

# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

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### Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30pm -- Sunday 9:30am  
 Daily Mass: Thursday: 8:00am  
 Communion Service: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 8:00am  
 Confessions: Thurs 8:30-9:15am, Sun 9-9:25am or by Appt.  
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday 8:30am  
 Scriptural Rosary: Mondays 8:30am  
 Choir Practice: Tuesdays 7:00pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 8:30am - Noon

Weekly Parish Offering	
Weekend Envelopes	\$8,593.30
Weekend Loose Cash	\$298.00
Building Fund	\$230.00
Holy Day: Ash Wednesday	\$1,245.00
Special: PSR	\$525.00
Other: Catholic Times, Church in Easter Europe, Huyear & Gillette Funeral, Hall Rental	\$639.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,530.30</b>

THANK YOU!

### February 21-22, 2026

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
109	210	319

### February 22-23, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
144	175	319

## Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 07-08, 2026

### Saturday at 5:30pm

<b>Ushers</b>	Pat Boyett & Mary Gillock
<b>Lector</b>	Kris Rosentreter
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Julie Boente, John Kelly, Mary Ann Dunn, Susan Dunn, Monica Sottoriva, Jennifer Frericks
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	LeVora Family
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ella Rosentreter, Callan Rowe, Murphy Rowe

### Sunday 9:30am

<b>Ushers</b>	Brad & Jessica Barkley
<b>Lector</b>	Darrin DeNeve
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Janice Bellm, Tom Broaddus, Audrey Costello, Pam Davis, Kara Harris, Scott Harris
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Lane Family
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Spencer Lane, SofiaSimone Lane, Kane Siepka
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Mariah Eilerman, Makayla Killer, <b>Student Volunteer Needed</b>

### In charity, please remember in your prayers:

... **our military personnel, especially:** Matthew Gazda, Stefan Gazda, Broc Horn, Bryan Murphy Jr., Gary Wilson

... **the sick and those in need:** Beth Cosenza, Josh Carter, Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker, Tonya Koller, Joyce Crum Ross, Grey Smith, Peggy Geurin, Leonard Bomkamp, Jessica Williams, Michelle Destatte, John O'Brien, Jackie Malt, Karen Joiner, Sherry Huff, Peggy Tieman, John Stankoven

### Mass Intentions:

Sat.	02/28	5:30 pm	Leonard Bomkamp ☩
Sun.	03/01	9:00am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Charlie Boyett ☩
Mon.	03/02	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	03/03	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	03/04	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	03/05	8:00 am	Bob Kates ☩
Fri.	03/06	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	03/07	5:30 pm	Nathaniel Florence ☩
Sun.	03/08	9:00am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Jenny Stankoven ☩

**Important Date & Information**

**KC Fish Fries (Fridays 2/20-3/27)** Held at Moose Lodge from 11-1 & 4-7; River Fish/Bufalo, 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 Bags in the Narthex:** As we prepare to celebrate our OCIA Catechumens, we ask you, the parish to keep all the Catechumens in your thoughts & prayers. In addition, red gift bags are in the Narthex & are labeled with each OCIA Catechumen's name. Parishioners may drop a note, card or small gift into the bags, which will be gifted at the Easter Vigil!

**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 February 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.

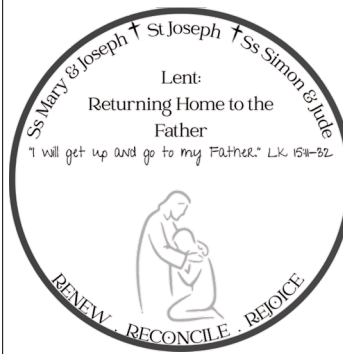
**Sunday, March 15: Donations in Honor of the Feast of St. Joseph** There will be a collection of food items on that Sunday for the Gillespie Caring Center. The items in most demand are as follows: pasta, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, soup & cereal. Please bring these items to St. Joseph on or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

**Saturday, March 28: SVDP Fundraiser at Reno's** Mark your calendars for the annual SVDP fundraiser where proceeds will be split between SVDP & MCDD, on Sat, Mar 28 from 6pm-10pm at Reno's. Music by Steve Boente & Dustin White's band. \$30 for adults & \$15 for kids age 6 to 12 & under 6 is free. Tickets will be sold in the near future. Please plan to come & join for an evening of great music & food to support 2 wonderful organizations!

**Returning Home Through Trust, Transformation, & Hope**



Last Sunday, we reflected on our call to *return to the Lord* and on the temptations that try to pull us away from God and 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**, and 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, and comforts that keep us from God, and 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, and acts of charity are ways we open our hearts to God's transforming grace. God calls us to a new way of seeing, speaking and acting, in love, forgiveness and 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, and our journey home leads to joy.

As we continue this Lenten journey, let us **renew** our hearts through **prayer** and listening to God's Word, **reconcile** with God and one another, and **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 and the new life God promises.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe



**PSR CORNER**

**We are in need of PSR snacks, please see insert.**

**PSR Time: Wednesdays from 3:45pm - 5:00pm**

**Upcoming PSR Classes:**

Mar 4, Mar 11, Mar 18, Mar 25

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students** must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for their sacraments.

**Youth Group Time: Sundays from 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Upcoming Youth Group Classes:**

TBD (due to high school activity schedules Youth Group will resume after the musical)

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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
- ◆ Wednesdays in Carlinville at 5pm
- ◆ Fridays in Carlinville at Noon AND Fridays in Gillespie at 7pm

