

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, November 01

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

Sunday, November 02

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

Monday, November 03

Tuesday, November 04

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

Wednesday, November 05

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, November 06

Friday, November 07

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

Saturday, November 08

4:00 p.m. Franklin & Mary Orr
(L. Orr)

Sunday, November 09

11:00 a.m. Cameron Tucker
(MM Tucker)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 08

Lector Karla Huddlestun
E. Min. Nancy Schmidt
Server Ben Burns
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, November 09

Lector Karen Genetti
E. Min. Gayla Crites
Servers
Greeter Dennis Janssen & Kim Bertino

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

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, November 02

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

Monday, November 03

Tuesday, November 04

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, November 05

8:00 a.m. Terry Plovich
(MM Fassero)

Thursday, November 06

Friday, November 07

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, November 08: No Mass

Sunday, November 09

7:45 a.m. Rose Tebbe / Rick Garbin
(Funeral / Garbin Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 08: No Mass

Sunday, November 09

Greeters Denise Cadmus & Jerri Bayse
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. J. Saracco, R. Byots, R. Gill
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Jerry 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)

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, Sid Stauffer, Camden Massie, Barb Kirkwood

COLLECTIONS:

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$2,052.00	Env: \$960.00
Loose: \$0.00	Loose: \$290.00
Building: \$0.00	Building: \$0.00
PSR: \$10.00	Memorial J. Plovich: \$70.00
Votive Candles & World Mission: \$169.00	Capital Camp/AC Replacement: \$4,137.00
\$2,231.00	\$5,457.00



Ss. Simon & Jude had a wonderful Feast Day Celebration on Saturday, October 18, with over 100 participating in both the Mass and the meal. Thank you to all who played a part in making it such a special day. It was indeed a day of fellowship and togetherness as a parish community. Let's keep the spirit going!

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 9, Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30 (No PSR/No Youth Group)

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

PSR Christmas Play: Practices will start in late November. The play will take place on Sat, Dec 20 at Ss. Simon & Jude after the 4pm Mass. Additional information to come!

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com



Tues, Nov 4: KC COR Mtg at St. Joseph 6:30pm

Tues, Nov 11: Ss. Simon & Jude Altar Society Mtg after Mass

Tues, Nov 18: KC Mtg at St. Joseph 6:30pm

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." Your cooperation & support is greatly appreciated.

Important Dates & Information

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.



Sunday, December 7: Christmas Caroling Mark your calendar! Benld & Gillespie parishes plan to go Christmas caroling the afternoon of Sun, Dec 7. We will meet at Ss. Simon & Jude parking lot at 1pm. If you have any questions please contact Roger at 217-839-4036. More details to follow.

Fall Back! Remember to set your clocks back one hour this weekend. This is also a great time to check your smoke detector batteries.



Series on the Mass – Week 4

The Preparation of the Gifts: Offering Ourselves to God

Today we come to the next part of the Mass: the **Preparation of the Gifts**, often called the **Offertory**. This is a moment that can easily slip by unnoticed, **but it is full of meaning.**

During this time, members of the congregation bring forward the gifts of bread & wine, along with our offerings for the needs of the Church & the poor. At first glance, it might seem like a simple practical step—we need bread & wine for the Eucharist, & we take up a collection to keep the parish running. But in reality, something **far deeper is happening here.**

The bread & wine represent more than just food & drink. They **symbolize our whole lives**—our work, our joys, our struggles, our prayers, even our weaknesses. Think about it: bread is made from many grains of wheat, crushed & ground together. Wine is made from many grapes, pressed & poured out. In the same way, **all of us bring the pieces of our lives together & place them on the altar.**

When the priest lifts the bread & prays, "*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation...*", he is **really offering us to God.** We are saying: "Lord, here I am. Take my life, my work, my family, my hopes. **Transform them.**" And what does God do? He takes these simple gifts of bread & wine & through the Eucharistic Prayer, He transforms them into the Body & Blood of Christ. If God can transform bread & wine, He can **transform us too.**

This is also why **the collection** matters. When we place our offering in the basket, it is **not just about money. It is a sign of our gratitude & participation.** We are giving a part of ourselves back to God, supporting the mission of the Church, & caring for those in need.

Pope Benedict once said: "*The offertory is not just about bread & wine. It is the place where we offer our whole existence to God, so that it may become united with Christ's offering.*"

So next time you see the gifts brought forward, don't let your mind wander. Imagine your own life being carried up with that bread & wine. Place yourself spiritually on the altar. And trust that God will take what you offer, bless it, transform it, & give it back to you as the very life of Christ. To be continued...

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! Fr. Joe

New Weekly Giving Envelopes: We are planning to start Jan 1, 2026 with new weekly contribution envelopes. What we need from each of you by Nov 30: If you currently receive envelopes & do not want them anymore please let the office know. If you currently do not receive envelope & you do want to start receiving envelopes, please let the office know. If you have recently moved, please let the 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. Thanks!