

# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

**Saturday, November 29**

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

**Sunday, November 30**

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

**Monday, December 01**

**Tuesday, December 02**

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

**Wednesday, December 03**

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

**Thursday, December 04**

**Friday, December 05**

10:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski  
(MM Barrett)

**Saturday, December 06**

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

**Sunday, December 07**

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

## LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, December 06**

Lector	Lee Ross
E. Min.	J. Ross, T. Duncan, B. Lubrant
Server	Ben Burns
Greeter	Harold & Mary Newman

**Sunday, December 07**

Lector	Karen Genetti
E. Min.	B. Jilson, T. Crites, K. Jarden
Servers	
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: \$2,070.00	Env: \$820.00
Loose: \$343.00	Loose: \$308.00
Building: \$25.00	Building: \$0.00
PSR: \$0.00	PSR: \$5.00
Candles & Cemetery: \$70.00	Capital Campaign/AC: \$405.00
<b>\$2,508.00</b>	<b>\$1,538.00</b>

## CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

**Sunday, November 30**

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

**Monday, December 01**

**Tuesday, December 02**  
8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

**Wednesday, December 03**

8:00 a.m. Rose Marie Tebbe  
(B. White)

**Thursday, December 04**

**Friday, December 05**  
8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

**Saturday, December 06:** First Saturday Devotion @ 8:30am

**Sunday, December 07**

7:45 a.m. Rose Marie Tebbe  
(M. Kalvin)

## LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, December 06: No Mass**

**Sunday, December 07**

Greeters	Bill Gill & Tom Connors
Lector	Joe Dopuch
E. Min.	M. Bertetto, N. Balzraine, G. Link
Servers	Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam.	Dave Dopuch 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 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

Parish office: 304 N. Macoupin Gillespie, IL 62033

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**Website:** [www.3parishes1faith.com](http://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:**

Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21 (No Class), Dec 28 (No Class)

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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. Please make any checks out to the "Caring Center." Your cooperation & support is greatly appreciated.

**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. 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 &amp; Jude

6:00pm: Ss. Mary &amp; Joseph

**Advent Confession & Adoration**

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

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

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

**Saturday, December 20**

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

**Sunday, December 21**

Children's Christmas Program in Carlinville after 9:30am Mass

**Advent: Welcome the Light of Christ & Be Renewed**

As we enter the holy season of Advent, the Advent wreath becomes a simple yet powerful symbol that helps us prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. Its circular shape reminds us of God's eternal & everlasting love-without beginning or end-& the evergreen branches symbolize the hope & life that Christ brings into even the coldest, darkest seasons of our lives.

Each candle we light carries a message & invitation for our spiritual journey. Let us take to heart this message & invitation this advent.

**Week 1 – Hope:** We begin with the candle of Hope, reminding us that no matter what we carry-worries, fears, uncertainties, or burdens-God's promises are steady & sure. Hope invites us to look forward with trust because Christ, our Light, is coming. Let us renew our trust in God's faithfulness.

**Week 2 – Peace:** The second candle calls us into God's peace, a peace deeper than the world can give. This week we are encouraged to slow down, breathe, and let Christ calm the storms within us so that His peace can flow through us into our homes & our relationships. Let us be messengers of His peace.

**Week 3 – Joy:** On the third Sunday, we light the rose candle, the candle of Joy. It is called Rejoice Sunday! It reminds us that even in challenging times, God is near. Joy is not about everything being perfect but about recognizing God's love at work in our daily lives. Let us radiate that joy into our homes & our relationships.

**Week 4 – Love:** Finally, the fourth candle invites us to reflect on Love-the heart of the Christmas story. God's love becomes flesh in Jesus. As we approach Christmas, we are called to deepen our love for God & one another through kindness, forgiveness, generosity & compassion.

Thus, the liturgical year, beginning with the season of Advent, offers us an invitation to *begin again*. It is a time to pause, reflect, & recognize the places in our lives where darkness still lingers-fear, anger, division, sin-& to welcome the healing light of Christ. Each candle brightens our path a little more, reminding us that Christ desires to enter not only our churches, but our homes, our families, & every corner of our daily lives. May this Advent season be a time of renewal & new life & hope for us. "Come let us climb the Lord's mountain ...that he may instruct us in his ways, & we may walk in his paths" (Isaiah: 2:3). Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! **Fr. Joe**

**Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule****Wed, Dec 24 Christmas Eve**

4pm: Ss. Mary &amp; Joseph

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6pm: St. Joseph

**Thurs, Dec 25 Christmas Day**

9:30am: Ss. Mary &amp; Joseph

11am: Ss. Simon &amp; Jude

**Dec 27/28: Normal Weekend Schedule****Wed, Dec 31 Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation**

4pm: Ss. Mary &amp; Joseph

6pm: Ss. Simon &amp; Jude

**Thurs, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation**

8am: St. Joseph