

**Monday, September 15**

**Tuesday, September 16**

**8:00 a.m.** Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 17**

**8:00 a.m.** Attend Communion Service in Benld

**Thursday, September 18**

**Friday, September 19**

**Saturday, September 20**

**4:00 p.m.** The Mussatto Family  
(S. Borgini)

**Sunday, September 21**

**11:00 a.m.** For The Tri-Parish Community

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, September 20**

Lector Mary Newman  
E. Min. Roger Niehaus  
Server Mitchell Clark  
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

**Sunday, September 21**

Lector Kristine Jarden  
E. Min. Kristine Jarden  
Servers Maria Jarden & Harper Thackrey  
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: \$2,385.00	Env: \$875.00
Loose: \$203.00	Loose: \$190.50
Building: \$125.00	Building: \$285.00
PSR: \$160.00	PSR: \$50.00
Other: \$135.00	Other: \$70.00
<b>\$3,008.00</b>	<b>\$1,470.50</b>

## CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

**Sunday, September 14**

**7:45 a.m.** Ronald Bray  
(Bray Family)

**Monday, September 15**

**Tuesday, September 16**

**8:00 a.m.** Attend Communion Service in Gillespie

**Wednesday, September 17**

**8:00 a.m.** Communion Service

**Thursday, September 18**

**Friday, September 19**

**Saturday, September 20: No Mass**

**Sunday, September 21**

**7:45 a.m.** Rose Tebbe  
(Funeral)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, September 20: No Mass**

**Sunday, September 21**

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Ed Saracco  
Lector Bill Bertetto  
E. Min. R. Gill, M. Bertetto, N. Balzaine  
Servers Lucca Kapp  
Off. Fam. Ed Saracco 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, 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 21, Sept 28, Oct 5, Oct 12

Thank you for everyone who made Sunday such a great start of our PSR year!

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

**Important Dates & Information****Mon, Sept 15 - Thurs, Sept 18: 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.

**Fri, Sept 19 & Sat, Sept 20: KC Tootsie Roll Drive**

The Gillespie Knights of Columbus 2076 are having their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" on September 19 &amp; 20. Last year over \$5500 was raised to help the Intellectually Disabled in our area. All money stays here. We would like to thank you in advance for your donations &amp; continued support!

**Sept 20/21: National Back to Church Sunday** is celebrated the weekend of Sept 20/21. Please try to reach out to someone you might know & extend a gentle invitation to re-engage with the church community & find fellowship & connection.**Sept 27 - Oct 12: Altar Society Annual First Responder Snack Collection** The Altar Society will hold its annual collection of snack items for our local First Responders from **Sept 27 through Oct 12**. Donations of **nonperishable, individually wrapped snacks** may be left at both churches. Items that are easy for responders to grab & take with them-such as **candy bars, jerky sticks, granola bars, & chips**-are especially appreciated. All donations will be shared with our **local ambulance service, police, & the three fire departments**. Thank you for supporting those who serve our community!**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.**Sat, Oct 4: Oktoberfest** after 5:30pm Mass at Ss. Mary & Joseph!**Saturday, October 18: Ss. Simon & Jude Feast Day**

Ss Simon &amp; Jude Parish will celebrate our Feast Day on Sat, Oct 18. Join us for Mass at 4 pm with a Eucharistic Procession followed by a catered dinner with refreshments, music, kid's activities &amp; attendance prizes at the Gillespie Civic Center. Sign up sheets are in each of the churches or call the church office by October 5.

**Monday, October 20: Day Trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO**Join us for a special day of prayer and fellowship as we visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri. **Departure:** 8:00 AM from Gillespie **Return:** By 5:00 PM **Cost:** \$60 per person (includes transportation and box lunch) The day will include a guided tour of the shrine grounds, celebration of Mass, and a delicious lunch from a local bakery. **Registration forms & more information are available in both churches.** Spots are limited, so don't delay!**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. What is the significance of this Feast? From a worldly point of view, the cross was once a sign of shame, pain, &amp; ridicule. But in Jesus, it has become for us a sign of victory, hope, &amp; life. What once symbolized defeat, now proclaims God's greatest triumph, His unconditional love poured out for us in Christ.

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Philippians: *"Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross."* In the humility of Jesus, we see the depth of God's love: no limit, no condition, no holding back.

The Cross also reveals God's mercy &amp; forgiveness. From it flows the healing grace that restores us when we fall, strengthens us in our trials, &amp; assures us that nothing, neither sin, suffering, nor even death, can separate us from the love of Christ. Thus, cross is the symbol of our hope of salvation no matter how far we may have gone away from Him. That is the reason we venerate the cross.

As we celebrate this Feast, it is an invitation to live by its message and renew our commitment to Jesus. What does this mean for us in our daily lives?

- When life feels heavy or overburdened, let us remember & trust that we are not alone Christ carries them with us.
- When we are hurt, the Cross challenges us to forgive, just as Jesus forgave even from the Cross.
- When we are tempted by our pride, we can follow Jesus' humility by putting others first & serving quietly.
- When we wonder if our small sacrifices matter, the Cross reminds us that true love is always self-giving. Every sacrifice is an expression of the gift of oneself.
- And every time we make the Sign of the Cross, let us do it with reverence, remembering that we belong to Christ who redeemed us through His sacrifice. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him might not perish, but may have eternal life."

As we lift high the Cross today, may it renew in us the courage to love as Christ loved, to forgive as He forgave, & to hope as He hoped. The Cross, once a sign of death, is now for us the tree of life. Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! *Fr. Joe***Congratulations to Tom & Theresa (Jarden) Kahl** who were married on Friday, September 5. May God bless your beautiful marriage. Always cherish your love, as it's the greatest treasure. Best wishes for both of you!**Tues, Sept 23:** KC Mtg 6:30pm at St. Joseph**Wed, Sept 24:** St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society at 10am**Ss. Simon & Jude Parish Council is seeking new members!**

The Parish Council plays an important role in helping guide &amp; support our parish's mission. If you feel called to share your time &amp; talents in this ministry, please reach out to Fr. Joe.

**St. Joseph Altar & Rosary dues** are now being collected. Anyone wishing to pay the \$5 dues may do so by giving your payment to Cindy Saracco or by mailing it to: St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society, PO Box 42, Benld, IL 62009.