

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	\$3,294.00
Weekend Loose Cash	\$265.00
Building Fund	\$97.00
Holy Day:	\$0.00
Special: PSR & Easter Flowers	\$275.00
Other: Catholic Relief Services, Hall Rent, Eschbacher Funeral	\$891.00
Total	\$4,822.00

THANK YOU!

March 14-15, 2026

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
135	168	303

March 15-16, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
112	198	310

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 28-29, 2026

Saturday at 5:30pm

Ushers	Julie Boente, Ruth Coatney, Pat Boyett, Karen Dworzynski
Lector	Kris Rosentreter & Dan Hussey
Eucharistic Ministers	Terri Reid*, Dave Reid*, Kris Rosentreter, Theresa Rosentreter, John Kelly, Jodi Rowe
Gift Bearers	Killam Family
Altar Servers	Logan Killam, Murphy Rowe, Ella Rosentreter, Callan Rowe

Sunday 9:30am

Ushers	Eric & Lisa Ogden, Ann Johnston, Behme Family, Mark Donaldson
Lector	Becky Donaldson & Vaughn Whiteman
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Broaddus*, Audrey Costello*, Stevie Siepka, Kara Harris, Scott Harris, Susan Millard
Gift Bearers	Swan Family
Altar Servers	Addisyn Swan, Charlie Behme, Kane Siepka, Callan Rowe
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy

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, Andy Freehill

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	03/21	5:30 pm	For the Tri-Parish Community
Sun.	03/22	9:00am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Jan Gillette †
Mon.	03/23	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	03/24	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	03/25	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	03/26	8:00 am	Bob Huyear †
Fri.	03/27	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	03/28	5:30 pm	Leonard Bomkamp †
Sun.	03/29	9:00am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Gloria Donaldson †

Remember to start your Divine Mercy, Novena on Good Friday, April 3. Additional Divine Mercy brochures and booklets are available in the narthex.



PSR CORNER

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

Upcoming PSR Classes:

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!

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!

Confession – the way to Returning Home to the Father



As we continue our Lenten journey with our theme of Returning home to the Father, you are given a beautiful opportunity to make it a real return through the Sacrament of Confession. This coming Wednesday I am offering you a half-hour guided Adoration in preparation for this important Sacrament prior to our confessions. I hope to help you to open your heart truly to receive the

grace of the Sacrament- peace & reconciliation so that you can joyfully celebrate the joy of Easter.

Through this Sacrament we are returning to the father who never tires of waiting for us or tires of forgiving us. It is we who get tired of asking for forgiveness. Lent is not simply a season of giving things up; it is a sacred time of *renewal, reconciliation, & joyful return*. And confession is a beautiful way to do this. As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he can raise us up to newness of life in Him through this Sacrament.

In confession, we encounter not judgment, but mercy; not condemnation, but healing; not distance, but the tender love of God who restores us. So, I warmly invite you to this **half-hour guided Adoration** before our scheduled confessions this coming Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6pm. Together, in the quiet presence of the Lord, we will reflect, pray, & gently examine our lives in the light of God's love. Let us try to look at our hearts as if in a mirror & recognize the areas of our lives where we need renewal & reconciliation. Jesus truly present in the Eucharist can help us to do that, because he knows us through & through. Let us respond to his invitation wholeheartedly. During the time of confessions, the **Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed**, offering a peaceful space for prayer while you wait or after you celebrate the sacrament.

This weekend, you will also receive a **bulletin insert with an Examination of Conscience**. I encourage you to take it home, spend some time with it in prayer, & come prepared. Even if it has been a long time, do not be afraid—the father is waiting for you with open arms. Let us receive His loving embrace.

Let **this Lent** be the moment we truly come home.

Come to be **renewed** in spirit.
Come to be **reconciled** in heart.
Come to **rejoice** in God's mercy.

Let us heed to his words of invitation "You are always welcome. You are always loved. And it is never too late to begin again!

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! *Fr. Joe*

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

Ty William Cunningham, Son of Matt & Katie Cunningham, was baptized on March 15.



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