

# Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church

2010 East 1<sup>st</sup> South Street, PO Box 138, Carlinville, IL 62626

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, October 12, 2026**

**through**

**Sunday, October 18, 2026**

**Changes to the schedule will be announced on Facebook**

|           |         |                   |
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| Monday    | 8:00am  | Communion Service |
| Tuesday   | 8:00am  | Communion Service |
| Wednesday | 8:00am  | Communion Service |
| Thursday  | 8:00am  | Daily Mass        |
| Friday    | 8:00am  | Communion Service |
| Saturday  | 6:00pm  | Weekend Mass      |
| Sunday    | 10:00am | Weekend Mass      |

## PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

**Scriptural Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Mondays 8:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursdays 8:30am-Noon

**Reconciliation**

Thursdays 8:30-9:15am

Sundays 9:30-9:50am

By Appointment

**Rosary**

Sundays 9:30



## Welcome to Ss. Mary & Joseph!

Whether you are an existing member, visiting family or new to the Parish we are happy you are here. If you are new to our parish, please call the office to register or to know more about our Parish Family. We look forward to meeting you!

### Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm  
Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm, 3:30pm-5:30pm

### Pastor

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### *Bulletin Notices due by 9am on Wednesdays*

website: [www.ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com](http://www.ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com)  
Facebook @ Ss.Mary&JosephCatholicChurch  
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 217-250-9657

Diocesan Website: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

Diocese Victim Assistance Coordinator & liaison  
between the Diocese & anyone with an allegation  
of sexual abuse of a minor— (217) 321-1155.

## FROM THE PASTOR

### **Come to the Feast!**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of a king who prepares a great wedding feast for his son. He sends his servants to invite the guests, but many refuse to come. Some are too busy with their own affairs; others simply ignore the invitation. Finally, the king sends his servants out into the streets to invite everyone they can find; "the bad as well as the good."

This is very comforting! God's invitation is extended to everyone not a select few or those who are perfect. God is not expecting us to have a spotless past before we come to God. We come because we need His mercy, His grace, and His love. The Lord wants each of us to have a place at His table. But we can become so pre-occupied with our own concerns, plans, possessions, work, responsibilities and interests that God's invitation becomes secondary. One thing that we notice is that most of those excuses are ordinary and even legitimate parts of life, farm, business. The problem is when good things become more important than God.

But at the same time the parable also reminds us that accepting His invitation also means allowing Him to change our hearts and lives. The wedding garment reminds us that God's grace is meant to change us. Our faith must be reflected in our actions: in our love, kindness, forgiveness, and care for others. If we truly accept Christ into our lives, our faith should gradually become visible in the way we live, in our kindness toward others, our willingness to forgive, our patience with family, our concern for someone who is struggling, our generosity, and our readiness to serve. We need to pray for this grace.

Every Sunday, we experience this invitation in a special way at the Eucharist. The Lord prepares the table and invites us to come, to listen to His Word, to receive Christ in the Eucharist, and to be nourished by His grace. We do not come because we are perfect; we come because we need Him. And after receiving Him, we are sent back into our homes and communities to live what we have received.

So, perhaps the most important question is not simply, "Have I accepted God's invitation?" but also, "Is my life becoming a reflection of the One I have received?"

### **We could perhaps reflect on this Week:**

1. What are some things in my daily life that keep me from giving God the time and attention He deserves? busyness, distractions, worries, resentment, or other priorities?
2. What is one concrete way I can show this week, through my words or actions, that I have truly accepted Christ into my life?

Blessings of Peace and Joy Always!



# PARISH NEWS

**Sun, October 18: Ss. Simon & Jude Feast Day Celebration** Ss. Simon & Jude will celebrate their Feast Day on Sunday, October 18! The Feast Day Mass will be presided by Fr. Martin Smith, Dean of the Jerseyville Deanery, with Fr. Joe concelebrating. Remember the special Mass time of 4pm. After Mass, a catered dinner will be held 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 Ss. Mary & Joseph 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!

**Sun, Nov 1: All Souls** We will be remembering the lives of the loved ones we have lost this year during Mass on Sun, Nov 1 at 10am. We ask that a family member or friend be present to come forth & light their loved one's candle.

**Wed, Nov 4: Blood Drive** Ss. Mary & Joseph is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on from Noon to 5pm. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-747-5401. Volunteers are needed, if interested please call Reda Scanlan at 217-556-9781.

 We send our condolences to the **family of Geri Schoen**, who passed away on September 22. Please keep Ron & their family in your prayers.

