



Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026



**SS. SIMON & JUDE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

304 North Macoupin Street, Gillespie, IL 62033

**ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

300 West Central Street, Benld, IL 62009

Welcome to Ss. Simon & Jude / St. Joseph!

Whether you are an existing member, visiting family or new to the Parish we are happy you are here. If you are new to our parish, please call the office to register or to know more about our Parish Family. We look forward to meeting you!

Parish Office

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Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator and liaison between the Diocese & anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor— (217) 321-1155.

PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays in Gillespie 3:00-4:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays in Gillespie 3:00-3:45pm

Sundays in Benld 7:15-7:45am

By Appointment

Rosary

Sundays 7:30am in Benld

MASS SCHEDULE

Changes to the schedule will be announced on Facebook

Tuesday	8:00am	Daily Mass in Gillespie
Wednesday	8:00am	Daily Mass in Benld
First Friday	8:00am	Daily Mass in Gillespie
Saturday	4:00pm	Weekend Mass in Gillespie
Sunday	8:00am	Weekend Mass in Benld

FROM THE PASTOR

Living the Spirit of World Mission Sunday

“One in Christ, United in Mission”

This Sunday, October 18, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. For a century, this special day has reminded Catholics around the world that sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is the mission of the entire Church, not just priests, religious, or missionaries serving in distant lands.

This year's theme, “**One in Christ, United in Mission,**” reminds us that through Baptism, we all share in the mission of Jesus. We may live in different countries, speak different languages, and have different gifts, but we belong to one family in Christ. We are called to bring God's love, hope, and mercy to everyone, especially the poor, the suffering, and those who have not yet heard the Gospel.

World Mission Sunday invites us to remember and support missionaries who proclaim the Gospel, establish churches, educate children, care for the sick, and serve communities in need. Our prayers and financial contributions help support these efforts, particularly in mission territories and young Churches throughout the world.

But the spirit of mission is not limited to distant countries. Mission begins right here, in our homes, our parish, and our local community. Every Christian is called to be a missionary through daily life.

How can we live this missionary spirit?

- **Pray for the missions.** Remember missionaries, seminarians, and the people they serve in our daily prayers.
- **Give generously.** Support the World Mission Sunday collection according to our means. Every gift, however small, helps spread the Gospel and bring hope to others.
- **Share Christ through our lives.** Let our words and actions reflect the kindness, forgiveness, patience, and love of Jesus.
- **Reach out to those in need.** Visit someone who is lonely, help a struggling family, welcome a newcomer, or offer encouragement to someone who is going through a difficult time.
- **Build unity in our families and parish.** Forgive one another, set aside divisions, and work together as one family of faith. A loving and united Christian community is itself a powerful witness to the Gospel.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday, let us remember that **we are not simply asked to support the Church's mission; we are called to be the Church's mission.** Wherever we are, whatever our circumstances, each of us can bring Christ to others. May we renew our commitment to live as missionary disciples, united in Christ and sharing His love with the world.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!



PARISH NEWS

Novena for the Recovery of Pope Leo XIV: This novena will start Mon, Oct 19 at 6pm. We will be doing the rosary at both St. Joseph & Ss. Simon & Jude parishes each night for 9 nights until Tues, Oct 27. The rosary will be said outside, if weather allows, with our KCs leading the rosary at each Parish. All are welcome & encouraged to attend!

Month of October: First Responder Snack Collection The Altar Societies are collecting snacks for our local First Responders during October. Donation boxes will be located in the vestibules of both churches. Please donate individually wrapped, grab-and-go items such as Pop-Tarts, chips, Rice Krispy Treats, beef sticks, cookies, nuts, granola bars and candy. Thank you for supporting our local First Responders!

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.

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 October.

- Tuesdays in Gillespie after the 8am Mass
- Wednesdays in Benld after the 8am Mass
- Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays in Benld at 8:40am

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

Sun, October 25: KC Trunk or Treat The Kc's Annual Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 25 at the Benld City Park from 2-3pm. If you are interested in passing out treats please email the KC's at kofc2076@gmail.com.

Sat, Oct 31 & Sun, Nov 1: All Souls We will be remembering the lives of the loved ones we have lost this year during the weekend Masses. We ask that a family member or friend be present to come forth & light their loved one's candle.

Wed, Nov 4: Blood Drive Ss. Mary & Joseph is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Carlinville Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401. Volunteers are needed, if interested please call Reda Scanlan at 217-556-9781.

Sun, Nov 8: Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner St. Joseph parish will be hosting its annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Sun, Nov 8, beginning at 5:00pm. Turkey, pork roast, dressing, & rolls will be provided. Everyone in the tri-parish community is invited to attend. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibules of both St. Joseph & Ss Simon & Jude. Anyone from Ss Mary & Joseph wishing to attend should contact Cindy Saracco at 217-835-2623 or at esaracco4@gmail.com. The price of admission is a side dish &/or a dessert. Bring your family & join us for some great food and fellowship.

