

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) 6:00pm -- Sunday 10:00am

Daily Mass: Thursday: 8:00am

Communion Service: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 8:00am

Confessions: Thurs 8:30-9:15am, Sun 9:30-9:50am 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	\$2,752.30
Weekend Loose Cash	\$284.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Holy Day:	\$0.00
Special: Church in Africa 2nd Collection	\$332.00
Other: PSR, Mierkowski Memorial, Pickle Ball \$	\$489.00
Total	\$3,897.30

THANK
YOU!

September 19-20, 2026

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
85	205	290

September 20-21, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
114	210	324

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule October 3-4, 2026

Saturday at 5:30pm

Ushers	Volunteer Needed
Lector	Darrin DeNeve
Eucharistic Ministers	Darrin DeNeve*, Heather DeNeve*, Jodi Rowe, Dave Reid, Terri Reid, Julie Boente
Gift Bearers	Rowe Family
Altar Servers	Josie Reid, Callan Rowe, Bowen Rowe
Children's Liturgy	Molly Hutson, Charlee Steward, Halle Bredel

Sunday at 9:30am

Ushers	Beth & Dennis Young
Lector	Val Knight
Eucharistic Ministers	Rachel Killam*, Stevie Siepka*, Beth Young, Michele Miller, Val Knight, 1 Volunteer Needed
Gift Bearers	Eric Boehm Family
Altar Servers	Kane Siepka
Children's Liturgy	On Saturday Due to Oktoberfest

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, Veronica Payne-Morse, Jodi Wiggins, Margie Of-tedahl, Rena Malvasio

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	09/26	6:00 pm	Joy Ann Bettis ☩ Suzy Rhodes ☩
Sun.	09/27	9:30 am 10:00am	Praying the Rosary Leonard Bomkamp ☩
Mon.	09/28	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	09/29	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	09/30	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	10/01	8:00 am	Tom Burns ☩
Fri.	10/02	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	10/03	6:00 pm	Jim & Anna Rives ☩
Sun.	10/04	9:30 am 10:00am	Praying the Rosary Richard Miller ☩

Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays: 8:30am-2:30pm; **Wednesdays:** 8:30pm-2:30pm & 3:30pm-5:30pm; **Fridays:** Closed



PSR CORNER

PSR Time: Wednesdays from 4-5pm (doors open at 3:50pm)

Upcoming PSR Classes:

Sept 30, Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21

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

No Snacks Needed

Youth Group Time & Upcoming Classes: TBD

Jodi Rowe, DRE jodi.rowe@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com



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

Classes will be held in the Conference Room at 7pm

Upcoming Dates: October 7, November 4

Upcoming Meetings

Thurs, Oct 1: Parish Council Mtg at 6:30pm

Thurs, Oct 8: Finance Council Mtg at 6:30pm

Sun, Oct 11: Women's Group Mtg at 11am

Mon, Oct 19: KC Ladies Aux Mtg at 6:30pm

Tues, Oct 20: KC Mtg at 7pm

Important Date & Information

Sun, September 27: A combined St. Joseph/Ss. Simon & Jude OUTDOOR MASS will take place on Sun, Sept 27 at 10am at the Benld City Park (no 8am Mass at St. Joseph) and everyone from the Tri-Parish Family are Invited! There will be a celebration of the Mass followed by fellowship.

Fri, Oct 2: Pet Blessing at 6pm

In the east parking lot, by the St. Fancies of Assisi statue, please have your pet on a leash or in a pet carrier.

Sat, Oct 3: Oktoberfest! The Women's Group will be hosting their annual Oktoberfest on Sat, Oct 3 from 7-10pm. The KC's will be grilling brats, hot dogs & hamburgers. **A few things to remember!** Sign-up sheets are in the narthex, don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, entertainment by Cinco Sin Nombre (including our very own Steve Boente & Dustin White) *Bring your family & friends! All are welcome! In case of bad weather, the event will be moved inside, so rain or shine come enjoy the evening!*

Sun, October 18: Ss. Simon & Jude Feast Day Celebration

Ss. Simon & Jude will celebrate their Feast Day on Sunday, October 18! A **special Mass time of 4pm** will be celebrated, followed by a catered dinner at the Gillespie Civic Center. Everyone is invited to join us for this special celebration! The evening will include **dinner, music, door prizes, & special activities for the children.** Sign-up sheets for the dinner are available on the counter of SSSJ & St. Joseph's vestibule or you can call the parish office to register. **Come celebrate our Feast Day with us!**

Wed, October 28: Ss. Mary & Joseph Presents 7th Annual Trunk or Treat! It will be held in the SSMJ parking lot at 6:30pm. All kiddos are invited! **If you are interested in passing out treats, please let the office know! The more the merrier!**

Moving from Words to Action

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus shares a simple yet challenging parable about two sons. One says "no" to his father's request to go out and work in the vineyard but later changes his mind and obeys. The other quickly says "yes" but never shows up. This is an important reminder for all of us that discipleship or following Jesus requires action and not mere words or lip service. Perseverance and commitment are not easy. We need God's grace to persevere. We need to pray for this grace.

Again, when we hear this story, it is easy to look outward as if it is about someone else, and judge, but Jesus invites us to look inward and **check our own hypocrisy**. The truth is that **the two sons are often symbolic of our own lives**. We are rarely just one or the other; we alternate between them. There are moments when we initially resist God's call out of fear, selfishness, or laziness, but eventually allow His grace to move us to do the right thing. And there are other times, which are far more dangerous, when we look like the second son. We say yes, but it may not mean much. For example, we show up to church, say all the right prayers, and offer a polite, public "yes" to God, yet our daily choices, our treatment of others, and our private actions can tell a completely different story.

It is easy to profess a faith of words, but Jesus reminds us that **talk is cheap; authentic discipleship requires action**. This realization should not discourage us, but it should challenge us. We cannot sustain a lifelong "yes" to God on our own willpower. **We need God's wisdom and grace to persevere** in our commitments. We need the humility to admit when our actions don't match our words, and the courage to ask the Holy Spirit to bridge that gap.

Blessings of Peace and Joy! Fr. Joe

Turning to Our Blessed Mother in October

As we look ahead, **October is a special month traditionally dedicated to praying the Rosary**. If we are searching for a blueprint on how to perfectly align our words with our actions, we need look no further than the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the **perfect example of absolute obedience and profound humility**. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, her "yes"—her *Fiat*—was not just a polite verbal agreement. It was a total surrender of her entire life to God's plan. She lived out her "yes" every single day, from the joy of Bethlehem to the agonizing sorrow at the foot of the Cross.

Because we so often struggle to keep our promises to God, we need her motherly help. I encourage every individual and family in our parish to **make a commitment to pray the Rosary this October**. Through this beautiful devotion, Mary will **intercede for us**, calming our anxieties, strengthening our weak wills, and gently leading us closer to her Son, Jesus. Blessings, Fr. Joe