 We send our condolences to the **family of Susan Mihalek**, who passed away on September 25. Please keep Patty & their family in your prayers.

**A Big Thank You to the Women's Group who organized the Oktoberfest.** It was a wonderful celebration with Cinco Sin Nombre putting on a spectacular music performance. It was so nice to see everyone having a great time including the kids. And God graced us with such a favorable weather. It was very well attended too. Thank you to all who worked hard. Fr. Joe

**THANK YOU**

**Thank You!**

**A heartfelt thank you from the Ss. Mary & Joseph Women's Group** to everyone who helped make our Oktoberfest celebration such a wonderful success! We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Cinco Sin Nombre, & all the individuals who generously shared their time & talents.

A special thank you to the many young people who volunteered. We were so impressed by their willingness to help & their wonderful spirit of service! Thank you to our entire parish community for helping make Oktoberfest a great celebration!

## The Week Ahead

Please note that calendar events are based on requests for reservations, and we are not always informed when events are cancelled. If you have any questions if an event is happening, please contact the head of that committee/group.

| Mon 12                                                                                                                            | Tue 13 | Wed 14                 | Thu 15 | Fri 16                                                              | Sat 17                                                                             | Sun 18                                                                                            |
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| <b>Office Closed</b><br><br><b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> |        | PSR 4-5pm<br>Choir 5pm |        | Football Breakfast 7am<br><br>Mass at Gillespie Health & Rehab 10am | <b>No 4pm Mass in Gillespie due to the SSSJ Parish Feast on Sun, Oct 18 at 4pm</b> | Rosary at 9:30am<br><br><b>Ss. Simon &amp; Jude Feast Day</b><br>Mass at 4pm<br>Dinner after Mass |



## PSR CORNER

Jodi Rowe, DRE    [jodi.rowe@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com](mailto:jodi.rowe@ssmaryjosephcarlinville.com)

### Growing in Faith • Growing Together

#### Our Lady of the Rosary

This past week, on October 7, the Church celebrated the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

When Catholics honor Mary under this title, we aren't placing Mary above Jesus. In fact, Mary always points us toward her Son. The mysteries of the Rosary take us through the life of Christ, from the Annunciation and His birth, through His ministry, Passion, Resurrection, and glory in Heaven.

That makes Our Lady of the Rosary a beautiful reminder for our PSR children, and for all of us, that Mary helps lead us closer to Jesus.

As we continue through October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, perhaps we can each find a few extra moments to ask Our Blessed Mother to pray with us and for us:

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

#### ◆ Catholic Fun Fact ◆

Did you know the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary has a connection to a famous naval battle—and one of the world's most famous authors?

On October 7, 1571, Christian forces won the Battle of Lepanto. Pope St. Pius V had called for the Rosary to be prayed for the Christian fleet and attributed the victory to the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession.

Among the soldiers fighting at Lepanto was Miguel de Cervantes, who would later write Don Quixote. Cervantes was wounded during the battle and permanently lost the use of his left hand. He remained so proud of having fought at Lepanto that he later described the battle as one of the greatest events of his age.

The victory was commemorated with a feast that eventually became the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated each October 7.

Catholic history, Marian devotion, a massive naval battle, AND Don Quixote; all in one feast day!

#### Coming Up at PSR

**October 14 & 21** - Regular PSR

**October 28**

4:00-5:00pm: Saints Festival during PSR

5:15-6:15pm: Mandatory Family Mass - everyone from the Parish is invited to attend

6:30pm: Trunk or Treat in the west parking lot - All Kids are Welcome!

#### Sacramental Formation

Children in **2nd and 3rd grade must regularly attend both PSR and Sunday Mass** as part of their preparation and to remain eligible to receive their sacraments.



**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a welcoming journey of faith for adults who want to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is a time to ask questions, explore Scripture, discover the beauty of the Catholic faith, and grow in a deeper relationship with God.**

If you would like more information please contact the parish office or Don Reid.

