

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	\$2,388.30
Weekend Loose Cash	\$274.00
Building Fund	\$85.00
Holy Day:	\$0.00
Special:	\$0.00
Other: PSR	\$15.00
Total	\$2,762.30

**THANK
YOU!**

July 25-26, 2026

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
97	183	280

July 26-27, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
118	174	292

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule August 8-9, 2026

Saturday at 5:30pm

Ushers	Volunteer Needed
Lector	Dan Hussey
Eucharistic Ministers	Julie Boente*, Mary Ann Dunn*, John Kelly, Joe Direso, 2 Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers	LeVora Family
Altar Servers	Logan Killam, 2 Volunteers Needed

Sunday at 9:30am

Ushers	Eric & Lisa Ogden
Lector	Darrin DeNeve
Eucharistic Ministers	Jennifer Frericks*, Michele Miller*, Lisa Klaus, Kara Harris, Scott Harris, Stevie Siepka
Gift Bearers	Etter Family
Altar Servers	Kane Siepka, Charlie Behme, Josie Reid
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: Josh Carter, Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker, Tonya Koller, Grey Smith, Peggy Geurin, Jessica Williams, Jackie Malt, Karen Joiner, Sherry Huff, Peggy Tieman, John Stankoven, Ron Paul, Mary Ann Pollitt, Betty Wehking, Brad Reid, Brian Iben, Jake Boehm, Val Knight

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	08/01	5:30 pm	John & Margaret Paylo ✠ Audrey Kates ✠
Sun.	08/02	9:00 am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Jim & Anna Rives ✠
Mon.	08/03	9:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	08/04	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	08/05	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	08/06	8:00 am	Richard Miller ✠
Fri.	08/07	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	08/08	5:30 pm	Nathaniel Florence ✠ Eugene Eschbacher ✠
Sun.	08/09	9:00 am	Praying the Rosary
		9:30 am	Bob Huyear ✠ Dan Richmiller ✠



Summer Office Hours: Mondays: 9am-3:30pm;
Tuesdays: Working from home; **Wednesdays:** 9am-1pm; **Thursdays:** 9am-3:30pm; **Fridays:** Closed



PSR CORNER

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

Jodi Rowe, DRE jodi.rowe@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com

Could God Be Calling You?

Our PSR program is preparing for another wonderful year, and we are prayerfully seeking men and women who feel called to help share the Catholic faith with the children of our parish.

You don't need to be a teacher or have all the answers. Our curriculum, lesson plans, and resources are provided—the most important thing you bring is a heart that loves Jesus and a desire to help children know Him.

Whether you've served before or have simply felt God nudging your heart to get involved, we'd love to visit with you. Opportunities are available for lead catechists, assistants, classroom helpers, nursery volunteers, and other supporting ministries.

If you are interested in learning more, please complete a **Catechist Ministry Interest Form**, available in the Narthex or by contacting the Parish Office or Director of Religious Education.

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.'" — Luke 10:2

Please join us in praying for those whom God is calling to this important ministry.



We send our condolences to the **family of Bob Wubben**, who passed away on July 21. Please keep Ann & their family in your prayers.



Classes for adults interested in becoming Catholic will be starting in September. If you would like more information please contact Don Reid at 217-825-6987.

Upcoming Meetings

Sun, Aug 2: Women's Group Mtg after Sunday Social

Wed, Aug 12: Parish Council Mtg at 6:30pm

Tues, Aug 18: KC Mtg at 7pm

Sun, Aug 30: SVDP Mtg at 9am



Ss. Mary & Joseph Food Drive: The weekend of August 15/16 Food Drive Bags will be handed out. Please fill the bags & return them to the narthex by the weekend of August 22/23. Thanks!

A Request for Your Partnership: Before you read my letter in this week's bulletin, I invite you to please reflect on Sunday's this Gospel (Matthew 14:13–21). Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples saw only a problem: "We have only five loaves and two fish." Jesus, however, saw an opportunity. He simply asked them to bring what they had, & He transformed their small offering into an abundant blessing for everyone.

Our Tri-Parish community finds itself at a similar moment. Like many parishes throughout our Diocese, we are facing changing realities that call us to look ahead and consider how we can best strengthen our mission for the future. Rather than focusing on what we may be giving up, the Gospel invites us to ask: What is Jesus asking us to place into His hands so that He can continue to bless our parish family?

In my letter, I share a proposal to adjust our weekend Mass schedule beginning in September. I know this will be difficult for some, especially those who have faithfully attended the Sunday morning Mass in Gillespie for many years. Please know that this recommendation comes only after much prayer, reflection, & consultation, & with the sincere desire to serve the long-term good of our Tri-Parish community.

Like the disciples in today's Gospel, I simply ask you to offer what you already have: your understanding, your trust, your prayers, and your cooperation. I truly believe these changes can strengthen our PSR programs, create new opportunities for faith formation, allow me to be more present and available as your pastor, and help build even stronger parish communities for future generations.

This proposal is not simply about changing Mass times; it is about strengthening our mission, caring for our children, supporting our families, making our parish communities more vibrant, and allowing your pastor to be more present among you. My hope is that, years from now, we will look back and see that this was a difficult step that God used for a greater good.

Thank you for reading my letter with a prayerful and open heart. Let us entrust this journey to the Lord, confident that the One who multiplied the loaves and fishes will continue to bless our Tri-Parish family as we walk forward together in faith. Blessings of Peace and Joy Always! *Fr. Joe*

Important Date & Information

Sunday, August 2: Sunday Social

The Women's Group will be hosting coffee & donuts with the KC's biscuits & gravy after 9:30am Mass on Sunday, August 2. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship & fun! *The Women's Group will meet following the activities.*

Saturday, August 8: End of Summer Pool Party! All kids of the Tri-Parish Community are invited to attend an End of the Summer Pool Party on August 8! Come join us for music, fun, snow cones & fellowship at the Carlinville City Pool from 10am-Noon. Questions: Ellen Etter at 217-502-2335.

Weekend of August 8/9: Backpack Blessing

During the Masses on the weekend of August 8/9, Fr. Joe will be offering a special blessing for our students & our teachers.

Sunday, August 16: Women's Group Trip to Dual Piano

The SSMJ Women's Group is planning a bus trip to the Hoo-gland Center in Springfield on Sun, Aug 16, to see Dual Piano. All women of the parish are invited to attend. The bus will leave the SSMJ parking lot at 12:30pm & we will have dinner at the Oak Hills Country Club in Girard after the performance. Questions please reach out to Connie Reid.