

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, December 20

4:00 p.m. Franklin Orr / Kathryn Nisavaco
(L. Orr / MM Preston)

Sunday, December 21

11:00 a.m. Jack Nisavaco / David Reiniesch
(MM Preston / D. Reiniesch)

Monday, December 22

Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Karen Heyen
(Heyen Family)

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Robert J. Polo
(MM Jarden)

Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27

4:00 p.m. William Iasillo
(MM Preston)

Sunday, December 28

11:00 a.m. Ralph Iasillo
(MM Preston)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28

Lector Knights of Columbus
E. Min. Knights of Columbus
Servers
Greeter Knights of Columbus

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: \$1,863.00	Env: \$1,040.00
Loose: \$157.00	Loose: \$226.00
2nd Collection: \$195.00	Immaculate Con: \$63.00
PSR & Candles: \$76.00	PSR & 2nd Coll: \$208.00
Immaculate Conception: \$477.25	Capital Campaign/AC: \$5.00
\$2,768.25	\$1,542.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, December 21

7:45 a.m. Rose Tebbe
(Funeral)

Monday, December 22

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Ronnie Sempowski
(MM Newman)

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27: No Mass

Sunday, December 28

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 27: No Mass

Sunday, December 28

Greeters Denise Cadmus & Jerri Bayse
Lector Joe Dopuch
E. Min. E. Saracco, B. Bertetto, J. Saracco
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Mike Byots 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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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

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

4pm: Ss. Mary & Joseph

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7pm: St. Joseph

Thurs, Dec 25 Christmas Day

9:30am: Ss. Mary & Joseph

11am: Ss. Simon & Jude

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

4pm: Ss. Mary & Joseph

6pm: Ss. Simon & Jude

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

8am: St. Joseph

**Christmas Message from Fr. Joe**

As we celebrate the joy of this beautiful & holy season of Christmas, I want to extend my heartfelt prayers & warm wishes to each one of you. Christmas is a sacred time & opportunity to reach out to one another, & to reconnect with family, friends, neighbors, & especially with God. It is a time to celebrate not

only the joy of being together, but also the gift of one another. May you have a wonderful celebration!

Above all, Christmas reminds us of God's greatest gift to the world—His Son, Jesus. In welcoming Jesus into our hearts, we also receive His precious gifts of peace & joy. These are not just feelings for a moment, but blessings meant to dwell within us & shape our lives each day. May we truly open our hearts & welcome Him into our lives & radiate that presence to one another.

My prayer for you & your loved ones is that the peace & joy of Christ may fill your hearts & your homes this Christmas & remain with you throughout the coming New Year. May His presence bring comfort where there is worry, hope where there is uncertainty, & renewed faith where there is weariness.

Thank you for being such a wonderful parish family. I am immensely grateful for your love & support. I want to specially thank every one of you who have reached out to me personally with your greetings & gifts. Please accept this note as a token of my personal thanks & appreciation. May this Christmas deepen our love for God & for one another, & may the New Year ahead be filled with God's grace & blessings.

As most of you already know I am leaving for my home vacation to India on the 30th of December & will be back on the 2nd of February. I have not been home now for over a year & half. There are some special events taking place during this time. One of my cousins will be ordained a Priest; we are having a family reunion celebration; & then there is the big celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Pallottines serving in India. There are over 600 Indian Pallottine Priests serving in India & in many parts of the world. I am eagerly looking forward to these occasions. Please keep me in your prayers. You will be very much in my thoughts and prayers.

With my prayers & best wishes for a blessed Christmas & a very Happy New Year. *Fr. Joe*

SS. SIMON & JUDE LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm****Greeters:** Mike & Debbie Rossetto**Lector:** Bob Tucker**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Schmidt, Kristine Jarden, Donette Clark**Altar Servers:** Maria Jarden, Peter Jarden, Mitchell Clark**Christmas Day Mass at 11:00am****Greeters:** Harold & Mary Newman**Lector:** Gayle Crites**Eucharistic Ministers:** Terry Crites, Roger Niehaus, Mary Newman**Solemnity of Mary at 6:00pm on Wed, Dec 31****Greeters:** Harold & Mary Newman**Lector:** Lee Ross**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barb Jillson, Theresa Duncan, Brenda Lubrant**ST. JOSEPH LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE****Christmas Eve Mass at 7:00pm****Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Ed Saracco**Lector:** Joe Dopuch**Eucharistic Ministers:** James, Kelly, Ed Saracco, Bill Bertetto**Altar Server:** Lucca Kapp**Offertory Family:** George Link Family**Solemnity of Mary at 8am on Thurs, Jan 1, 2026****Greeters:** Michelle Bertetto & Peg Allen**Lector:** Bill Bertetto**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill Bertetto, Jerry Saracco, Regie Byots**Altar Server:** Lucca Kapp**Offertory Family:** Bill Bertetto Family

Fr. Joe & the staff would like to wish each & every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026! We are thankful for the continued support & cooperation of this parish community. We hope you & your family have a wonderful holiday!

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 28 (No Class), Jan 4 (No Class), Jan 11, Jan 18

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

Thank you to everyone who helped, participated & came to our PSR Christmas Play!

Donette Clark, DRE

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