

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 26

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

Monday, October 27

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 a.m. Terry Plovich
(M. Gucciardo)

Wednesday, October 29

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, October 30

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 01

4:00 p.m. Lucille Marinacci
(J. Reid)

Sunday, November 02

11:00 a.m. Bill & Gwen Berutti
(J. Ross Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 01

Lector Mary Newman
E. Min. R. Niehaus, T. Duncan, B. Lubrant
Server
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, November 02

Lector Gayla Crites
E. Min. B. Jilson, T. Crites, K. Jarden
Servers Peter Jarden
Greeter Mike & Debbie Rosetto

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: \$1,866.00	Env: \$975.00
Loose: \$180.00	Loose: \$193.00
Building: \$0.00	Building: \$0.00
PSR: \$5.00	PSR: \$50.00
Other: \$0.00	World Mission: \$158.00
\$2,051.00	\$1,376.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, October 26

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

Monday, October 27

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, October 29

8:00 a.m. Terry Plovich
(D. Plovich)

Thursday, October 30

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 01: First Saturday Devotion @ 8:30am

Sunday, November 02

7:45 a.m. Carolyn Grandone
(MM Allan)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 01: No Mass

Sunday, November 02

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Ed Saracco
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. B. Bertetto, J. Saracco, R. Gill
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Daron Kapp Family

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

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

DRE: Donette Clark (gillesspiedre@gmail.com)

Gillespie Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00am-Noon

Bulletin Submissions: send to secretaryssmjc@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, Terry Crites, Matthew Alepra, Bev Marasti, Sid Stauffer

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:

Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 23

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 Society Mtg at 10:30am

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

Important Dates & Information

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.



Attention St. Joseph & Ss. Simon & Jude 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, canned meats & cereal. There will be collection boxes in the vestibules of both parishes.

The Caring Center is currently experiencing a significant reduction in both food & monetary donations while at the same time dealing with a substantial increase in the number of families in need. Please make any checks out to the "Caring Center." As such, your cooperation & support is greatly appreciated.

Keep up to date with our Facebook pages!

SS Simon & Jude - Gillespie
St. Joseph's - Benld

Series on the Mass – Week 3

The Liturgy of the Word: Listening to God's Voice

In the past two weeks, we reflected on what is Mass, then the Entrance Procession & the Introductory Rites. Today, we move to the next major part of the Mass -The Liturgy of the Word, where we listen to God speaking to us.

1. God Speaks to His People, Us

The Liturgy of the Word is not just "reading & listening", it's a sacred dialogue between God & His people. Through the Scriptures proclaimed, God Himself speaks to us-comforting, challenging, & guiding us. Listening is an act of faith, not passivity. When we respond, "Thanks be to God," we are truly thanking the Lord for His living Word. The Holy Spirit often touches our hearts through a single word or phrase, if we listen with open hearts.

2. The Structure of the Readings

First Reading (Old Testament): God's saving work & faithfulness before Christ. **Responsorial Psalm:** Our sung prayer in response to the Word. **Second Reading (Epistles):** Guidance for living as followers of Christ. **Gospel:** The high point, where Christ Himself speaks to us.

We stand for the Gospel in reverence. The small crosses traced on our forehead, lips, & heart remind us to let God's Word dwell in our mind, speech, & heart. The Gospel is not just history, it is Jesus speaking here & now. Christ feeds us first with His Word, then with His Body.

3. The Homily – Breaking Open the Word

After the Gospel, the priest or deacon helps us apply the Scriptures to daily life. A homily is like breaking open the bread of the Word so all can be nourished. Listening well means asking, "Lord, what are You saying to me today?" - rather than judging or critiquing.

4. Profession of Faith and Prayers of the Faithful.

After hearing God's Word, we respond with the Creed, affirming our faith together: "Lord, I believe all that You have spoken." Then, through the Prayers of the Faithful, we turn outward, praying for the Church, the world, & those in need. Faith naturally leads to prayer & action.

5. Listening with the Heart

The Liturgy of the Word is a true encounter with Christ. Two simple ways to prepare: 1. Try to read the readings in advance; 2. Ask God to speak personally to you. Even one word can become a seed of grace for the week. God's Word transforms us, strengthens our faith, & prepares us to receive Christ in the Eucharist.

Next week, we continue with Part Four – The Liturgy of the Eucharist, where bread & wine become the Body & Blood of Christ, the heart & summit of our faith.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

We send our condolences to the **family of Robert Polo** who passed away on Wednesday, October 15. Please keep Judy & their family in your prayers.

We send our condolences to the **family of John D "Jack" Plovich** who passed away on Friday, October 3. Please keep Carolyn & their family in your prayers.