

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, October 11

4:00 p.m. Joe Niebrand / Becky Cerkoski
(Niebrand Family / MM Barrett)

Sunday, October 12

11:00 a.m. Mary Sangia Como
(MM Preston)

Monday, October 13

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Marjorie Brummer
(K. Huddlestun)

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, October 16

Friday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab
For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, October 18

4:00 p.m. Cinda McCullough
(Linda Orr)

Sunday, October 19

11:00 a.m. Fr. Joe's 45 Ordination Anniversary
(SSSJ Altar Society)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 18

Lector Denise Wirth
E. Min. R. Niehaus, J. Ross, K. Jarden
Server M. Clark, P. Jarden, B. Burns, M. Jarden
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, October 19

Lector Rhonda Heyen
E. Min. Barb Jilson
Servers
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: \$1,850.00	Env: \$545.00
Loose: \$273.00	Loose: \$173.00
Building: \$20.00	Building: \$0.00
PSR: \$80.00	PSR: \$0.00
Other: \$12.00	Other: \$154.00
\$2,235.00	\$872.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, October 12

7:45 a.m. Terry Plovich
(MM Fassero)

Monday, October 13

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Rick Garbin
(Garbin Family)

Thursday, October 16

Friday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab
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Saturday, October 18: No Mass

Sunday, October 19

7:45 a.m. Fr. Joe's 45 Ordination Anniversary

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 18: No Mass

Sunday, October 19

Greeters Bill Gill & Tom Connors
Lector John Fassero
E. Min. J. Kelly, E. Saracco, B. Bertetto
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. James Kelly 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)

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

Parish office: 304 N. Macoupin Gillespie, IL 62033

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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: 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, Terry Crites, Matthew Alepra, Bev Marasti

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:

Oct 19 (No PSR), Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9

3rd Grade students must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings

Tues, Oct 14: Ss. Simon & Jude Altar Society Mtg after Mass. Please join us to help plan the Christmas Party!

Wed, Oct 29: St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society Mtg at 10:30am

Wed, Oct 29: Ss. Simon & Jude Parish Council Mtg at 6:30pm

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. We will be praying the Rosary for Peace in the World at the Blessed Mother's Statue at the following times/places during the month of Oct.

⇒ Tuesdays in Gillespie after the 8am Mass

⇒ Wednesdays in Benld after the 8am Mass

⇒ Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays in Benld at 8:45am

All are welcomed & encouraged to attend. If you can't make it to the church please say a rosary at home.



New Weekly Giving Envelopes: Last year the Diocese rolled out a new database. With this new database the Diocese is working with the National Church Solutions (NCS) to offer traditional weekly giving envelopes. Going with this new company will drastically reduce our envelope costs bi-monthly. We are planning to start with NCS January 1, 2026.

What we need from each of you by November 30:

- If you currently receive envelopes and do not want them anymore please let the office know.
- If you currently do not receive envelope and you do want to start receiving envelopes, please let the office know.
- If you have recently moved, please let me office know your new mailing address.
- If you don't have any changes, then you are all set!

If you have any questions please call 217-839-3456 or email simonjude3456@gmail.com. Thank You in advance for helping us make sure our records are correct!

Ss. Simon & Jude Parish Council is seeking new members!

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

Ss. Simon & Jude Altar Society dues are \$5. Please place in the collection basket in an envelope with your name or mail to Mary Newman at 405 W. Chestnut, Gillespie. Thanks

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. Thanks

Series on the Mass – Week 1

“The Mass: The Heart of Our Faith” We begin our journey together to better understand the Holy Mass, so that we can take part in it more fully & with deeper faith. The Mass is not just a service or a routine gathering; it is the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, made present to us here & now. In every Mass, heaven touches earth. Christ speaks to us in the Scriptures, offers Himself to the Father, and nourishes us with His Body & Blood.

The Eucharist is truly the **“source & summit of our Christian life.”** Everything we do as believers flows from the Mass & leads us back to it. When we understand the Mass, we understand the heart of our faith. Over the next few weeks, we will take time to explore the different parts of the Mass—why we do what we do, what it means, & how we can participate more fully. My hope is that, as we rediscover the richness of the Mass, our hearts will be set on fire, & we will never again come to Mass as mere spectators, but as true participants in the mystery of salvation.

The Entrance Procession: The Entrance Procession reminds us that we, the Church, are a people on a journey toward God. As the priest & ministers walk toward the altar, we see a sign of our own journey toward Christ, our destination. The entrance hymn helps us unite our hearts, lifting our minds to God & setting a joyful, reverent tone for worship. So, it is important that we join in singing.

The Cross & the Book of the Gospels: The Cross, carried high in the procession, shows that Christ leads us. It is the sign of our salvation & our victory over sin & death. The **Book of the Gospels** reminds us that God's Word is central to our faith. When it is carried & placed on the altar, it shows the connection between the **Word** & the **Eucharist**—the two ways Christ feeds us at every Mass.

Reverencing the Altar: The altar is a sacred symbol of Christ Himself—both priest & sacrifice. When the priest & deacon bow & kiss the altar, they show deep reverence for Christ's presence & for the holy mystery that will soon unfold upon it. Thus, even before a single word is spoken, the Mass already teaches us through movement & symbol that we stand on holy ground & are part of something sacred—the great mystery of our salvations. To be continued...

Blessings of Peace & Joy always!

Fr. Joe

Important Dates & Information

Sun, Oct 12: Last day to bring snacks for the Altar Society Annual First Responder Snack Collection.

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

Join us for Mass at 4 pm with a Eucharistic Procession followed by a catered dinner with refreshments, music, kid's activities & attendance prizes at the Gillespie Civic Center.

The Jerseyville Deanery CCW will meet on Thursday, November 6th at St. Michael's, Greenfield, IL. Registration at 8:30 am, ceremony honoring deceased women of the deanery and Rosary at 9am followed by 9:30am Mass.