**Classes will be held in the Conference Room at 7pm**

Upcoming Dates: November 4

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 10

6:00pm Vigil     Bob Kates +  
                                 Senator Deanna Demuzio +

Sunday, October 11

10:00am     Bob Huyear +

Thursday, October 15

8:00am     Greg & Diana Joiner +  
                                 Deb Rathgeb +

Saturday, October 17

6:00pm Vigil     Charlie Boyett +  
                                 Andy Freehill +

Sunday, October 18

10:00am     Melvin &amp; Marilyn Kuntzman +

**STEWARDSHIP  
MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US****Weekend Envelopes, Checks & Cash**

\$6,087.00

**Building Fund & PSR**

\$625.00

**Holy Day**

\$0.00

**Special: Black & Indian Mission**

\$245.00

**Total: \$6,957.00***Thank you for your  
continued generosity!***Mass Counts**

Sat, 10/03/26: 189

Sun, 10/04/26: 159

Total: 348

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED:**

Josh Carter, Deacon Denny &amp; Kathy Baker, Tonya Koller, Grey Smith, Peggy Geurin, Jessica Williams, Jackie Malt, Karen Joiner, Sherry Huff, Peggy Tieman, Ron Paul, Mary Ann Pollitt, Betty Wehking, Brad Reid, Brian Iben, Jake Boehm, Val Knight, Veronica Payne-Morse, Jodi Wiggins, Margie Oftedahl, Rena Malvasio, Mike Chandler

**WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY:**

Matthew Gazda, Stefan Gazda, Broc Horn, Bryan Murphy Jr., Gary Wilson

**SS. MARY & JOSEPH HAS A TEAM OF PRAYER WARRIORS THAT ARE COMMITTED TO PRAYING FOR YOUR INTENTIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN INTENTION INCLUDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.****PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE****Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 6:00pm Vigil****Ushers:**     **Volunteer Needed****Lector:**     Kris Rosentreter**Euch. Ministers:** John Kelly\*, Joe Direso\*, Theresa Rosentreter, Kris Rosentreter, Jodi Rowe, Elaine Flowers**Gift Bearers:**     **Volunteer Needed****Altar Servers:**     Logan Killam, Callan Rowe, Bowen Rowe**Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 10:00am****Ushers:**     Chris & Kelly Behme**Lector:**     Darrin DeNeve**Euch. Ministers:** Pam Davis\*, Sandy Lane\*, Heather DeNeve, Darrin DeNeve, Mary Behme, Tom Broaddus**Gift Bearers:**     Crain Family**Altar Servers:**     SofiaSimone Lane, Charlie Behme, Annagrace White**Children's Lit:**     Mariah Eilerman, Mary Behme, **Student Volunteer Needed (High School Age)**

## A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS TO LARRY AND DENISE BOWMAN

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of our entire parish community, to offer a very special word of **thanks and appreciation to Larry Bowman and his wife, Denise**, for their generous and dedicated service to our parish over the past four years.

For these four years, Larry has generously given his time, talents, and energy to care for our church facilities, repairs, maintenance, and the many projects that arise in the life of a parish—both large and small. Since we do not have a building and grounds staff, this has been a very important responsibility. Larry has handled it with remarkable dedication, efficiency, dependability, and care. And his wife Denise has been a constant support and inspiration for him. We have been privileged to accomplish several projects under his leadership.

And many of the things he has done happen quietly and behind the scenes. Whether it was arranging a repair, coordinating a project, contacting someone to get a job done, responding to an unexpected need, or simply making sure that things were taken care of, Larry was always willing to step forward. He has been someone we could count on.

I am especially grateful that Larry did more than simply take care of things himself. He also helped **build a good and dependable team**. When he began, we did not have a team in place. Today, because of his initiative and leadership, we have an excellent and dedicated team of people who are willing and able to help with many of our ongoing needs. That will be a lasting gift to our parish. I also want to acknowledge and thank our building and grounds team for their dedication and commitment at this time.

After four years of dedicated service, Larry has now decided to step down from this leadership role. He is still willing to help when needed, especially with any particular projects, but he feels that he has done his share during a particular time of need, and now it is time for someone else to take up the responsibility. I greatly respect and understand that spirit of service **knowing when to step forward and also knowing when to pass the mantle to someone else**.

And we also want to thank **Denise** for her support and understanding throughout these years. Parish service often involves time, energy, and commitments that also touch the family. We are grateful to both Larry and Denise for the generosity they have shown to our parish.

**Larry and Denise, thank you for all you have done for us.** Thank you for your time, your hard work, your generosity, and for the many things you have done, often quietly and without recognition. We are truly grateful for the difference you have made in the life of our parish.

**Thank you, Larry and Denise, and may God bless you abundantly for your generous service to our parish!**

*Fr. Joe*

*thank you*

# The Kids' Bulletin

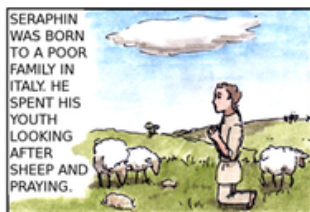
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11th, 2026



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.  
Who was invited to the feast?