The Week Ahead

Please note that calendar events are based on requests for reservations, and we are not always informed when events are cancelled. If you have any questions if an event is happening, please contact the head of that committee/group.

Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21	Thu 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25
Praying Rosary in Benld at 8:40am Fr. Joe's 46th Anniversary of his Ordination! Novena at 6pm both Parishes	Praying Rosary in Gillespie after Mass Novena at 6pm both Parishes	Praying Rosary in Benld after Mass KC Mtg 6:30pm at St. Joseph Novena at 6pm both Parishes	Praying Rosary in Benld at 8:40am Novena at 6pm both Parishes	Praying Rosary in Benld at 8:40am Novena at 6pm both Parishes	Eucharistic Adoration in Gillespie 3-4pm Novena at 6pm both Parishes	Praying Rosary in Benld at 7:30am PSR 9:30-10:30am YG 6-7pm KC Trunk or Treat at Benld City Park 2-3pm Novena at 6pm both Parishes



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PSR / HS YOUTH GROUP CORNER

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

PSR Class: Sundays from 9:30am-10:30am at SSSJ School

Upcoming PSR Classes

Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15

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

Upcoming Youth Group

Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15

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.

Dear Padre

October 18, 2026

What does it mean when it says we're in Cycle A or B or C? Or Years I and II?

When the bishops of the Church at the Second Vatican Council in 1963 called for a revision of our liturgy, they asked that "The treasures of the Bible...be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way, a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 51).

At Sunday Masses, the Scriptures are divided up over three years (called Years A, B, and C). At these Masses, the gospel is the primary reading. The first reading, taken from the Old Testament, and the responsorial psalm touch upon the same theme as the gospel. In the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading follows consecutive passages from the letters of Paul or the other apostles, independent of the other readings.

At weekday Masses, most of the Bible is read over a period of two years. Odd-numbered years are Year I, and even-numbered years are Year II.

All of this should help us open those treasures that the Church says are ours in the Scriptures. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a welcoming journey of faith for adults who want to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is a time to ask questions, explore Scripture, discover the beauty of the Catholic faith, and grow in a deeper relationship with God.

If you would like more information please contact the parish office or Don Reid.

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

Upcoming Dates: November 4

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17: No 4pm Mass; please plan to attend the SSSJ Parish Feast on Sun, Oct 18 at 4pm

Sunday, October 18

4:00pm **Cinda McCullough / Joe Niebrand +**
(L. Orr / Niebrand Family)

Tuesday, October 20

8:00am Becky Cerkoski / Mary Cavanaugh +
(Cerkoski Family / MM Rossetto)

Saturday, October 24

4:00pm Paul Madden / Mary Cavanaugh
(MM Jarden /MM Kocis)

STEWARDSHIP MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Weekend Envelopes, Checks & Cash

\$1,966.00

PSR & Votive Candles

\$56.00

Holy Day

\$0.00

Special:

\$0.00

Total: \$2,022.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 18

8:00am Darlene Koniak +
(G. Koniak)

Wednesday, October 21

8:00am Thomas Koyickal
(Fr. Joe)

Sunday, October 25

8:00am For the Tri-Parish Community

STEWARDSHIP MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Weekend Envelopes, Checks & Cash

\$1,043.00

Building Fund & PSR

\$30.00

Holy Day

\$0.00

Special: Capital Campaign

\$100.00

Total: \$1,173.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 4:00pm

Greeters: Knights of Columbus

Lector: Knights of Columbus

Euch. Ministers: Knights of Columbus

Gift Bearers: Knights of Columbus

Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed

Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 8:00am

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Byots

Lector: John Fassero

Euch. Ministers: R. Gill, R. Byots, M. Bertetto

Gift Bearers: Bill Bertetto Family

Altar Servers: Lucca Kapp

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED:

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, Dave Bedinger, Joe Chiarodo, Carol Bangert, Bella Kennedy, Hazel Bono, Kelly Favre

SS. SIMON & JUDE / ST. JOSEPH HAS A TEAM OF PRAYER WARRIORS THAT ARE COMMITTED TO PRAYING FOR YOUR INTENTIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN INTENTION INCLUDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.



Happy Feast Day Ss. Simon & Jude

Prayer for the Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude



O God, Who, through Thy blessed Apostles Simon and Jude,
hast brought us to the knowledge of Thy name,
grant that we may celebrate their everlasting glory
by advancing in good works,
and that we may advance in good works
by celebrating their glory.

