

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, November 15

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

Sunday, November 16

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

Monday, November 17

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, November 20

Friday, November 21

10:00 a.m. Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab
For the Wellbeing of the Residents

Saturday, November 22

4:00 p.m. Becky Cerkoski
(Plovich Family)

Sunday, November 23

11:00 a.m. Virginia Altieri
(MM Preston)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 22

Lector Mary Newman
E. Min. Roger Niehaus
Server
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, November 23

Lector Denise Wirth
E. Min. Kristine Jarden
Servers Maria Jarden & Lucy Boyett
Greeter Rob & Denise Wirth

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: \$1,665.00	Env: \$980.00
Loose: \$86.00	Loose: \$427.00
Building: \$0.00	Building: \$5.00
PSR: \$45.00	PSR, All Souls, All Saints: \$316.00
Candles, All Saints, All Souls, Mission, Military, Cemetery: \$791.00	Capital Campaign/AC: \$3,120.00
\$2,587.00	\$4,848.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, November 16

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

Monday, November 17

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Theresa Oddo
(MM Newman)

Thursday, November 20

Friday, November 21

10:00 a.m. Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab
For the Wellbeing of the Residents

Saturday, November 22: No Mass

Sunday, November 23

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 22: No Mass

Sunday, November 23

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. James Kelly
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. R. Gill, M. Bertetto, N. Balzaine
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Lanny Ribes 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

Parish office: 304 N. Macoupin Gillespie, IL 62033

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Website: www.3parishes1faith.com

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, Camden Massie, Barb Kirkwood, Joey Bertetto

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 23, Nov 30 (No PSR/No Youth Group), Dec 7, Dec 14

3rd Grade students must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.**PSR CHRISTMAS PLAY** will be Saturday, December 20 after 4pm mass. Please join us for the play as the PSR students showcase their many talents!**Student practices for the Christmas Play** will be held at 9am in the church prior to PSR on Sunday 11/23, 12/7 & 12/14. Practice attendance is preferred but not mandatory.

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

We had a great Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner celebration with 90 in attendance representing our tri-parish community. We were also blessed to have four visiting priests join us. We thank the St Joseph Altar & Rosary Society for their hard work in organizing & coordinating this memorable event. Great food & wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by all. We have much to be **THANKFUL** for!

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish Contact Directory : The parish contact directory is almost complete and will soon be ready for printing! If you have not yet been contacted about being included, please call the parish office by **December 1**.

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 your 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.

Mon, Dec 8: Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation

8:00am: Ss. Simon & Jude

6:00pm: Ss. Mary & Joseph

Series on the Mass – Week 6**Communion: Becoming One in Christ**

As we reach the final part of our series on the Mass, we reflect on the Communion Rite & Concluding Rites-moments that prepare us to live what we have celebrated.

Communion – Becoming One in Christ: Holy Communion is not only a personal encounter with Jesus; it is also deeply communal. The very word “Communion” means union with Christ & with one another. When we receive the Body of Christ, we become more fully the Body of Christ-the Church. In that line for Communion, no one is higher or lower; all are equal before the Lord who gives Himself to all. Heaven truly touches earth as Christ dwells within His people.

Silence After Communion – The Lord in Our Hearts: After receiving Communion, the Church invites us into sacred silence-not just a pause, but a time to speak to Jesus in our hearts. It is a precious moment to thank Him, adore Him, & ask for His strength. Let your heart whisper: “Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to me. Stay with me. Help me carry You into the world.”

Prayer After Communion: The priest's Prayer After Communion gathers all our silent prayers, asking that what we have received may bear fruit in our daily lives. It reminds us that Communion is not the end of the Mass-but the beginning of our mission.

Sent Forth to Live What We Celebrate

The Concluding Rites – Blessed and Sent: At the end of Mass, the priest blesses us-strengthening us for the journey ahead. The words “Go forth, the Mass is ended” or “Go & announce the Gospel of the Lord” are not dismissals but commissions. The word “Mass” comes from “Missa,” meaning sent. We are sent forth to live what we have received-to bring Christ's peace & presence into our homes, workplaces, & communities.

Living the Mass Daily: The real measure of our participation at Mass is not only how we pray inside the church but how we live outside of it-in kindness, forgiveness, & love. Each good deed continues the Eucharist we celebrated. As St. Augustine reminds us: “Be what you see, & receive what you are -the Body of Christ.” We receive Christ to bring Christ to others.

A Final Word – The Mass Never Ends: The Mass is heaven on earth-Christ among us, God's love poured out anew. We are not spectators but participants in this sacred mystery. When we hear, “Go in peace,” it is Christ Himself sending us forth: “Take My love into the world. Be My hands, My voice, My heart”. The Mass never really ends- It lives on in us. Amen!!!!

This is the conclusion of the Series on the Mass!

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! *Fr. Joe*

Throughout the month of November, KC's 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 & financial support they need. Tickets can be obtained from any KC or by emailing your request to kofc2076@gmail.com. God bless you for your sup-