## Saint Seraphin October 12



SERAPHIN WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN ITALY. HE SPENT HIS YOUTH LOOKING AFTER SHEEP AND PRAYING.



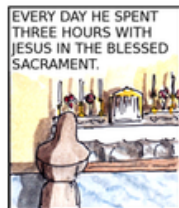
WHEN HIS PARENTS DIED, HIS OLDER BROTHER TREATED HIM BADLY.



WHEN HE TURNED 16, SERAPHIN JOINED THE FRANCISCANS.



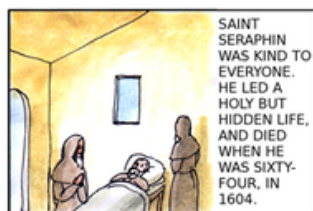
HE DID SIMPLE WORK, AND WAS DEVOTED TO OUR LADY.



EVERY DAY HE SPENT THREE HOURS WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



EVEN THOUGH HE HAD NEVER BEEN TO SCHOOL, IMPORTANT MEN CAME TO SERAPHIN FOR ADVICE.



SAINT SERAPHIN WAS KIND TO EVERYONE. HE LED A HOLY BUT HIDDEN LIFE, AND DIED WHEN HE WAS SIXTY-FOUR, IN 1604.

SAINT SERAPHIN NEVER DID ANYTHING GREAT OR IMPORTANT, BUT HE DID EVERYTHING WITH GREAT LOVE FOR GOD. HE TRIED TO BE LIKE SAINT FRANCIS IN HIS ZEAL AND LOVE OF THE POOR. LIKE SAINT SERAPHIN, WE CAN IMITATE THE SAINTS AND DO EVERY LITTLE THING OUT OF LOVE OF GOD.

## Invitation to the Wedding Feast



I'M TOO BUSY.

Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!



THE KING INVITES YOU TO HIS SON'S WEDDING!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



WHY AREN'T YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!

Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false 5. true 6. true 7. true

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## True or False: Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?
2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?
3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?
4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?
5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?
6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?
7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?



## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Ss. Mary & Joseph Parish, are united by our Catholic faith, traditions, & sacramental life. We strive to be a welcoming & participatory community, sharing our time, talents, & treasure. Nourished by the Eucharist & guided by the Gospel, we are sent forth to bring Christ's love into our families, our community, & the world, serving especially those who are poor & in need. Rooted in faith, united in love & sent forth in service.

## BAPTISMS

In order for a child to be baptized, the Church requires that the minister performing the baptism have a reasonable hope that the child will be raised in the practice of the faith. Attending Mass regularly & being a registered member of the parish provides this reasonable hope. Please contact the parish office for further details.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The sacraments is a two-year preparation process starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students must attend PSR & Mass in order to be eligible for these sacraments. Contact the DRE, Jodi Rowe, for more information.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

A couple wishing to be married in Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic church must contact the parish office six months prior to the intended date. The couple must be registered in the parish & attend Mass regularly.

## COMMUNION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are sick or homebound & would like to receive communion or be anointed, please contact the parish office.

## PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS

**Parish Council:** Monica Sottoriva, Dan Kallal, Brad Barkley, Scott Harris, John Kelly, Tracy Koster, Ken Reid, Tori Denby, Kelly Behme, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Finance Council:** Heather DeNeve, Dana Boente, Becky Salske, Jackie Dunn, Chris Behme, Kyle Frericks, Susan Millard, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Building Committee:** Larry Rhodes, Scootie Janssen, Peg Barkley, Kathy Stankoven, Ed Kalaher, Gary Ogden, John & Susan LeVora, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Grounds Committee:** Steve Boente, Larry & Marsha Rhodes, Scootie Janssen, David Boente, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Emergency Management Team:** Gary Odgen, Fran Rosentreter, Steve Stone, Dave & Julie Carter, Chris Behme, Jake Hanbning, Mark Gillock, Scott Harris, Zach Etter, Eric Pingolt, Eric Ogden, Jim Bellm, Sandy Lane, Vaughn Whiteman, Phil Hampton, Fr. Joe Koyickal

**Hospitality Committee Contact:** Mary Reid

**Women's Group Contact:** Julie Boente

**Ladies KC Auxiliary Contact:** Beth Young

**Knights of Columbus Contact:** Eric Ogden

**Funeral Luncheon Committee Contacts:**

Kay Kalaher & Kristy Rosentreter

**Music Ministry Contact:** Mary Jo Reichmann



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