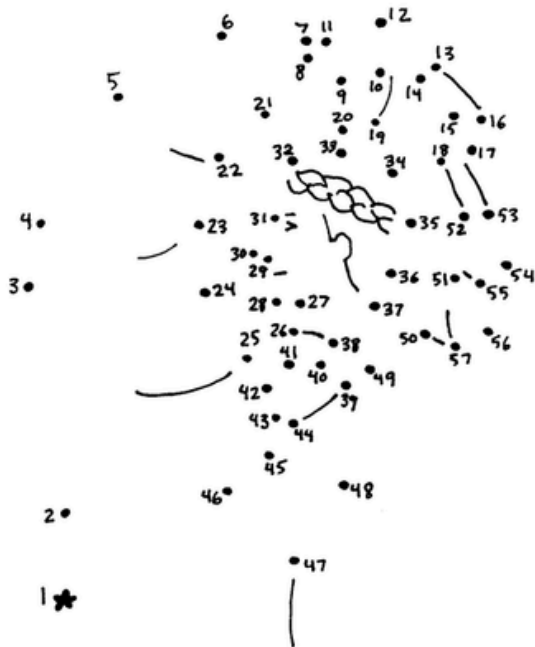
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who liveth and reigneth with Thee,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,
world without end.

Amen.



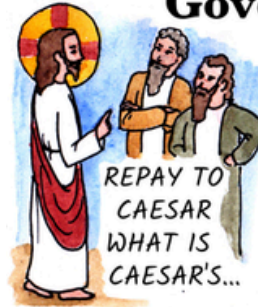
The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18th, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!

Should we Obey the Government?



REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S...

The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?

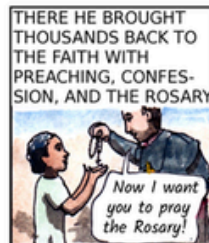
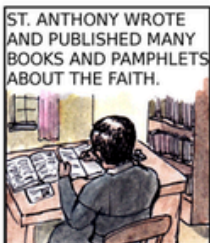
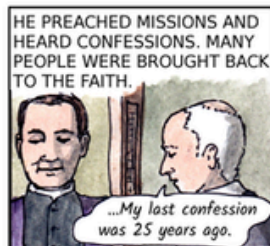


Answers to math puzzle: words are in this order: 8: Lord, 5: song, 6: sing, 9: lands, 7: glory, 2: nations, 3: peoples, 4: deeds.

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Saint Anthony Mary Claret

October 24



SAINT ANTHONY HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND OUR LADY. THIS GAVE HIM THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO BRING MANY SOULS BACK TO GOD THROUGH HIS PREACHING, WRITING AND HEARING CONFESSIONS. WE, TOO, GET STRENGTH TO DO GOD'S WORK FROM THE SACRAMENTS.

Sing 2 the Lord... a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.

Sing to the _____ a new _____;
4+4=_____ 1+4=_____

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
4+2=_____ 6+3=_____

Tell his _____ among the _____;
3+4=_____ 1+1=_____

among all _____,
2+1=_____

his wondrous _____.
2+2=_____

2 nations 6 sing
3 peoples 7 glory
4 deeds 8 Lord
5 song 9 lands

SS. SIMON & JUDE CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

We the faith community of Ss. Simon & Jude are called to worship as a family, to nurture and grow our faith and to be a welcoming, evangelizing and serving community.

PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS

Parish Council:

Mary Newman, Matt Brown, Harry Cavanaugh, Theresa Duncan, Brenda Lubrant, Roger Niehaus, Bob Tucker, Artie Vallerius, Denise Wirth, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Finance Council:

Harold Newman, Doug Goings, Kristine Jarden, John Marciukaitis, Weye Schmidt, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Ss. Simon & Jude Altar & Rosary Society Contact:

Mary Newman

Knights of Columbus Contact:

JO Kelly

Music Ministry Contact:

Pete Bertino

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

With the Lord's kindness and guidance, we hope to keep St. Joseph Church alive and well so that we may continue to grow in faith and spirit for future generations.

PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS

Parish Council:

Cindy Saracco, Bill Bertetto, Donna Dopuch, John Fassero, Ruth Gill, JO Kelly, Chester Wyatt, Fr. Joe Koyickal

Finance Council:

Ed Saracco, Jerry Marcacci, Jerry Saracco, Fr. Joe Koyickal

St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society Contact:

Cindy Saracco

Knights of Columbus Contact:

JO Kelly

Music Ministry Contact:

Sarah Williams

BAPTISMS

In order for a child to be baptized, the Church requires that the minister performing the baptism have a reasonable hope that the child will be raised in the practice of the faith. Attending Mass regularly and being a registered member of the parish provides this reasonable hope. Please contact the parish office for further details.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

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

Contact the DRE, Donette Clark, for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

A couple wishing to be married in Ss. Simon & Jude / St. Joseph Catholic churches must contact the parish office six months prior to the intended date. The couple must be registered in the parish & attend Mass regularly.

COMMUNION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are sick or homebound & would like to receive communion or be anointed, please contact the parish office.