

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, January 10

4:00 p.m. Virginia Greff
(C. Greff)

Sunday, January 11

11:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski
(MM Ahrling)

Monday, January 12

Tuesday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Ronnie Sempowski
(SSSJ Altar Society)

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, January 15

Friday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab
For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, January 17

4:00 p.m. Mary T. Orr
(L. Orr)

Sunday, January 18

11:00 a.m. Roberta Wenzel
(MM Link)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 17

Lector Mary Newman
E. Min. Nancy Schmidt
Server Mitchell Clark
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, January 18

Lector Rhonda Heyen
E. Min. Barb Jilson
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: \$3,625.00	Env: \$1,020.00
Loose: \$141.00	Loose: \$143.00
Christmas, Sol of Mary: \$658.00	Christmas, Sol of Mary: \$1,112.00
PSR, Bldng, other: \$552.00	PSR, Bldng: \$360.00
Capital Campaign: \$4,385.00	Capital Campaign/AC: \$140.00
\$9,361.00	\$2,775.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, January 11

7:45 a.m. For the Tri-Parish Community

Monday, January 12

Tuesday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 a.m. For all Souls

Thursday, January 15

Friday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab
For the wellbeing of the residents

Saturday, January 17: No Mass

Sunday, January 18

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 17: No Mass

Sunday, January 18

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. Mike Byots
Lector Bill Bertetto
E. Min. R. Gill, M. Bertetto, N. Balzraine
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Daron Kapp 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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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: Paul Madden, Dennis Skeldon, Michael McCullough, Brian Orr, Matt Orr, Meredith Heyen

ATTENTION! To make sure we have the most up to date list we have cleared The Prayer List. We will be doing this every January and July. If there are names that need to be added back or if you or if you know of someone new that needs to be added please email the office. Thank you!

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 18, Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8

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

Donette Clark, DRE
GillespieDRE@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings

Wed, Jan 24: KC Mtg at St. Joseph at 6:30pm

Wed, Jan 28: St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Mtg at 10am

Wed, Jan 28: COR KC Mtg at St. Joseph at 6:30pm



Looking for something new for 2026! We have the ministry for you! If interested please contact Mary Newman in Gillespie or Cindy Saracco in Benld or you can call the office at 217-839-3456.

Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, & Offertory Family

Important Dates & Information

Saturday, January 17: KC Free Throw Contest

KC Council 2076 will be hosting the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at the Ben-Gil Elementary School (340 Kelly Street in Gillespie) on Sat, Jan 17 at 9am. This competition consists of 15 free throw attempts & the highest score wins. Boys & girls who are 9 to 14 years of age (as of Jan 1, 2026) are eligible to participate. Boy & girl winners from each age group will move on to the District tournament. Parent/guardians will have to fill out an entry form, which will be available the day of the event. Parent/guardians may also request an electronic copy that can be printed out & completed by emailing kofc2076@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, January 24: Let's Go Bowling!

PSR Students and their families are invited to go bowling at no cost to them! Join us on Saturday, January 24 at 5:30pm at Besserman SuperBowl-Gillespie for a night of fun, pizza and soda. Please let Donette know by Jan 15 if you will be attending (217-839-3456 or simonjude3456@gmail.com).

Weekend of Jan 31/Feb 1: Blessing of Throats

Sunday, February 15: Mardi Gras Potluck

Save the date! The Ss. Simon & Jude Mardi Gras Potluck will be held on Sun, Feb 15. More details & a sign up sheet will be coming soon.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which brings the Christmas season to a close & opens the door to Jesus' public ministry. At the Jordan River, Jesus steps into the waters to be baptized, not because He needed repentance, but to identify fully with us & to reveal who He is.

In the Gospel, we hear the father's voice: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This moment reveals who he is & what his mission is. Jesus is God's beloved Son, anointed by the Holy Spirit, sent to bring healing, hope, & new life to the world.

The readings remind us that Jesus did not come with power or force, but with gentleness, compassion, & mercy. He revealed to us the human face of God. Isaiah speaks of God's servant who brings justice, opens blind eyes, & sets captives free. In Acts, Peter reminds us that God shows no favoritism & that Jesus went about doing good & healing all who were in need. So, anyone can approach him in faith & experience his saving love. It is also an invitation to exclude no one, but to share this love.

This feast also reminds us of & invites us to reflect on our own baptism. At baptism, we were claimed by God, washed clean, filled with the Holy Spirit, & called God's beloved sons & daughters. Indeed, we are! Our baptism is not just something that happened long ago but it is the foundation of our faith journey & shapes how we live each day as his sons & daughters.

Our baptism challenges us to be dead to sin & to be alive to God. This means we are called to live as Jesus lived: in love & forgiveness; to choose kindness over anger, to seek justice & peace, to reach out to those who feel forgotten, & to live with trust that we belong to God.

As we begin this new season of Ordinary Time, may this feast remind us of who we are & whose we are & what we are called to be. May we live each day as people baptized in Christ-loved, forgiven, & sent to share that love & forgiveness with others.

Blessings of peace and joy always!

Fr. Joe



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 **End of the year contribution statements will be completed soon.** If you have a new email or home address please let me know ASAP by calling 217-839-3456 or send me an email at simonjude3456@gmail.com. Thanks!