

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, September 12

4:00 p.m. Lucy Altieri / Becky Cerkoski
(MM Preston / Cerkoski Family)

Sunday, September 13: No Mass

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Suzanne Newman / Anthony Leone
(MM Chesus / G Leone)

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

4:00 p.m. Chelsea Marinacci / Jack Plovich
(Bray Family / Plovich Family)

Sunday, September 20: No Mass

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, September 19

Lector Rhonda Heyen
E. Min. N. Schmidt, M. Newman, C. Chesus
Server Volunteers Needed
Greeter Carol Chesus & Rhonda Heyen
Off. Fam. Theresa Duncan

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: \$2,965.00	Env: \$860.00
Loose: \$170.00	Loose: \$176.00
Building & PSR: \$326.00	Building & PSR: \$60.00
Catholic University: \$102.00	Catholic University: \$204.00
Summer Capital Campaign: \$680.00	Capital Campaign: \$200.00
\$4,243.00.00	\$1,500.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, September 13

8:00 a.m. For the Tri-Parish Community

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 a.m. Rita Joyce
(MM Newman)

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19: No Mass

Sunday, September 20

8:00 a.m. Darlene Koniak
(G. Koniak)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, September 19: No Mass

Sunday, September 20

Greeters Denise Cadmus & Jerri Bayse
Lector Bill Bertetto
E. Min. J. Kelly, E. Saracco, B. Bertetto
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Bill Gill Family

Confessions 7:15-7:45am on Sundays with 8:00am Mass

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.

St. Joseph Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass: 8:00am on Wednesdays

Sunday: 8:00am

Parish office: 304 N. Macoupin Gillespie, IL 62033

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Website: www.3parishes1faith.com

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, Jerri Bayse, Stacy Stoops, Brenda Lowe, Adrienne Devlin, Amy Miles, Dave Bedinger, Joe Chiarodo, Carol Bangert, Bella Kennedy

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

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

Registration for the 2026-27 PSR year is now OPEN!



Please register your student (K-12) at <https://forms.gle/23HNPD9sT62Fxc929> or by using the QR code. Classes will begin Sunday, September 13. If you have any questions, please reach out to Donette.

PSR Class: Sundays from 9:30am-10:30am at SSSJ School

Upcoming PSR Classes

Sept 13, Sept 20, Sept 27 (No PSR/Outdoor Mass)

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-7pm at SSSJ School

Upcoming Youth Group

Sept 13, Sept 20, Sept 27

Children that have attended Altar Server Training are eligible to begin serving Mass. Servers are listed in the bulletin as Volunteer Needed. Please contact the office if you are a new server and wish to start serving Mass. Someone will be paired with you for the first few times.



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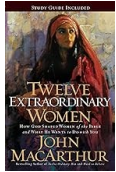
Upcoming Meetings

Wed, Sept 23: KC COR Mtg at 6:30pm at St. Joseph

Wed, Sept 30: St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society Mtg at 10am

Important Dates & Information

Twelve Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Stories Take a closer look at twelve ordinary women who were made extraordinary by a life-changing encounter with God. Their stories will challenge, motivate, encourage, and inspire you. Join us Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm in the Ss. Simon & Jude School Conference Room beginning September 14. Sign up on the counter at Ss. Simon & Jude or call Mary at 217-825-9171. Books are available to order for \$10.50 through Amazon. Please let us know when you sign up if you would like a book ordered.



Mon, Sept 21-Thurs, Sept 24: Priests' Convocation Fr. Joe will be in Florissant, MO attending the Priests' Convocation, which is where all the priests of the diocese meet with the Bishop. There will be no daily Masses during this week.

Sunday, September 27: A combined St. Joseph / Ss. Simon & Jude OUTDOOR MASS will take place on Sunday, September 27 at 10am at the Benld City Park and everyone from the Tri-Parish Family are invited! There will be a celebration of the Mass followed by fellowship.

Sat, Oct 3: Oktoberfest SAVE THE DATE! Oktoberfest at Ss. Mary & Joseph! More information to come.

Sun, Oct 4: Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate! On October 4 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events and clicking on the Oct 4 Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted last year. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you did not do so last year. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.

The Gift of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is one of the things most of us struggle with. When someone has wronged us, hurt us, or continues to hurt us, we may ask: **How can I forgive? Is there a limit?**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "*How often must I forgive?*" Jesus answers, "*Not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*" In other words, **there is no limit to forgiveness.**

Jesus' parable reminds us that we have all received God's forgiveness, yet we sometimes find it difficult to forgive others. The servant who was forgiven a great debt refused to forgive the much smaller debt owed to him. He could not truly receive the gift of forgiveness because he was unwilling to give it.

When we hold on to anger, hatred, resentment, or a desire for revenge, **we continue to hurt ourselves.** These feelings take away our peace, joy, and freedom. Forgiveness does not mean that what happened was right, nor does it mean allowing someone to continue hurting us. Rather, forgiveness means placing the hurt in God's hands and refusing to let it control our lives.

Shakespeare said, "**Forgiveness is twice blest.**" It blesses the one who forgives and the one who is forgiven.

Every day we pray in the *Our Father*: "**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**" Let us therefore ask God for the grace to forgive, especially those who have hurt us deeply. We may not forget immediately, and healing may take time, but with God's grace we can let go of resentment and discover the freedom and peace that forgiveness brings.

Let us pray for the gift of forgiveness. Lord, teach us to forgive as You have forgiven us. Free our hearts from anger and resentment and fill us with Your peace.

Blessings of Peace and Joy always!
Fr. Joe



Classes for adults interested in becoming Catholic will be starting soon. If you would like more information please contact Don Reid at 217-825-6987.

Classes will be held in Ss. Mary & Joseph Conference Room at 7pm
Upcoming Dates: October 7, November 4

The Knights of Columbus will be doing their annual ID Drive (Tootsie Roll) on September 18 and 19th. Volunteers will be located on the streets of Gillespie during this time to take collections. Your donations are greatly appreciated and go to help the Intellectually Disabled in our area. Thank You for your support!

Dues for Ss Simon & Jude Altar Society are being collected. If you would like to pay, send your \$5 in an envelope with your name & place in the collection basket. Be sure to mark Ss Simon & Jude on the outside. All ladies of our parish are members & invited to meetings & activities held during the year.

St. Joseph Altar & Rosary dues are now being collected. Anyone wishing to pay the \$5.00 dues may do so by giving your payment to Cindy Saracco or by mailing it to the following address. **St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society, PO Box 42, Benld, IL 62009.** Thank you for your participation.