

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	\$6,237.50
Weekend Loose Cash	\$420.56
Building Fund	\$1,145.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary, Immaculate Conception, Christmas	\$1,379.00
Special: Christmas Flowers	\$15.00
Other: PSR, Votive Candles	\$364.25
Total	\$9,561.31

**THANK
YOU!**

December 06-07, 2025

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
185	180	365

December 07-08, 2024

Sat. 5:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Total
113	228	341

Parish Liturgical Ministry Schedule December 20-21, 2025

Saturday at 5:30pm

Ushers	Volunteer Needed
Lector	Susan Millard
Eucharistic Ministers	Kara Harris, Scott Harris, Susan Millard
Gift Bearers	Rowe Family
Altar Servers	Reilly Garrison, Callan Rowe, Murphy Rowe

Sunday 9:30am

Ushers	Mark & Terri Gillock
Lector	Val Knight
Eucharistic Ministers	Audrey Costello, Val, Knight, Beth Young
Gift Bearers	Swan Family
Altar Servers	Addisyn Swan, Charlie Behme, Josie Reid
Children's Liturgy	Melissa Suits, Avery Suits, Tanner Suits

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:** Tonya Koller, Garrett Wehking, John Stankoven, Deacon Denny & Kathy Baker, Peggy Geurin, Josh Carter, Joyce Crum Ross, Wally Dyer, Jeff Link, Michelle Destatte, Whitney Dworzynski, Kristen Smith, John Reid, Bill Groves, Karen Dworzynski, Karen Joiner, Matthew Alepra, John O'Brien, Jackie Malt

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	12/13	5:30 pm	For the Tri-Parish Community
Sun.	12/14	9:30 am	Richard Stark ☩
Mon.	12/15	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tues.	12/16	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	12/17	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	12/18	8:00 am	For All Souls
Fri.	12/19	8:00 am	Communion Service
Sat.	12/20	5:30 pm	Gloria Donaldson ☩ Doris Boente ☩
Sun.	12/21	9:30 am	Alan Barkley ☩

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am-2:30pm;
Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm & 3:30pm-5:30pm



PSR CORNER

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

Upcoming PSR Classes:

Dec 17, Dec 24 (No Class), Dec 31 (No Class), Jan 7

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

Children's Christmas Play on Sun, Dec 21: CANCELED

Youth Group Time: Sundays from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Upcoming Youth Group Classes:

TBD

Jodi Rowe, DRE CarlinvilleDRE@gmail.com

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed - I am looking for volunteers who would ring bells on Mon, Dec 22 at Wal-Mart. The schedule starts at 9am & ends at 6pm. I need 2 people per shift since 2 kettles will be set up at the entrance. I am setting up 30-minute shifts instead of 1 hour, unless you're willing to do it for 1 hour! It would be great to have college students who are home on break, families or youth groups participate. Last year, nearly \$14,455 was collected through bell ringing. Carlinville keeps 80% of these funds. 10-15 different families are helped each month with utility costs through this campaign. Thanks for your support! Contact Kathy O'Brien 314-873-7399 (call/text).

Important Dates & Information

Now until Sun, Dec 21: Angel Tree Mission The Angel Tree will be up in the Narthex the weekend of December 6/7. This year we will be sponsoring 6 families. Like last year, some tags will be for gifts for an individual child & some tags will be for household & personal care items for the family marked with the family number. If you choose a tag for an individual, the gift needs to be **wrapped with the angel tree tag attached, & placed under the tree**. If you choose a "family" gift tag, you may place the household/ personal care items **unwrapped with the tag attached** in the family bag number listed on the tag. Tags will be clearly marked & bag numbers will be clearly labeled so you will know where to place the household or personal care items. SVDP members will deliver gifts after mass on Sun, Dec 21 after 9:30am mass, so please have your gifts back to the church by that day & time. For questions, contact Denise Boente (217-710-2878) or Erin Crain (618-946-2793). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule

Advent Confession & Adoration

Tues, Dec 16: 6pm-7:30pm at Ss. Simon & Jude in Gillespie

Wed, Dec 17: 8:30am-9:30am at St. Joseph in Benld

Wed, Dec 17: 6pm-7:30pm at Ss. Mary & Joseph in Carlinville

Wed, Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4pm: Ss. Mary & Joseph

4pm: Ss. Simon & Jude with Fr. Don Goergen

7pm: St. Joseph

Thurs, Dec 25 Christmas Day

9:30am: Ss. Mary & Joseph

11am: Ss. Simon & Jude

Dec 27/28: Normal Weekend Schedule

Wed, Dec 31 Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

4pm: Ss. Mary & Joseph

6pm: Ss. Simon & Jude

Thurs, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

8am: St. Joseph



Centennial Capital Campaign and Parish Appreciation



Our Parish Appreciation and Capital Campaign Donor Celebration last Saturday was truly a grace-filled moment for our community. There was wonderful participation, good food, joyful fellowship, and above all a real sense of belonging. So many hands and hearts

came together to make this event memorable. **A big, heartfelt thank you to everyone!**

I want to especially thank our parish staff, our hospitality team, Monica Sottoriva and the dedicated group for the excellent planning and coordination. Thank you to all who handled set-up, decorations, and clean-up, as well as those who prepared side dishes, brought delicious desserts, and quietly contributed in countless ways. Great things truly happen when we work together.

I want to specially thank **Ken Reid and the entire Centennial Capital Campaign team and sub-teams** for the remarkable progress of our campaign. In such a short time, we have already reached **nearly \$624,000 in pledges**, half of which has already been received. Your generosity is extraordinary. Your commitment is a beautiful sign of your love for our parish and your hope for its future. May God bless each of you! Donor appreciation medallions were distributed at the event.

I want to call your attention also to the fact that this amount represents the participation of **34% of our parish families**. Our goal is 100% participation, and the size of the gift is never the point. Every contribution, big or small, is valuable. With about **300 active households**, we have prepared **300 appreciation medallions** for every donor. Please make sure you receive yours. We have nearly two years left before the campaign concludes in December 2028. Pledges may be made anytime and fulfilled in whatever manner works best for you, monthly, yearly, or in a lump sum. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and for investing in the future of SS. Mary and Joseph Parish. May our parish continue to grow and flourish for generations to come.

Today is **Gaudete Sunday—Rejoice Sunday!** It invites us to pause and rejoice even in the midst of our Advent waiting. It reminds us that God is near and His grace is already moving quietly among us, pay attention to it!

In the Gospel, we meet John the Baptist, once bold in proclaiming the Messiah, now in prison and filled with doubt. He sends his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one?" Even the greatest saints experience moments of uncertainty. Jesus answers not with explanations but with signs of hope: the blind see, the lame walk, the poor hear good news. In other words: "Look at what God is doing. Hope is alive."

As we enter this third week of Advent, I invite you to pause and ask: **What signs of life, hope, and God's presence do you see in your own life and in our parish community?**

Blessings of Peace
and Joy Always!

Fr. Joe

