

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

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Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator and liaison between the Diocese & anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor- (217) 321-1155.

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	\$7,420.30
Weekend Loose Cash	\$536.00
Building Fund	\$1,080.00
Holy Day:	\$0.00
Special: PSR & Easter Flowers	\$1,415.00
Other: Gym Rental, Votive Candles	\$272.75
Total	\$10,724.05

THANK YOU!

March 07-08, 2026

March 08-09, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
146	155	301

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
155	150	305

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 21-22, 2026

Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

Ushers	Roger Rosentreter Family
Lector	Becky Donaldson
Eucharistic Ministers	John Kelly*, Elaine Flowers*, Julie Boente, Sandy Lane, Susan Millard, Jodi Rowe
Gift Bearers	Rowe Family
Altar Servers	Reilly Garrison, Callan Rowe, Logan Killam

Ushers	Mark & Teri Gillock
Lector	Vaughn Whiteman
Eucharistic Ministers	Vaughn Whiteman*, Reda Scanlan*, Janice Bellm, Dan Kallal, Marilyn Kallal, Jennifer Fre-ricks
Gift Bearers	Etter Family
Altar Servers	Annagrace White, Ella White, John White
Children's Liturgy	Melissa Suits, Avery Suits, Tanner Suits

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, Grey Smith, Peggy Geurin, Jessica Williams, Michelle Destatte, John O'Brien, Jackie Malt, Karen Joiner, Sherry Huff, Peggy Tie-man, John Stankoven, Mike Hesseldenz, Ron & Carol Paul

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	03/14	5:30 pm	Gene Bellm †
Sun.	03/15	9:00am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Doris Boente †
			Bob Reiher †
Mon.	03/16	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	03/17	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	03/18	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	03/19	8:00 am	Charlie Boyett †
Fri.	03/20	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	03/21	5:30 pm	For the Tri-Parish Community
Sun.	03/22	9:00am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Jan Gillette †



PSR CORNER

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

Upcoming PSR Classes:

Mar 18, Mar 25, April 1, April 8, April 15, April 22

2nd & 3rd 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)

Jodi Rowe, DRE CarlinvilleDRE@gmail.com

Important Date & Information

KC Fish Fries (Fridays until 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/small gift into the bags, which will be gifted at the Easter Vigil!

Due March 29: SVDP Easter Baskets The annual St. Vincent de Paul Easter baskets project for nursing home residents is underway! Please find baskets in the narthex with instructions. Take a baskets, fill it with goodies & return it by Palm Sunday on March 28 for delivery to residents. Any questions please contact Erin Crain at 618-946-2793. Thank you!

Tues, Mar 17 & Wed, Mar 18 Fr. Joe will be attending a Priest Meeting in Springfield on these two days. He will leave after Daily Mass in Gillespie on Tuesday & return Wednesday evening.

Sunday, March 22: Rotary Pancake Breakfast

The annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Elks from 8am to 11:30am. All you can eat pancakes, sausage & homemade blueberry syrup.

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.

Tuesday, March 24: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at Ss. Simon & Jude from 6-7:30pm.

Wednesday, March 25: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St. Joseph from 8:30-9:30am.

Wednesday, March 25: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held from 3:30-5pm for our PSR Children, from 5:30-6pm Fr. Joe will lead a guided adoration for the adults in preparation for the confession. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be held from 6-7:30pm for adults at SSMJ.

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!

Sunday, April 5: Annual Easter Egg Hunt The Annual KC Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt will be held after Easter Sunday 9:30am Mass for ages 0-8. Please plan to join the fun!

Come and Celebrate the Holy week this Lent



As we continue our Lenten journey under the theme **"Returning Home to the Father: Renew, Reconcile, & Rejoice,"** I would like to warmly invite every member of our parish family to take part in the sacred celebrations of **Holy Week**, especially the three most important days of our faith: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & the Easter Vigil.**

Sometimes it is easy to come only for Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. But the beauty & meaning of Easter become much deeper when **we journey with the Lord through these holy days** that lead up to it. These three days, often called the **Sacred Triduum (Sacred three days)**, are really **one great celebration** of the **mystery of our salvation.**

On **Holy Thursday**, we remember the gift of the Eucharist & the priesthood at the Last Supper. Jesus gathers His disciples around the table & shows us that love is expressed in humble service. It is a beautiful moment for us to **renew** our love for the Eucharist & our commitment to serve one another.

On **Good Friday**, we stand at the foot of the Cross. In silence & prayer, we remember the depth of God's love revealed through the suffering & sacrifice of Christ. It is a powerful day to **reconcile** our hearts with God, reflecting on how deeply we are loved & forgiven.

Then, on **Holy Saturday evening**, we gather for the **Easter Vigil**, the most solemn & joyful liturgy of the entire Church year. Beginning in darkness at the Easter Fire, & moving into the light of the Resurrection, we celebrate Christ's victory over sin & death. It is a time to truly **rejoice**, because Christ is alive & brings us new life here & now!

I encourage you & your families to come & experience these beautiful celebrations. A postcard with the **dates & times for all the Holy Week services in our three parishes** has been sent out as a reminder & invitation. Please consider making time to participate in these sacred liturgies.

Walking with Jesus through these holy days helps us **return home to the Father**, allowing our hearts to be **renewed, reconciled, & filled with the joy of Easter.** May this Holy Week be a time of grace & blessing for all of us. I look forward to praying & celebrating with you.

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

We send our condolences to the **family of Carol Crum Ross**, who passed away on March 1. Please keep Marsha Rhodes & their family in your prayers.

We send our condolences to the **family of Eugene Eschbacher**, who passed away on March 6. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Congratulations on your baptism! May your life be filled with joy, love & endless blessings that come from God.

Olivia Grace Lentini, daughter of Pietro & Anna Lentini, was baptized on March 7.



Stations of the Cross opportunities during Lent (Feb 20-Apr 3) between the three parishes.

- ◆ Tuesdays in Gillespie after Daily Mass
- ◆ Wednesdays in Benld after Daily Mass AND Wednesdays in Carlinville at 5pm
- ◆ Fridays in Carlinville at Noon AND Fridays in Gillespie at 7pm