

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, November 08

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

Sunday, November 09

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

Monday, November 10

Tuesday, November 11

8:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski
(SSSJ Altar Society)

Wednesday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, November 13

Friday, November 14

10:00 a.m. Mass at Morse Farms in Carlinville
For the Wellbeing of the Residents

Saturday, November 15

4:00 p.m. Betty Borgini
(C. Reid)

Sunday, November 16

11:00 a.m. Virginia Greff
(C. Greff)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 15

Lector Lee Ross
E. Min. Jeff Ross
Server Mitchell Clark
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, November 16

Lector Kristine Jarden
E. Min. Terry Crites
Servers Maria Jarden & Harper Thackrey
Greeter Mary Gucciardo & Linda Ronald

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: \$2,405.00	Env: \$575.00
Loose: \$281.00	Loose: \$359.00
Building: \$140.00	Building: \$275.00
PSR: \$122.00	PSR, All Souls, All Saints: \$260.00
Candles, All Saints, All Souls, World Mission: \$838.00	Capital Campaign/AC: \$880.00
\$3,786.00	\$2,349.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, November 09

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

Monday, November 10

Tuesday, November 11

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Jean Thompson
(Wall Family)

Thursday, November 13

Friday, November 14

10:00 a.m. Mass at Morse Farms in Carlinville
For the Wellbeing of the Residents

Saturday, November 15: No Mass

Sunday, November 16

7:45 a.m. John Vercoglio
(R. Leone Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 15: No Mass

Sunday, November 16

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

Veteran's Day is Tues, Nov 11. It's a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans.

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 16, Nov 23, Nov 30 (No PSR/No Youth Group). Dec 7
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 11: SSSJ Altar Society Mtg after Mass

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

We gladly welcome **Matt Brown & Bob Tucker** as new Ss Simon & Jude Parish Council members. We appreciate and thank them for their willingness to share their gifts and talents at the service of the parish community.

Throughout the month of November, KC Council 2076 will be selling raffle booklets to support our seminarians, the future priests of our Catholic Church. Each booklet is \$20, directly supporting those answering God's call to the priesthood. Your participation makes a meaningful difference in ensuring that these young men have the spiritual and financial support they need. Help us help the future shepherds of our faith! Tickets can be obtained from any KC or by emailing your request to kofc2076@gmail.com. God bless you for your support!

Important Dates & Information

Thanksgiving Family Masses

- Wed, November 19 at 5:30pm at Ss. Mary & Joseph
- Tues, November 25 at 6pm at Ss. Simon & Jude
- Wed, November 26 at 8am at St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 3: Ss. Simon & Jude & St. Joseph Altar Society Christmas Dinner at Ss. Simon & Jude School Dining Room Join us for social time at 5:30pm dinner to follow at 6pm with entertainment afterwards. \$20 per person. Please RSVP by Sun, Nov 23. Please send payment in the collection basket & mark the envelope with *Altar Society Party*. Questions: Call Mary at 217-825-9171.

Sunday, December 7: Christmas Caroling Mark you calendars! 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 any residents are interested in having carolers visit their home or if you have any questions please contact Roger at 217-839-4036.

Now until Sunday, December 7: Christmas Ornaments Honor a loved one this Christmas with an ornament to be placed on the trees at Ss. Simon & Jude Church. Each ornament will have the name of the person you wish to remember. Proceeds will be given to the Alton Catholic Children's Home. Ornaments at \$5 each or 3 for \$10. One intention per ornament. Please return your information in an envelope marked *Ornament* via the collection basket no later than Dec 7. Please make checks payable to the Altar Society.

Series on the Mass – Week 5

The Eucharistic Prayer – The Heart of the Mass

After the gifts are prepared, the priest begins the **Eucharistic Prayer** - the *high point of the entire Mass*. It begins with the **Preface**, a prayer of thanksgiving, and then we join the angels and saints in heaven singing: **“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts.”** In that moment, heaven and earth unite in worship!

The Consecration – Heaven Touches Earth: The priest extends his hands over the gifts, calling down the Holy Spirit - the **Epiclesis** 1 to sanctify them. Then, repeating the words of Jesus at the Last Supper: **“This is my Body... This is my Blood,”** the bread and wine truly become the **Body and Blood of Christ** - not a symbol, but Christ Himself, *Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity*. That's why we genuflect, the bells ring, and the priest elevates the host and chalice - because *heaven has come down to earth*.

The Memorial and Offering: After the consecration, the priest remembers Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, offering the spotless Victim - **Christ Himself** - to the Father. Here the priest stands *in persona Christi* - it is Christ who offers Himself through the hands of the priest. We, the faithful, join in that offering, especially in our resounding **Great Amen: “Through Him, with Him, and in Him...”** This is our declaration of faith: *“Yes, Lord! I believe! I offer myself with You!”*

The Lord's Prayer and the Sign of Peace: We then pray together the **Our Father**, the prayer Jesus Himself taught us, reminding us that we are *one family, one body*, calling God *“Our Father.”* After that, we share the **Sign of Peace** - not just as a friendly greeting, but as a gesture of reconciliation and unity before receiving the Lord.

“Lamb of God” – Preparing Our Hearts: As we sing, **“Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,”** we recognize our unworthiness yet trust in God's mercy. When the priest proclaims, *“Behold the Lamb of God,”* we echo the centurion's humble faith: **“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...”**

Holy Communion - Union with Christ: Now comes the most intimate moment - **Holy Communion**. Christ, whom we have listened to in the Word and adored on the altar, comes to dwell within us. We receive not a thing, but a *Person* - **Jesus Himself** - who fills our hearts with His love and peace. After Communion, take time in silence to thank, adore, and speak to the Lord in your heart.

The Eucharist Transforms Us: The **Liturgy of the Eucharist** is truly *the heart of our faith - Calvary made present, heaven touching earth, and God giving Himself in love*. Each time we come to Mass, we are invited to place our lives on the altar, to be transformed, and to become what we receive - **the Body of Christ for the world**. So, **at every Mass, don't just watch what happens - pray it, live it, and let it change you from within. -To be continued...**

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! Fr. Joe

Email/Text Scams: Some parishioners have been getting email & text scams. They look like they are coming from priests in the area & are asking for a response. Please DO NOT respond, just delete the email/text & for good measure block the scammer. Fr. Joe or any other priest will never ask for money or favors via email or text. Thank you!