

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

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)

Monday, October 20

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 a.m. Angelo Sangiacomo / Becky Cerkoski
(MM Preston / MM Barrett)

Wednesday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, October 23

Friday, October 24

10:00 a.m. Mass at Lakeside in Carlinville
For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, October 25

4:00 p.m. For the Tri-Parish Community

Sunday, October 26

11:00 a.m. Rick Garbin
(S. Kochinski)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 25

Lector Karla Huddleston
E. Min. Jeff Ross
Server
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, October 26

Lector Knights of Columbus
E. Min. Knights of Columbus
Servers
Greeter Knights of Columbus

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: \$2,345.00	Env: \$1,210.00
Loose: \$197.00	Loose: \$253.00
Building: \$0.00	Building: \$0.00
PSR: \$90.00	PSR: \$30.00
Other: \$126.00	Other: \$0.00
\$2,758.00	\$1,493.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, October 19

7:45 a.m. Fr. Joe's 45 Ordination Anniversary
(St. Joseph Parish)

Monday, October 20

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, October 22

8:00 a.m. John Vercoglio
(R. Leone Family)

Thursday, October 23

Friday, October 24

10:00 a.m. Mass at Lakeside in Carlinville
For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, October 25: No Mass

Sunday, October 26

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 25: No Mass

Sunday, October 26

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Marcacci
Lector John Fassero
E. Min. E. Saracco, B. Bertetto, J. Saracco
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Robert Burns 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

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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

Happy Parish Feast Day Ss. Simon & Jude!

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.



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 26, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16

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

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

 **Wed, Oct 29:** St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society Mtg at 10:30am
Wed, Oct 29: Ss. Simon & Jude Parish Council 6:30pm

Important Dates & Information

Sunday, October 26: Community Trunk or Treat

 **KC 2076 is wanting to support a stop at Ss. Simon & Jude for the Community "Trunk or Treat" in the afternoon on Sun, Oct 26. Anyone willing to participate, email kofc2076@gmail.com. Thanks you!**

Weekend of Nov 1 & 2: All Souls

 We will be remembering the lives of the loved ones we have lost this year during the weekend Masses of Nov 1 & 2. We ask that a family member or friend be present to come forth & light their loved one's candle at one of the Masses.

Wednesday, November 5: Blood Drive

 SSMJ is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401 or scan QR Code. Volunteers are needed, if interested please call Reda Scanlan at 217-556-9781.

 **Sunday, November 9: Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner** St. Joseph will be hosting their annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner in their hall on Sun, Nov 9 beginning at 5pm. Turkey, pork roast, dressing, & rolls will be provided. Everyone in our Tri-Parish Community is welcome to attend. The price of admission is a side dish and/or a dessert. Anyone from Ss Mary & Joseph wishing to attend may call Cindy Saracco at (217) 835- 2623. Bring your family & join us for some great food & fellowship.

Happy 45th Anniversary of your Ordination Fr. Joe!!

Series on the Mass – Week 2 Gathering as God's People

Last week, we began exploring the meaning of the Mass, reminding ourselves that we are not spectators but participants in the great mystery of God's love made present in the Eucharist. We reflected on the Entrance Procession-a symbol of our journey as God's pilgrim people, led by the Cross toward Christ.

This week, we focus on the **Introductory Rites**-the sacred doorway that prepares our hearts, minds, & spirits to enter into the mystery we celebrate.

1. The Sign of the Cross & Greeting:

The Mass begins "In the name of the Father, & of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit." This simple gesture reminds us who we are & whom we belong to. The greeting, "The Lord be with you," is not a mere hello, but a holy exchange-recognizing Christ's presence among us.

2. The Penitential Act:

Before approaching the altar, we pause to acknowledge our sins & our need for God's mercy. Like washing before a special meal, this act cleanses our hearts so we can receive God's Word & Eucharist worthily-not as perfect people, but as forgiven ones.

3. The Gloria:

On most Sundays, we joyfully sing "Glory to God in the highest!"-an ancient hymn echoing the angels at Jesus' birth. It expresses the gratitude & joy that naturally flow from hearts touched by God's mercy.

4. The Opening Prayer (Collect):

When the priest says, "Let us pray," a brief silence follows. In that moment, we bring our personal intentions to God. The priest then gathers ("collects") all our prayers into one, expressing the theme of the day's celebration.

Together, these opening moments help us transition from the busyness of life into the sacred presence of God. They unite us as one community, humble us before His mercy, & open our hearts to His Word.

So next time you come to Mass-make the Sign of the Cross with devotion, respond with faith, pray sincerely, & sing joyfully. Because from the very first words-"*In the name of the Father, & of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit*"-God is already drawing us into His saving love. To be continued....

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! Fr. Joe

Attention St. Joseph parishioners! Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting the following items for the Gillespie Caring Center/Food Pantry: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, pasta products, and canned meats. The Caring Center is currently experiencing a significant reduction in both food and monetary donations while at the same time dealing with a substantial increase in the number of families in need. As such, your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

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.