

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday, September 26

4:00 p.m. Rose Preston / Ed Chesus
(L. Preston / MM Newman)

Sunday, September 27: No Mass

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Ed Chesus / Mary Cavanaugh
(G. Leone / G. Leone)

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, October 01

Friday, October 02

8:00 a.m. Suzanne Newman
(Clark Family)

Saturday, October 03

4:00 p.m. Becky Cerkoski / Jack Plovich
(Cerkoski Family / C. Plocich & Family)

Sunday, October 04: No Mass

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 03

Lector Bob Tucker
E. Min. T. Crites, G. Crites, T. Duncan
Server Volunteers Needed
Greeter Mike & Debbie Rossetto
Off. Fam. Gayla & Terry Crites

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: \$1,495.00	Env: \$975.00
Loose: \$50.00	Loose: \$150.00
Building & PSR: \$20.00	PSR & Building: \$0.00
2nd Collection: \$126.00	2nd Collection: \$214.00
Votive Candles: \$14.00	Capital Campaign: \$10.00
\$1,705.00	\$1,349.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Dixie Lamparter
(G. Leone)

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Charlene Taylor
(SSSJ Altar Society)

Thursday, October 01

Friday, October 02

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Saturday, October 03: No Mass

Sunday, October 04

8:00 a.m. Bill Newman
(M. Gucciardo)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 03: No Mass

Sunday, October 04

Greeters Michelle Bertetto & Peg Allen
Lector John Fassero
E. Min. E. Saracco, B. Bertetto, J. Saracco
Servers Lucca Kapp
Off. Fam. Ed Saracco 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

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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, Stacy Stoops, Brenda Lowe, Adrienne Devlin, Dave Bedinger, Joe Chiarodo, Carol Bangert, Bella Kennedy, Hazel Bono

PSR / HS Youth Group Corner

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

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

Upcoming PSR Classes

Sept 27 (No PSR/Outdoor Mass), Oct 4, Oct 11

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

Upcoming Youth Group

Sept 27, Oct 4, Oct 11

Donette Clark, DRE donette.clark@sssimonjudegillespie.com



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

Important Dates & Information

Twelve Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Stories Join us Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm in the Ss. Simon & Jude School Conference

Month of October: First Responder Snack Collection The Altar Societies are collecting snacks for our local First Responders during October. Donation boxes will be located in the vestibules of both churches. Please donate individually wrapped, grab-and-go items such as Pop-Tarts, chips, Rice Krispy Treats, beef sticks, cookies, nuts, granola bars and candy. Thank you for supporting our local First Responders!

Sat, Oct 3: Pet Blessing at 10am at Ss. Simon & Jude in the school parking lot, please have your pet on a leash/pet carrier.

Sat, Oct 3: Oktoberfest! SSMJ Women's Group will be hosting their annual Oktoberfest on Sat, Oct 3 from 7-10pm. The KC's will be grilling brats, hot dogs & hamburgers. **A few things to remember!** Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, entertainment by Cinco Sin Nombre (including our very own Steve Boente & Dustin White) *Bring your family & friends! All are welcome! In case of bad weather, the event will be moved inside, so rain or shine come enjoy the evening!*

Sun, Oct 18: Ss. Simon & Jude Feast Day Celebration will be on Sun, October 18! A **special Mass time of 4pm** will be celebrated, followed by a catered dinner at the Gillespie Civic Center. Everyone is invited to join us for this special celebration! The evening will include **dinner, music, door prizes, & special activities for the children.** Sign-up sheets for the dinner are available on the counter of SSSJ & St. Joseph's vestibule or you can call the parish office to register. **Come celebrate our Feast Day with us!**

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.

God's Moving from Words to Action In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus shares a simple yet challenging parable about two sons. One says "no" to his father's request to go out & work in the vineyard but later changes his mind & obeys. The other quickly says "yes" but never shows up. This is an important reminder for all of us that discipleship or following Jesus requires action & not mere words or lip service. Perseverance & commitment are not easy. We need God's grace to persevere. We need to pray for this grace.

Again, when we hear this story, it is easy to look outward as if it is about someone else, & judge, but Jesus invites us to look inward & **check our own hypocrisy.** The truth is that **the two sons are often symbolic of our own lives.** We are rarely just one or the other; we alternate between them. There are moments when we initially resist God's call out of fear, selfishness, or laziness, but eventually allow His grace to move us to do the right thing. And there are other times, which are far more dangerous, when we look like the second son. We say yes, but it may not mean much. For example, we show up to church, say all the right prayers, & offer a polite, public "yes" to God, yet our daily choices, our treatment of others, & our private actions can tell a completely different story.

It is easy to profess a faith of words, but Jesus reminds us that **talk is cheap; authentic discipleship requires action.** This realization should not discourage us, but it should challenge us. We cannot sustain a lifelong "yes" to God on our own willpower. **We need God's wisdom & grace to persevere** in our commitments. We need the humility to admit when our actions don't match our words, & the courage to ask the Holy Spirit to bridge that gap. Blessings of Peace and Joy! *Fr. Joe*

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. We will be praying the Rosary for Peace in the World at the Blessed Mother's Statue. This week's schedule will be Thursday in Benld at 8:40am and Friday in Gillespie after 8am Mass.

Turning to Our Blessed Mother in October

As we look ahead, **October is a special month traditionally dedicated to praying the Rosary.** If we are searching for a blueprint on how to perfectly align our words with our actions, we need look no further than the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the **perfect example of absolute obedience and profound humility.** When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, her "yes"—her *Fiat*—was not just a polite verbal agreement. It was a total surrender of her entire life to God's plan. She lived out her "yes" every single day, from the joy of Bethlehem to the agonizing sorrow at the foot of the Cross.

Because we so often struggle to keep our promises to God, we need her motherly help. I encourage every individual and family in our parish to **make a commitment to pray the Rosary this October.** Through this beautiful devotion, Mary will **intercede for us**, calming our anxieties, strengthening our weak wills, and gently leading us closer to her Son, Jesus. Blessings, *Fr. Joe*

