

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, March 09

4:00 p.m. Nelson Matasti / Mag Rolando
(MM Greztak / MM Gallo)

Sunday, March 10

7:45 a.m. David & Connie Reiniesch/Isabelle Pickett
(D. Reiniesch / MM Pickett)

Monday, March 11

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Bill & Gwen Berutti
(MM Ross)

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, March 14

Friday, March 15

10:00 a.m. Heritage Nursing Home, Gillespie

Saturday, March 16

4:00 p.m. For the Tri-Parish Community

Sunday, March 17

11:00 a.m. Charles & Margaret Biggam
(L. DeMars)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 16

Lector Karla Huddlestun
E. Min. Nancy Schmidt
Servers
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, March 17

Lector Karen Genetti
E. Min. Carol Chesus
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**

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, March 10

11:00 a.m. For the St. Joseph Community on our
Patron Saint's Feast Day

Monday, March 11

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Sherri Caveny
(D. Tallman)

Thursday, March 14

Friday, March 15

10:00 a.m. Heritage Nursing Home, Gillespie

Saturday, March 16: No Mass

Sunday, March 17

7:45 a.m. Delores Katich
(G. Katich)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 16: No Mass

Sunday, March 17

Greeter Mr. & Mrs. Ed Saracco
Lector Bill Bertetto
E. Min. N. Balzaine, J. Kelly, E. Saracco
Servers Michael Bertetto, Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Bill Bertetto Family

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

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

Karla Huddlestun DRE (gillespiedre@gmail.com)

Deacon Emeritus: Deacon Denny Baker

Gillespie Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00am-Noon

Bulletin Submissions: send to secretaryssmjmc@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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Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator and liaison between the
Diocese & anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor—

2023 PRAYERLINE

Juliet Koyickal, Tonya Koller, Michael McCullough, Matt Orr, Brian Orr, Ann Rolando, Peggy Geurin, Vaughn Whiteman, Mary Presley, Edwin (Sonny) Sievers, Maddie Le

COLLECTIONS:

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$3,065.00	Env: \$720.00
Loose: \$133.00	Loose: \$351.50
Building: \$130.00	Building: \$275.00
CCD: \$100.00	CCD: \$75.00
Other: \$290.00	Other: \$20.00
\$3,718.00	\$1,441.50

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sun, March 17 at SSSJ: 9:30am-10:30am for children
 Tues, March 19 at SSSJ: 6:00pm-7:30pm for everyone
 Wed, March 20 at St. Joseph: 8:30am-9:30am for everyone
 Wed, March 20 at SSMJ: 4:00pm-5:15pm for children
 Wed, March 20 at SSMJ: 5:30pm-7:00pm for adults

Spring Forward! Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend. This is also a great time to check your smoke detector batteries.

**PSR CORNER - ST. JOSEPH / SS. SIMON & JUDE****K-5th Grade:**

PSR Classes are Sundays from 9:30-10:45am at SSSJ School
Upcoming Dates:

March 17, March 24, March 31 (No Class)

Sacramental Preparation for 3rd Grade is this year. All 3rd Grade parents are required to attend the first Sunday class of each month.



Sun, March 24: Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck Breakfast following the Benld 7:45am Mass. Please bring a breakfast item to

share! All members of the parishes are welcome to attend. We are looking for donations of candy & money to fill the eggs for the children. Please put donations in the box located in the back of both churches.

Karla Huddlestun, DRE GillespieDRE@gmail.com



Youth Group: 6-12 Grade from 9:30-10:45am in the upper level of SSSJ School Youth Group Room. All are welcome to delve into our Catholic Faith, Values & Fun! Questions please contact Karla Huddlestun, DRE.

"Walking to Jerusalem with Jesus" Experience peace & healing as we immerse ourselves in a Lenten experience of the Paschal Mystery....the Life, Suffering & Death & Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sessions begin at 7pm.

SSMJ: Mondays: Mar 11 & Mar 18

SSSJ: Thursdays: Mar 14 & Mar 21

40 Days of Lent: Each week we will list an activity you can do each day during Lent. This is to make us all more mindful of the season. Please feel free to choose any similar activity that will work for you and your family.

03/10: 4th Sunday of Lent-Attend Mass

03/11: GIVE canned good(s) to your food bank box

03/12: PRAY for those who do not have enough food

03/13: GIVE money to your alms giving bowl

03/14: PRAY the Rosary

03/15: GREET warmly everyone you meet all day

03/16: FAST from desserts or treats today

03/17: 5th Sunday of Lent-Attend Mass

You are invited to contribute to the SSSJ's Easter decorations. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers." Extra envelopes are in the vestibule.

Holy Cross Cemetery Spring Clean-Up: The cemetery will soon be preparing to cut grass. Please remove any grave blankets, decorations, etc that will impede this before March 25. After that date, the cemetery will remove any items. Thanks!



St. Joseph Parish Feast Day Sunday, March 10, 2024 Mass at 11:00am

St. Joseph Parish, Benld will be celebrating the Feast of its Patron Saint, with a special Mass. The Mass will conclude with a solemn Eucharistic procession around the Church followed by benediction. A catered lunch will be held in the parish hall.

God so loved the world that he gave His only Son...

These are the immortal words from the Gospel of John 3:16, that has touched and transformed the lives of thousands of people! Today these same words are addressed to us on this fourth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday is commonly called Laetare Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. This sets a tone of joyful anticipation of Easter. The Rose or pink vestment worn by the priest on this Sunday is the symbol of this joy.

Many of us have been observing some form of Lenten practices this holy season. Perhaps some of you are working on spending some more time in prayer or have given something up for this lent or trying to be kinder and more charitable, being more patient and forgiving. Whatever they may be, each could be seen as a gift given to God. We are offering to God our time, efforts, or Lenten practices as a response to his love for us. It is our small gesture of love in return for the love we have been given. The greatest expression of God's love for us was the gift of his only Son Jesus Christ. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. It is not that he needs our love, but rather he wants us. He created us, he loves us, and he desires to be in relationship with us for eternity!

This is the reason why the church asks us to offer these Lenten gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to God. These gifts are in essence acts of Love. They are acts expressing our relationship to him. Just like a child who gives a parent any simple gifts he or she finds, it is not the gifts that matters, but the love with which it is given. It is not the utilitarian value that counts, but the way they bind us together in relationship. Anything we give to God, rebounds back to us in some way transformed by his perfect goodness.

These gifts are also an expression of our recognition and acknowledgement that everything we have is a gift from God. We joyfully draw near to the giver of all these good gifts through the spiritual practices we take up in this season. May the rest of this Lenten journey continue to bear fruit drawing us closer to God and to one another!

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe



Anyone that has completed a Quincy Cursillo weekend is welcome to join other Cursillistas at an Ultreya gathering at the SSMJ parish hall after

the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, March 16. Drinks & a main course will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish. *We will be welcoming our newest Cursillistas, Fr. Joe Koyickal & Marilyn Kallal.* Call Scott Harris (618-781-5299) for more information.