

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	\$2,911.00
Weekend Loose Cash	\$429.00
Building Fund	\$510.00
Holy Day: Easter	\$30.00
Special:	\$0.00
Other: PSR, Paul Funeral	\$215.00
Total	\$4,095.00

THANK YOU!

April 25-26, 2026

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
107	194	301

April 26-27, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
99	266	325

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule May 9-10, 2026

Saturday at 5:30pm

Ushers	PJ & Melanie Rosentreter
Lector	Kris Rosentreter
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Woods*, John Kelly*, Kris Rosentreter, Theresa Rosentreter, 2 Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers	Killam Family
Altar Servers	Josie Reid, Logan Killam, Ella Rosentreter

Sunday 9:30am

Ushers	Brad & Jessica Barkley
Lector	Darrin DeNeve
Eucharistic Ministers	Marilyn Kallal*, Dan Kallal*, Jodi Rowe, Val Knight, Beth Young, 1 Volunteer Needed
Gift Bearers	Etter Family
Altar Servers	Tanner Suits, Callan Rowe, Boen Suits
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, 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.	05/02	5:30 pm	Ken Emery †
Sun.	05/03	9:00 am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Tom Drew †
			George & Evelyn Lacy †
Mon.	05/04	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	05/05	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	05/06	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	05/07	8:00 am	Charlie Boyett †
Fri.	05/08	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	05/09	5:30 pm	Gloria Donaldson †
Sun.	05/10	9:00 am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Mary Huyear †

Let Not Your Hearts be Troubled, Believe, & Trust

All of us experience moments in life when things seem dark and uncertain, when we cannot understand what is happening and cannot see the way forward. At such times, we feel the need for strong faith, yet those are often the very moments when faith feels hardest to hold on to.

When life goes smoothly, it is easy to think our faith is strong. But when difficulties come, health concerns, family struggles, financial worries, or the loss of a loved one, we discover what our faith is really like. Faith, in essence, is about placing our trust in God, even when life does not make sense.

Sometimes we can think if God loves us, life should be smooth and free from storms. So, when difficulties arise, we may feel shaken and even wonder if God has abandoned us. Even the disciples experienced this same fear at the Last Supper when Jesus began speaking about his departure. Their hearts were troubled and filled with anxiety. Jesus reassures them in the gospel today saying, **“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”** He was not abandoning them. Instead, he promised to prepare a place for them and invited them to trust, even when they did not fully understand.

This is a good invitation for us too today.

Trust is one of the greatest gifts we can offer to God and to one another. Trust allows us to believe that even in the darkest moments, God is present and working in ways we cannot yet see. A crisis is not a sign of God’s absence, but often an invitation to deepen our faith and rely more fully on him. We grow in our trust through prayer and practice of faith. That is why it is so important to nurture even the small faith we have. Faith becomes our source of strength and comfort, especially in difficult times. It reminds us that we are not alone, that God walks with us, and that light can still break through the darkness.

Even a small measure of faith can sustain hope. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, *“A person with a grain of faith in God never loses hope, because he believes in the ultimate triumph of truth.”* So, when life feels heavy and uncertain, may we listen again to the reassuring words of Jesus:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled... have faith in God, have faith also in me.”

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



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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Father Joe is cooking! There will be a silent auction in conjunction with the Parish Feast!

Fr. Joe is auctioning off a homemade, multi-course Indian Dinner for 6-8 people, to be served in the rectory in Gillespie. The dinner will

be held on a mutually convenient date. There will be a paper in the narthex the weekends of May 16/17, May 23/24 & May 30/31. The highest bid will be accepted at the Parish Feast on Sunday, May 31. Want to team up? You can place bids on your own or join friends to submit a group bid & share the cost!

Important Date & Information

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 & 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.

Weekend of May 23/24: Graduate Blessing Fr. Joe will be blessing the graduates at the weekend Masses on May 23 & 24. If you are graduating or have graduated this year please plan to attend one of these Masses!

Charitable Donations in honor of our Parish Feast: In celebration of our Parish Feast we are asking parishioners to bring in items for the Carlinville Food Pantry. Donations can be brought to church from now until Sun, May 24. The items in most demand are pasta, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, soup & cereal.

PSR Class Challenge: Each PSR class is challenged to bring in “kid-friendly” snack items to be donated to the Carlinville Food Pantry as well! Donations are due by Wed, May 13 (last PSR Class). A designated collection box will be in each classroom so we can keep track of each class’s donations. The class with the most weight will earn 25 punches each for the 2026-2027 PSR Year!

Sunday, May 31: Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish Feast: **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!** Save the date for our 2026 Parish Feast Day Mass. We will be celebrating the Feast of our Patron Saints with a special Mass, a solemn Eucharistic procession, benediction and a meal catered by Renos. 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 Sottriva.