

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28

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

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31: Solemnity of Mary

6:00 p.m. Deceased Parents of Barb & Clark Jillson
(MM Jillson)

Thursday, January 01: Happy New Year

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Friday, January 02

8:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski / Zak Kennedy
(MM Ahrling / MM Rossetto)

Saturday, January 03

4:00 p.m. Roberta Wenzel
(MM Link)

Sunday, January 04

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 03

Lector Mary Newman
E. Min. R. Niehaus, T. Duncan, B. Lubrant
Server Mitchell Clark
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, January 04

Lector Karen Genetti
E. Min. B. Jillson, T. Crites, K. Jarden
Servers Maria Jarden & Lucy Boyett
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: \$2,505.00	Env: \$780.00
Loose: \$210.00	Loose: \$334.00
2nd Collections: \$297.00	Immaculate Con: \$190.00
Candles: \$17.00	PSR: \$20.00
Christmas: \$40.00	Capital Campaign/AC: \$40.00
\$3,069.00	\$1,364.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, December 28

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

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, December 31

6:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Thursday, January 01: Solemnity of Mary

8:00 a.m. Claudia Hopper
(MM Newman)

Friday, January 02

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, January 03: First Saturday Devotion @ 8:30am

Sunday, January 04

7:45 a.m. Karen & Charlie Hall
(M. Bertetto)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 03: No Mass

Sunday, January 04

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. James Kelly
Lector Bill Bertetto
E. Min. J. Saracco, R. Byots, R. Gill
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. James Kelly 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

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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, Joey Bertetto

Upcoming Holy Day Mass 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

Feast of the Holy Family

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is a beautiful reminder that God chose to come into our world not in a palace, but in the heart of a simple ordinary family. By doing so, God blessed family life with His own presence and made it holy. That is why Vatican II called family, "the domestic church". All families are called to be Holy. This does not mean that family life is not challenging or easy.

Today's readings speak directly to the joys and struggles of our families. Sirach reminds us of the importance of honoring one another, especially within the family, and caring for each other with patience and respect. Saint Paul encourages us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These are the key virtues that are essential for family life. In the Gospel, we see the Holy Family facing fear, uncertainty, and hardship as they flee into Egypt to protect the Child Jesus. Even the Holy Family was not free from challenges. But they persevered in love and faithfulness.

This speaks to our own reality. Families today face many pressures; busy schedules, financial worries, misunderstandings, illness, broken relationships, and the influence of a culture that does not always support family values. Yet holiness in family life does not mean perfection. It means faithfulness and perseverance amid these challenges. A holy family is one that tries to love, forgive, pray, and stay united, even in difficult times.

The Holy Family shows us what should govern our homes: love rooted in faith, trust in God, mutual respect, and self-giving service. Mary and Joseph listened to God, supported one another, and placed Jesus at the center of their lives. When Christ is at the center of our families, He brings healing, strength, and hope. Praying and worshipping together as a family is a great way to strengthen our family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for our families, those that are strong and those that are struggling. May our homes be places of love, patience, forgiveness, and faith. May the spirit of the Holy Family live in our hearts and guide our daily lives, so that our families may grow stronger and become signs of God's love in the world.

As you know, I am leaving for India for my vacation on the December 30 & will be back on February 2. Please keep me in your prayers for safe travels. Please welcome Fr. Leon Martin from Milwaukee, who is no stranger to you, who will be celebrating the Masses and attending to any of your pastoral needs during my absence. **Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!** Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! Fr. Joe

SS. SIMON & JUDE LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**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**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

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:

Jan 4 (No Class), Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25

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

Donette Clark, DRE

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Wishing everyone in the Tri-Parish Community a Blessed Christmas Season and a healthy & Happy New Year!!
Thank you for blessing our lives!!!
Deacon Denny and Kathy



Thank you to everyone that made the Christmas Mass Celebrations at both parishes so beautiful! From the planning, to the decorations, to the choir and to anyone and everyone that took part in these

three Masses, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

