HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE
Saturday—Mar 10—Andy Bray
Sunday—Mar 11—Poor Souls
Monday, Mar 12
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service
4:00-5:00 p.m. HOLY HOUR (1st & 3rd Mondays)

Tuesday, Mar 13
  8:00 a.m.  Poor Souls

Wednesday, Mar 14
  8:00 a.m.  Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, Mar 15
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service

Friday, Mar 16
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service

Saturday, Mar 17
  4:00 p.m.  John Robert Halpin (Family)

Sunday, Mar 18
  10:30 a.m.  People of Gillespie, Benld & Carlinville

LITURGICAL ROLES
Saturday, Mar 17
  Lector  S. Wilson
  Servers  D. Timmermeier
  Off. Family  L. Ronald/M. Hicks

Sunday, Mar 18
  Lector  K. Tarro
  Sp. Min.  G. Crites/M. Peifer/Deacon Denny
            (B. Sawyer, Choir)
  Servers  J. Ronald/C. Hedrick
  Off. Family  M/M Bill Bomkamp
  Greeters  Terry Crites & John Marciukaitis

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.
Please join us if only for a few minutes.

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
Sunday Mar 11—Hank & Lucille Marcacci

Monday, Mar 12
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service

Tuesday, Mar 13
  8:00 a.m.  Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, Mar 14
  8:00 a.m.  In Honor of Don & Cookie Dobrino’s 40th Anniversary (John & Mary Hicks)

Thursday, Mar 15
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service

Friday, Mar 16
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service

Saturday, Mar 17
  No Mass

Sunday, Mar 18
  7:45 a.m.  Tiburzi Family

LITURGICAL ROLES
Saturday, Mar 17—No Mass

Sunday, Mar 18
  Lector  Wm. Bertetto
  Sp. Min.  David & Donna Dopuch/E. Saracco
  Servers  M. Bertetto/E. Gill
  Off. Fam.  M/M Ralph Tebbe

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.

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 Schedule:
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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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.
COLLECTIONS:
GILLESPIE
$2,190.00 (Env. 97)  $278.00 (Loose)  12.00 (Other)  185.00 (Conf. Sch. 11)  4.00 (Cath. Char. 1)  $2,669.00
$1,090.00 (Env. 50)  156.00 (Loose)  113.00 (Conf. Sch. 9)  20.00 (Times 1)  5.00 (Cath Char 1)  5.00 (Fuel 1)  100.00 (Stole)  $1,489.00

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, Meredith Johnston, Amy Miles.

Increase your prayer life by participating in Mass or Communion Service each morning at 8 a.m. at St. Joseph or SS. Simon and Jude Churches. Plan to come to Holy Hour at St. Joseph after Wednesday morning Mass and to St. Simon and Jude on the first and third Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m., and Stations of the Cross after Tues. Mass in Gillespie, and Friday morning in Benld except for First Friday, March 5. Make this a part of your Lenten resolutions!

LENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE:
Ss. Simon & Jude:  Friday—Mar. 16, 7-8 p.m.  Saturday—Mar. 17, 3-4 p.m.
St. Joseph:  Wednesday—Mar. 28, 7-8 p.m.
Ss. Mary & Joseph:  Monday—Mar. 26, 7-8 p.m.

HOLY HOUR DEVOTION:
Ss. Simon & Jude:  March 16, 4 p.m. to Midnight
Please join us, if only for a few minutes.

Free Gillespie Easter Egg Hunt, 3/31, 1 p.m., Big Brick Park, Ages up to 12—bring your basket. Donations are needed of candy, stuffed animals, small toys, and eggs may be taken to III. Valley Rehabilitation Center. Volunteers needed. Monetary donations, local gift certificates are also appreciated.

Wed., Mar. 21, 3:00-5:00PM, Church of the Little Flowerer: Springfield Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Meeting. Sharing of happenings in your parish, deanery, diocese and National DCCW and its relationship to the USCCB (U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops). In order to have enough hand-outs, if you plan to attend, please contact Sue Warner at suewarner@juno.com or 789-0373, President of the Springfield Deanery DCCW. Thank You.

Our latest report on ACSA shows Ss Simon & Jude has paid/pledged $12,410.00 of its $15,305.00 goal from 38% of families. St. Joseph shows $4,955.00 paid/pledged of its $6,982.00 goal from 35% of families. These deficits will be billed to us from the Diocese. Thanks and God bless

PASTOR'S CORNER
It's a well-known fact that light affects mood. Too much light is blinding. We'll pop on some shades, or oil ourselves down with sunscreen. Not enough light is depressing. Even the type of lighting can affect us. Fluorescent light, colored light, mood lighting. Want a romantic evening of dining? Chances are, your romantic restaurant venue will not have bright, glaring lighting, but dimmed lights and, of course, candles. This text refers to light and darkness, about those who "come to the light" (v. 21). The Bible seems to suggest that the people of God are those who love the light, i.e., appropriate light. They live in a light that clearly reveals to the world the kind of people they are. They are people "whose deeds have been done in God" (v. 21). They are not people who "loved darkness" (v. 19). Verse 16 is the verse that explains how God turned on the lights; how God has created a "mood," as it were, for people to do God's will. What kind of lighting do we prefer? What kind of light do we need today?

So dark! On a starless, cloud-filled night, it is almost impossible to move in safety. That changes when dawn approaches, when light breaks on the horizon. That is why the dripping wet newly baptized (when real thirst is slaked) receive light from the paschal candle. Christ gives us light. Christ is light!

What are the times I prefer to be “in the dark”? What blinds me from seeing goodness and truth? What mercy work can I do to give light (and heat) to those in need?

Carlinville K of C Annual Lenten Fish Fry every Friday through the 23rd of March from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4-7 p.m. Carryout available—American Legion Hall.

Corporal Works of Mercy ● Feed the hungry ● Give drink to the thirsty ● Shelter the homeless ● Clothe the naked ● Visit the sick ● Visit the prisoners ● Bury the dead ● Give alms to the poor ● Care of our Common Home ● Spiritual Works of Mercy ● Counseling the doubtful ● Instructing the ignorant ● Admonishing the sinner ● Comforting the sorrowful ● Forgiving injuries ● Bearing wrongs patiently ● Praying for the living and the dead ● Caring for our Common Home

The Triduum schedule for our parishes are:
Thursday, March 29
Ss. Simon & Jude—5:30 p.m.
Ss. Mary & Joseph—7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 30
St. Joseph—7:00 p.m.
Ss. Mary & Joseph—7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
Ss. Mary & Joseph—8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 1
Ss. Mary & Joseph—9:00 a.m.
St. Joseph—7:45 a.m.
Ss. Simon & Jude—10:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Cemetery will begin Spring cleanup on March 15. Please remove any grave decorations you wish to keep before the 15th or they will be discarded. Thank you.