

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 19

11:00 a.m. Marion Obert
(MM Jillson)

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 a.m. Suzanne Newman
(Gerrie Leone)

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, April 23

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 26

11:00 a.m. Becky Cerkoski
(Cerkoski Family)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, April 25

Lector Mary Newman
E. Min. Nancy Schmidt
Server Volunteers Needed
Greeter Harold & Mary Newman

Sunday, April 26

Lector Knights of Columbus
E. Min. Knights of Columbus
Servers Volunteers Needed
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: \$1,905.00	Env: \$1,260.00
Loose: \$186.00	Loose: \$209.89
PSR: \$50.00	PSR: \$50.00
2nd Coll, Candles: \$92.00	Other: \$0.00
Easter, A. Flowers: \$240.00	Centennial Campaign: \$5.00
\$2,473.00	\$1,524.89

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, April 19

7:45 a.m. Don Dobrino
(Clark Family)

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 p.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 a.m. George Sawyer
(MM Newman)

Thursday, April 23

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25: No Mass

Sunday, April 26

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, April 25: No Mass

Sunday, April 26

Greeters Mr. & Mrs. James Kelly
Lector Joe Dopuch
E. Min. G. Link, J. Kelly, E. Saracco
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Daron Kapp Family

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

DRE: Donette Clark (donette.clark@sssimonjudegillespie.com)

Gillespie Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00am-Noon

Bulletin Submissions: amy.killam@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.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: Dennis Skeldon, Michael McCullough, Brian Orr, Matt Orr, Meredith Heyen, Kyle Billings, Peggy Geurin, Kim Stotts, Joey Bertetto, Virginia Gruenenfelder, Jerri Bayse, Angela Weidner, Stacy Stoops

The Road to Emmaus: Our Own Life Journey

The Gospel this weekend presents us with the beautiful & moving story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. It is a powerful story that speaks deeply to our own life journey & reminds us that the Risen Lord walks with us, even when we do not recognize Him.

The two disciples in the Emmaus story were discouraged & heartbroken. Their hopes had been shattered by the death of Jesus. They were leaving Jerusalem with a heart filled with confusion, sadness, & disappointment. We can very well relate to their experience. At times we too face moments of discouragement, sadness, uncertainty, grief, or disappointment. And we can easily lose hope and feel God is far away from us.

But the beautiful thing is that Jesus comes to them precisely in their moment of sadness. He walks with them, listens to their pain & sorrow, & gently explains the Scriptures, helping them to see that God was still at work even through suffering & loss. This reminds us that the Lord never abandons us. Even when we do not recognize His presence, He walks beside us especially in our struggles, doubts, & questions.

The beautiful turning point in the story comes when the disciples invite Jesus to stay with them: "*Stay with us, for it is nearly evening.*" It is in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened, & they recognize Him. This reminds us of the Eucharist. Each time we gather for Mass, the Risen Lord is present among us—in His Word proclaimed & in the breaking of the bread. Like the disciples, our hearts too can burn within us when we listen to the Scriptures & encounter Him in the Eucharist provided, we are open.

This Gospel challenges us to recognize Christ in our daily lives. Let us take time to listen to His Word. Let us invite Him to stay with us in prayer. Let us be attentive to His presence in the people we meet, especially those who are struggling or in need?

The story also inspires us to become witnesses. After recognizing Jesus, the disciples immediately returned to Jerusalem to share the good news with others. Their sorrow was turned into joy, & their discouragement into mission. In the same way, our encounter with the Risen Lord should move us outward—to share hope, to encourage others, & to be bearers of Christ's light in our families, workplaces, & communities.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

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:

Apr 26 Last PSR/Youth Group Class

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

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Important Dates & Information

April 25/26: Free Community Laundry Days The Macoupin County Health Department is sponsoring Free Community Laundry Days-events where individuals & families can wash & dry their clothes at no cost. Something as simple as clean clothing can make a tremendous difference: it supports children's confidence at school, helps adults feel prepared for work & daily life, & ensures that families don't have to choose between basic necessities & financial strain. There will be a special collection the weekend of April 25 & 26 if you would like to help. **This is monetary donations only, no laundry products please.** **Make checks payable to MCPH.**

Honor a special woman in your life this Mother's Day. Ss. Simon & Jude Altar Society is offering Mother's Day flowers to honor both living & deceased women. Pink carnations will represent living women, & white carnations will honor those who are deceased. These flowers will be placed on the altar during Mother's Day weekend. The cost is \$4 per flower. All proceeds will be donated to Carlinville Catholic Charities to support programs for women & children in Macoupin County. **A list of all donations received by Sun, May 3 will be published.** To participate, please complete the order form & return it in the collection basket labeled "Mother's Day Flower." Kindly make all checks payable to the Altar Society.

Saturday, May 2: Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish is partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) to make beds for kids who don't have a bed. The workday will be held in the Aladdin buildings behind the high school. Shifts are from 8:30am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-4:30pm. If you are unable to work, but would like to donate; mattresses are the most in need, followed by comforters & than sheet sets. SHP has set up a deal with Heinz furniture, you can purchase a mattress there for \$70. Questions, please contact Michael Millard at 217-710-4942.

Wednesday, May 6: Altar Society Mother's Day Dinner Ladies & their guests are invited to the Mother's Day Dinner on Wed, May 6 at Ss Simon & Jude School dining room. \$25 per person includes a social time at 5:30pm, followed by a catered dinner at 6pm with entertainment. **Please let us know by April 26 if you will be attending.** Send your name & payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked for the Altar Society. Please make checks payable to Altar Society.

Wednesday, May 6: Blood Drive Carlinville Area Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401.

Sunday, May 10: 40th Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Chuck Edwards Father Chuck Edwards would like to celebrate his 40th Anniversary of his Ordination with our Tri-Parish Communities, on Sun, May 10. As such, he will celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:45am in Benld & at 11am in Gillespie. Having a reception after the 7:45am Mass is the most practical thing to do on that day since it is Mother's Day. There will be a coffee & pastries reception after the 7:45am Mass in St. Joseph's parish hall. If you plan to attend another Mass but want to meet with Father Chuck, please plan to attend this reception. He will be in attendance until 10:15am. All are welcome & encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to congratulate Father Chuck on 40 years of faithful service. **There will also be a gift bag in the all three parish narthexes if you would like to send Fr. Chuck cards, notes, or small gifts.**

Congratulations and God's Blessings, Fr. Chuck!