

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	\$4,792.30
Weekend Loose Cash	\$301.00
Building Fund	\$170.00
Holy Day: Easter	\$415.00
Special: Catholic Home Missions	\$130.00
Other: PSR, Pickle Ball	\$357.00
Total	\$6,165.30

THANK YOU!

April 18-19, 2026

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
119	183	302

April 19-20, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
Easter Vigil in Gillespie	472	472

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule May 02-03, 2026

Saturday at 5:30pm

Ushers	Mark & Becky Donaldson
Lector	Terri Reid
Eucharistic Ministers	John Kelly*, Monica Sottoriva*, Mary Ann Dunn, Susan Dunn, Terri Reid, Dave Reid
Gift Bearers	White Family
Altar Servers	Annagrace White, Ella White, John White

Sunday 9:30am

Ushers	Women's Group
Lector	Val Knight
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Knight*, Stevie Siepka*, Audrey Costello, Tom Broaddus, 2 Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers	Swan Family
Altar Servers	Addisyn Swan, Charlie Behme, Kane Siepka
Children's Liturgy	Kali Boente, Halle Bredel, Charlee Steward

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, John O'Brien, Jackie Malt, Karen Joiner, Sherry Huff, Peggy Tieman, John Stankoven, Ron Paul, Andy Freehill, Mary Ann Pollitt, Beverly Leach, Betty Wehking

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	04/25	5:30 pm	Gloria Donaldson †
Sun.	04/26	9:00 am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	For the Tri-Parish Community
Mon.	04/27	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	04/28	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	04/29	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	04/30	8:00 am	Leonard Bomkamp †
Fri.	05/01	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	05/02	5:30 pm	Ken Emery †
Sun.	05/03	9:00 am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Tom Drew †
			George & Evelyn Lacy †

Important Date & Information

Attention High School Seniors! The Knights of Columbus are offering a \$1000 scholarship to graduating seniors once again this year. Applications are in the Narthex on the counter. If you have any questions, please call Don Reid at 217-825-6987. Please return completed applications to the office by Thursday, April 30. Thanks!

Friday, May 1: KC Pork Cookout on the Square to benefit MCDD Come get some yummy pork sandwiches at the Carlinville Square from 11am-1pm to support MCDD!

Saturday, May 2: SSMJ Parish is partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) to make beds for kids who don't have a bed. The workday will be held in the Aladdin buildings behind the high school. Shifts are from 8:30am to 12:30pm or 12:30pm to 4:30pm. If you are unable to work, but would like to donate... mattresses are the most in need, followed by comforters & then sheet sets. SHP has set up a deal with Heinz furniture, you can purchase a mattress there for \$70. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Millard at 217-710-4942.

Wednesday, May 6: Blood Drive Carlinville Area Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401.

Sunday, May 10: 40th Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Chuck Edwards Father Chuck Edwards would like to celebrate his 40th Anniversary of his Ordination with our Tri-Parish Communities, on Sun, May 10. As such, he will celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:45am in Benld & at 11am in Gillespie. Having a reception after the 7:45am Mass is the most practical thing to do on that day since it is Mother's Day. There will be a coffee & pastries reception after the 7:45am Mass in St. Joseph's parish hall. If you plan to attend another Mass but want to meet with Father Chuck, please plan to attend this reception. He will be in attendance until 10:15am. All are welcome & encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to congratulate Father Chuck on 40 years of faithful service. There will also be a gift bag in all three parish narthexes if you would like to send Fr. Chuck cards, notes, or small gifts.

Congratulations and God's Blessings, Fr. Chuck!

Sunday, May 10: May Crowning of Mary: The crowning of Mary will be held on Sunday, May 10 at the 9:30am Mass. Girls who wish to be included in the processional will need to sign up with Jodi. Posey's will be ordered at \$15 each. Families may choose to bring their own as well.

Carpet Install Scheduled: The carpet install for the church has been scheduled for the weeks of May 11 & May 17. Weekend Masses will be as scheduled but there will be NO Communion Service and NO Daily Masses during those two weeks.

Sunday, May 31: Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish Feast
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!

Save the date for our 2026 Parish Feast Day Mass.

Start thinking about what basket you would like to create for the Basket Raffle. This year we are asking groups/committees as well as individuals to consider creating a basket (geared towards kids or adults). Baskets can be dropped off at the office during office hours Mon, May 11-Wed, May 13. Questions please reach out to Monica Sottoriva.



Good Shepherd Sunday: Jesus the Gate Who Leads Us to Life; World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**, a day when we reflect on the loving care of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. In the gospel today Jesus presents Himself in a closely related image: *"I am the gate for the sheep... whoever enters through me will be saved... I came so that they might have life & have it more abundantly."*

In the time of Jesus, shepherds often led their sheep into an enclosure at night to protect them from thieves & wild animals. The shepherd himself would lie across the entrance, becoming the "gate." Nothing harmful could enter without passing through him, & none of the sheep could wander out into danger unnoticed. In this way, the shepherd became both **protector & guardian**, ensuring the safety & well-being of the flock.

For us today, this image of Jesus as the Gate means that **He is the way to safety, hope, & fullness of life**. In a world filled with many voices, choices, & distractions, we are often tempted to follow paths that promise happiness but do not truly satisfy. Jesus reminds us that true life, peace, meaning & lasting joy is found when we walk with Him & allow Him to guide our choices. It means choosing compassion over indifference, honesty over convenience, & courage over fear. When we follow His way, we discover the abundant life He promises.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, reminding us that Jesus continues His shepherding care through those called to priesthood & religious life. Today we pray that many generous hearts will respond to this call & serve the Church with dedication & joy.

At the same time, this Sunday also invites each of us to listen for God's voice in our own lives. Every vocation, whether to priesthood, religious life, marriage, or dedicated service, is a response to the Good Shepherd who calls us by name to His service.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, may we find comfort in knowing that **Jesus stands as the Gate of our lives**, guarding us with His love and leading us to abundant life. Let us pray for vocations and may each of us follow the voice of the Good Shepherd with trust and generosity.

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

We want to thank everyone—the vendors, who made our shopping experience fun, the models, FEMA's, and the men who did a wonderful job serving us and helping setup and cleanup, and all those that came! And especially to our committee for all of their hard work! Kristy & Becky



PSR CORNER

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

Upcoming PSR Classes:

May 6, May 13 (Last PSR Class)

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

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We send our condolences to the **family of Michelle Destatte**, who passed away on April 20. Please keep her family in your prayers.