

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday—Jan. 20—Grace Dunn

Sunday—Jan 21—Donald Krause

Monday, Jan 22

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

10:30 a.m. NURSING HOME MASS

4:00-5:00 p.m. HOLY HOUR (1st & 3rd Mondays)

Tuesday, Jan 23

8:00 a.m. Rita Stoecker (Mary Ann Bartels)

Wednesday, Jan 24

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, Jan 25

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, Jan 26

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, Jan 27

4:00 p.m. Madaline & Wm. E. Grehn (Pat Bausano & Family)

Sunday, Jan 28

10:30 a.m. Francis Harris & Barbara Ronchetto (Bill Harris)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Jan 27

Lector S. Wilson

Sp. Min. N. Schmidt/T. Duncan/H. Newman

Servers D. Timmermeier

Off. Family L. Ronald/M. Hicks

Sunday, Jan 28

Lector K. Tarro

Sp. Min. G. Crites/M. Peifer/D. Obertino (B. Sawyer, Choir)

Servers J. Ronald/C. Hedrick

Off. Family M/M R. Katich

Greeters D. Jassen/K. Bertino

Confessions Before 4:00 pm. Mass on Sat.

If you are scheduled at an inconvenient time, please call someone to replace you.

HOLY HOUR

The **First & Third** Mondays of the Month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. **and after** 8:00 Mass Wed. at St. Joseph's.

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

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Sunday Jan 21—For the People

Monday, Jan 22

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, Jan 23

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, Jan 24

8:00 a.m. Poor Souls

Thursday, Jan 25

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, Jan 26

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, Jan 27

No Mass

Sunday, Jan 28

7:45 a.m. Robert Sitko (Terry & JoAnn Plovich)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Jan 27—No Mass

Sunday, Jan 28

Lector Wm. Bertetto

Sp. Min. Wm. Bertetto/M. Bertetto/J. Saracco

Servers E. Gill/M. Bertetto

Off. Fam. Jerry Saracco Family

Confessions Before 7:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Michael Haag

Pastor Emeritus: Msgr. Lawrence Auda

Deacon Denny Baker

Ss. Simon & Jude Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m.—Tuesday (& all 1st Fridays*)

(Rosary recited before Tues. & Friday service)

Communion Service Monday, Thursday & Friday*

Saturday Evening: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days: 4:00 p.m. eve Benld; 7:00 p.m. eve

Carlinville; 8:00 a.m. Gillespie; Noon Carlinville;

7:00 p.m. Gillespie

St. Joseph Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m.—Wednesday

Communion Service Monday, Thurs. & Friday*

(Rosary recited before each service)

Sunday: 7:45 a.m.—Holy Days: 4:00 p.m. eve Benld;

7:00 p.m. eve Carlinville; 8:00 a.m. Gillespie; Noon

Carlinville; 7:00 p.m. Gillespie

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COLLECTIONS:**GILLESPIE**

\$2,382.00 (Env. 81)
 262.00 (Loose)
 22.00 (Sol. Of Mary 2)
 416.00 (Cath. Times 22)
 55.00 (Conf. Sch. 3)
 \$3,137.00

BENLD

\$810.00 (Env. 42)
 148.00 (Loose)
 190.00 (Cath. Times 11)
 20.00 (Christmas 1)
 2.00 (Sol. Of Mary 1)
 2.00 (Bldg Fund 1)
 \$1,172.00

2018 PRAYERLINE

Please pray for hospitalized, sick, military men & women serving our country, residents of nursing homes and homebound including: Charlie Pohlman, Jim Rolando, Mike Bitter Jim Duncan, Sharon Castiglione, Laura Pomatto.

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. **ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. **FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. **To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

Join us for a Mardi Gras Pot Luck Sunday, February 11th at the Gillespie Civic Center following the 10:30 Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Please respond by Feb. 4th. Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, bread, tea & coffee will be provided. Following the meal we will have musical entertainment by Chance and Juliann .

Intercessory groups

We are coming up on an entire year that our intercessory groups have been praying for various needs. What intercessory groups are is volunteers who pray for 15 minutes every day (when and how you are to pray is up to you), but they include weekly intentions everyone in the three parishes is praying for. These weekly intercessions are emailed on Monday or Tuesday for the week. I would love to have you join this ministry. Please email or call the office to sign up.

PASTOR'S CORNER

We are such bookkeepers! And God is not! When the Ninevites repent, and the ne'er-do-wells at the end of the line get paid the same as the hard workers at the front of the line, and the people we judge most harshly receive the mercy of God, then it becomes painfully clear that there is something inherently unfair in the notion of grace. God does not keep track of things the way we do. He does not spend a lot of time deciding who is worthy and who is not, like we do. God does not give any of us what we deserve but what we need, and it is hard -- very hard -- to trust His judgment on that score.

Is it right for us to be angry? If Nineveh is spared, who won't shout hallelujah? And if those who show up at the end of the day open their envelopes to find a full day's pay, who will not rejoice? All of us will be down in Nineveh at the party, whooping it up with all the other folks who do not know their right hands from their left, and also many animals.

--Barbara Brown Taylor, "Ninevites and Ne'er-Do-Wells" in *Gospel Medicine*, (Cowley, 1995), 103-104.

Our latest report from ACSA shows that Ss Simon & Jude and paid/pledged \$12,285.00 of its \$15,305.00 goal (80%) and St. Joseph has paid/pledged \$4,955.00 of its \$6,982.00 goal (71%). God bless those who have contributed and respectfully request those who have not to please contribute. Any amount over our goals comes back to the parish.

SS Simon and Jude Altar Society will meet on Thursday, Feb. 1st at 6:30 p.m. Bring a Valentine to share. Refreshments will be served.

With a growing number of adult relatives caring for a family member, organizations such as **Home Instead** are facing a shortage of caregivers. ***Honor God in all we do*** is a core value for **Home Instead Senior Care** and need caregivers who live by this core value. If you are interested, call Litchfield location 217-324-2299

Collection for the Church in Latin America Jan 20th.

For many in Latin America and Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

This Monday, January 22, is designated by the Church in the United States as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. On this day please make a special act of prayer for an end to abortion in our country through a conversion of heart by all those who participate in or are indifferent to abortion. And for all those who have been involved personally in abortion, know our God promises love and mercy to those who seek Him.