

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, February 28

4:00 p.m. Zak Kennedy
(MM Rossetto)

Sunday, March 01

11:00 a.m. Virginia Greff
(C. Greff)

Monday, March 02

Tuesday, March 03

8:00 a.m. Paul Madden
(SSSJ Altar Society)

Wednesday, March 04

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Thursday, March 05

Friday, March 06

8:00 a.m. Ron Semplowski
(Horn Family)

Saturday, March 07

4:00 p.m. Robert J. Polo
(MM Polo & Family)

Sunday, March 08

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 07

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

Sunday, March 08

Lector Rhonda Heyen
E. Min. B. Jilson, T. Crites, K. Jarden
Servers Peter Jarden
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

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, March 01

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

Monday, March 02

Tuesday, March 03

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, March 04

8:00 a.m. Terry Plovich
(Funeral)

Thursday, March 05

Friday, March 06

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, March 07: First Saturday Devotion @ 8:30am

Sunday, March 08

7:45 a.m. Rose Marie Tebbe
(Tebbe Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 07: No Mass

Sunday, March 08

Greeters Bill Gill & Tom Connors
Lector Janice Burns
E. Min. B. Bertetto, J. Saracco, R. Byots
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Ed Saracco Family

Confessions 7:15-7:40am on Sundays with 7:45am Mass

Pastor: Rev. Joe Koyickal, SAC (jkoyickal@dio.org)

DRE: Donette Clark (gillesspiedre@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: Dennis Skeldon, Michael McCullough, Brian Orr, Matt Orr, Meredith Heyen, Kyle Billings, Peggy Geurin, Kim Stotts, Joey Bertetto, Virginia Gruenenfelder

COLLECTIONS:

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$6,725.00	Env: \$1,465.00
Loose: \$250.00	Loose: \$255.00
PSR: \$0.00	PSR: \$5.00
Energy, V. Candle, Flowers: \$ 111.00	Fuel, C. Times \$130.00
Ash Wednesday: \$1,152.00	Capital Campaign: \$1,319.00
\$8,238.00	\$3,174.00

Important Dates & Information

Carlinville KC Fish Fries (Fridays 2/20-3/27) Held at Moose Lodge from 11-1 & 4-7; River Fish/Buffalo, White Fish/Alaskan Pollock, Shrimp with fries or baked potato and slaw. \$12 dine in or carry out. No drive thru.

Now until April 4: Red Bag: As we prepare to welcome Chester Wyatt, along with others from the Tri-Parish Community, please keep all catechumens in your thoughts & prayers. In addition, a red gift bag are in the Narthexes for Chester. Parishioners may drop a note, card or small gift into the bags, which will be gifted at the Easter Vigil in Carlinville.

Saturday, March 7: PSR Family Bowling Night! The PSR Family Bowling Night has been rescheduled for Sat, Mar 7 at 5:30pm at Besserman Superbowl. Please let Donette know if you will be attending.

Saturday, March 7: Cursillo Dinner There will be a Cursillo Dinner on Sat, Mar 7 after the 5:30pm Mass. Please contact Dan Kallal if you have any questions. We would like to congratulate Sally Rutherford from Ss. Mary & Joseph parish who attended a Cursillo weekend ending Feb 22 in Quincy.

Tuesday, March 10: Mass with Prayer of Healing A Mass with Prayer for Healing (physical, emotional, and spiritual) will be offered at 6pm at SS Simon & Jude Parish, all from the Tri-Parish Community are invited. The Sacrament of the Sick too will be administered to those desiring it due to any form of illness. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, led by Fr Joe, preceding the Mass from 5-6pm, during which another priest will be available for hearing Confession. **Please use this opportunity for Renewal & Reconciliation to celebrate the joy of new life at Easter.**

Wednesday, March 11: Common Eucharistic Adoration preparing for the Feast of St Joseph All parishioners from the Tri-Parish Community are invited to attend a Common Eucharistic Adoration, led by Fr Joe, praying for our personal & community intentions, from 6-7pm at St Joseph Parish. During Adoration, another priest will be available for hearing Confession.

Sunday, March 15: Donations in Honor of the Feast of St. Joseph There will be a collection of food items on that Sunday for the Gillespie Caring Center. The items in most demand are as follows: pasta, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, soup & cereal. Please bring these items to St. Joseph on or before March 15.

Sunday, March 22: St. Joseph Parish Feast! St. Joseph Parish Feast will be held on Sun, March 22 at 11am. The Mass will conclude with a solemn Eucharistic procession around the church & benediction. Following this there will be a catered dinner in the church hall. All parishioners from our Tri-Parish Community are invited to attend. Sign-up sheets will be located in Benld & Gillespie vestibules. Anyone from SSMJ wishing to attend please contact Cindy Saracco at 217-835-2623 or at esaracco4@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 24: Women's Group BINGO Ladies of the Tri-Parish Community are invited to BINGO at SSMJ's Parish Hall at 2pm. \$5 to play with light snacks being provided. Please join us!

Returning Home Through Trust, Transformation, & Hope



Last Sunday, we reflected on our call to *return to the Lord* & on the temptations that try to pull us away from God & from our true home. We also heard Pope Leo's invitation to **listen more deeply to God's Word, to fast** so that our hearts **can hear Him**, & to remember that this Lenten journey is something **we walk together, not alone**. This Sunday's readings

move us further along this journey of *Returning Home to the Father: Renew, Reconcile, & Rejoice*.

In the first reading, we see Abraham, following the call of God, steps out in trust, not knowing where the road will lead. Lent invites us to do the same-to leave behind old habits, grudges, & comforts that keep us from God, & to trust that His promise is greater than what we leave behind. What do I need to let go to return home?

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that holiness is not something we earn by our own efforts. It is a gift from God. Our prayer, fasting, & acts of charity are ways we open our hearts to God's transforming grace. God calls us to a new way of seeing, speaking & acting, in love, forgiveness & reconciliation.

In the Gospel, the **Transfiguration** of Jesus gives us a **glimpse of what awaits us**. Jesus reveals His glory to the disciples to strengthen them for the journey ahead, especially the suffering of the cross. The Father's voice says, "This is my beloved Son...listen to Him." The Transfiguration reminds us that Lent leads to Easter, sacrifice leads to glory, & our journey home leads to joy.

As we continue this Lenten journey, let us **renew** our hearts through **prayer** & listening to God's Word, **reconcile** with God & one another, & **rejoice** in the hope that one day we will share in Christ's glory. Let us walk this road together as a parish family, helping one another toward the joy of Easter & the new life God promises. Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! *Fr. Joe*

Please bring old palms to church & place them in the receptacle in the Narthex so these blessed items can be reverently & properly disposed of. Please do not throw them in the trash.

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:

Mar 08, Mar 15, Mar 22 (No Class)

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

3/29: Palm Sunday/Egg Hunt/Breakfast: 7:45am Mass in Benld with Egg Hunt and Breakfast to follow. This is in place of regular PSR class. Please plan to join the fun!

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Stations of the Cross opportunities during Lent (Feb 20-Apr3) between the three parishes.

- ◆ Tuesdays in Gillespie after Daily Mass
- ◆ Wednesdays in Benld after Daily Mass *AND* Wednesdays in Carlinville at 5pm
- ◆ Fridays in Carlinville at Noon *AND* Fridays in Gillespie at 7pm

