

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, November 22

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

Sunday, November 23

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

Monday, November 24

Tuesday, November 25

6:00 p.m. Janet Seketa
(MM Garbin & Family)

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, November 27: Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29

4:00 p.m. Terry Plovich
(M. Gucciardo)

Sunday, November 30

11:00 a.m. Dorothy Preston
(MM Preston)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 29

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

Sunday, November 30

Lector Bob Tucker
E. Min. Gayla Crites
Servers
Greeter Terry Crites & Renee Katich

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: \$2,525.00	Env: \$880.00
Loose: \$197.00	Loose: \$322.00
Building: \$5.00	Building: \$5.00
PSR: \$10.00	PSR, Military: \$3,303.00
Candles, All Souls, Mission, Cemetery & Polo Funeral: \$223.00	Capital Campaign/AC: \$925.00
\$2,960.00	\$5,435.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, November 23

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

Monday, November 24

Tuesday, November 25

6:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Rick Garbin
(MM Garbin & Family)

Thursday, November 27: Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29: No Mass

Sunday, November 30

7:45 a.m. Darlene Koniak
(G. Koniak)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 29: No Mass

Sunday, November 30

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. James Kelly
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. R. Gill, M. Bertetto, N. Balzraine
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 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 12/7 & 12/14. Practice attendance is preferred but not mandatory.

Donette Clark, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com

We send our condolences to the **family of Ronald Semplowski** who passed away on November 6. Please keep Tammie & their family in your prayers.We send our condolences to the **family of Claudia Hopper** who passed away on November 8. Please keep Barbara & their family in your prayers.We send our condolences to the **family of Donald Swann** who passed away on November 9. Please keep Connie & their family in your prayers.**Important Dates & Information****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

Advent Confession & Adoration

Tues, Dec 16: 6pm-7:30pm at Ss. Simon & Jude in Gillespie

Wed, Dec 17: 8:30am-9:30am at St. Joseph in Benld

Wed, Dec 17: 6pm-7:30pm at Ss. Mary & Joseph in Carlinville

Saturday, December 20: Christmas Program

Children's Christmas Program in Gillespie after 4:00pm Mass

Fr. Joe & the staff would like to wish each & every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for the continued support & co-operation of this parish community. We hope you & your family have a relaxing holiday!

**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**.**Understanding the Mass: A Summary**

The Mass is the center of our Catholic faith—the moment when God gathers us, speaks to us, feeds us with Christ Himself, & sends us forth to live the Gospel. Each part of the Mass carries deep meaning & invites us to active, prayerful participation.

We begin with the Introductory Rites, gathering as one family in Christ. The Sign of the Cross anchors us in God's presence; the Penitential Act opens us to His mercy; the Gloria lifts our hearts in praise; & the Opening Prayer unites all our intentions. These rites prepare us to enter the mystery we celebrate.**In the Liturgy of the Word, God speaks directly to His people.** Through the readings, the psalm, & the Gospel, we encounter God's living Word. The homily connects that Word to our daily lives, the Creed unites us in our shared faith, & the Prayers of the Faithful express our trust in God's care for the Church & the world.**In the Preparation of the Gifts**, bread, wine, & our own lives are placed before God. What is brought to the altar symbolizes everything we are and everything we hope to become. We offer ourselves with the gifts, asking God to transform both.**The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Mass.** We give thanks, call upon the Holy Spirit, & hear Jesus' words from the Last Supper—through which the bread & wine become His Body & Blood. We remember Christ's saving sacrifice & pray for the Church, the living, & the dead. Our "Amen" seals our belief in this great mystery where heaven touches earth.**In the Communion Rite**, we prepare our hearts as we pray the Lord's Prayer, offer one another Christ's peace, & recognize Jesus, the Lamb of God. Receiving Holy Communion unites us deeply with Christ and with one another. We become what we receive—the Body of Christ.**The Prayer after Communion** asks God to help the grace we have received shape our lives. The Eucharist strengthens us not only for this moment, but for every moment of the week ahead.**The Concluding Rites remind us that we are sent.** The blessing strengthens us, & the dismissal commissions us to bring the love of Christ into the world. The word "Mass" itself means "mission"—we are sent forth to live what we have celebrated.**To live the Mass** is to allow Christ's presence to transform us. The Mass is sacrifice, where we unite our lives to Christ; it is meal, where we are nourished by His Body & Blood; & it is mission, sending us to witness to His love in our daily lives. The Mass is the source & summit of our Christian journey, shaping who we are & how we live.May we not simply attend the Mass, but enter it with faith, participate with hearts open, & continue it through the way we love and serve others. **"Be what you receive—the Body of Christ."**

Blessing of Peace and Joy Always! Fr. Joe