

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

Saturday—Apr 28—Velma Todd

Sunday—Apr 29—Don Krause

PSR: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Monday, Apr. 30

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

7:00-8:00 p.m. HOLY HOUR (1st & 3rd Mondays)

Tuesday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Poor Souls

Wednesday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld

Thursday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Poor Souls (First Friday Mass)

Saturday, May 5

4:00 p.m. Charlie Pohlman (Terry & JoAnn Plovich)

Sunday, May 6

10:30 a.m. Jack & Carolyn Plovich 40th Anniversary (John & Mary Ronald)

PSR: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 5

Lector S. Wilson

Sp. Min. D. Drew/H. Newman/Deacon Denny

Servers D. Timmermeier

Off. Family L. Ronald/M. Hicks

Sunday, May 6

Lector K. Tarro

Sp. Min. G. Crites/D. Obertino/Deacon Denny (B. Sawyer, Choir)

Servers J. Ronald/C. Hedrick

Off. Family M/M B. Bomkamp

Greeters John & Katie Ronald

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 7:00-8:00 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 Apr 29—Marinko Family

Monday, Apr 30

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie

Wednesday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Poor Souls

Thursday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie (First Friday)

Saturday, May 5

No Mass

Sunday, May 6

7:45 a.m. For the People of Benld, Gillespie & Carlinville

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 5—No Mass

Sunday, May 6

Lector Wm. Bertetto

Sp. Min. Wm. Bertetto/Ed Saracco/A. Frohock

Servers M. Bertetto/T. Gill

Off. Fam. M/M Ed Saracco

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

\$2,145.00 (Env. 88)
 320.00 (Loose)
 20.00 (Cath Rel. 1)
 150.00 (Seminary 2)
 195.00 (Mission 13)
 \$2,830.00

BENLD

\$884.00 (Env. 43)
 205.00 (Loose)
 10.00 (Conf. 2)
 190.00 (Mission 1)
 \$1,289.00

2018 PRAYERLINE

Please pray for hospitalized, sick, military men & women serving our country, residents of nursing homes and homebound including: Jim Rolando, Mike Bitter, Sharon Castiglione, Meredith Johnston, Amy Miles, Mabel Grace Rench, Peggy (Brown) Geurin, Marge Danis, Julie (Hanaut) Nosbisch, Mary & Ron Kuruc, Hannah Tysse.

Ss Simon & Jude Altar Society is sponsoring "Flowers for Mothers' Day"

to honor Mary, the Mother of God and our Spiritual Mother, our own mothers and those who have "mothered" us. A pink carnation for each living mother, and a white carnation for each deceased mother will be placed on the altar and a booklet of those honored and their donors will be published on Mothers' Day. Envelopes with information and enrollment forms are in the vestibule.

Forms must be returned by noon on Sunday, May 6.

All proceeds will be used to support Catholic Charities Programs for mothers and children in Macoupin County.

St. Joseph parish is delighted to announce that Cyrella "Cookie" Dobrino is this year's Woman of Distinction. A lifelong member of St. Joseph, Cookie has served both her church and her community for decades. Cookie, the current President of our A&R, joined the Society more than 35 years ago and has over the years participated in the planning and hosting of many of our church activities. Praying the Rosary has always been an important part of her daily routine and as such she has organized a number of Rosary Rallies at our Shrine and at St. Joseph in honor of our Blessed Mother in conjunction with America Needs Fatima. In addition, she has led the Rosary every other month for several years before Sunday Mass and has helped to reignite Adoration of Blessed Sacrament hours at our parish. Having been a public-school teacher, Cookie began her teaching career at St. Joseph many years ago teaching K-1st grade catechism. She continues to instruct Catholics in their faith by serving for the last 10 years as a facilitator of a Scripture Study group. If you enjoyed reading the 100-year history of St. Joseph Church in our Centennial book, you have Cookie to thank for that. She will be recognized at a special Mass at the Cathedral in Springfield on Saturday, June 16. A luncheon will follow. Registration forms will be available for anyone wishing to attend the luncheon. Congratulations, Cookie, and thank you for your many years of service.

Monsignor Auda will be celebrating a birthday on May 3rd. If you would like to help him celebrate with a card please leave it in the box located in the back of church or mail it to him at the nursing home.

The Rosary will be recited at St. Joseph shrine after morning services each weekday during the month of May. (We will recite in Ss. Simon Jude Garden on Tuesdays).

PASTOR'S CORNER

It's hard to imagine a bigger about-face than what we see in Psalm 22, the responsorial psalm today. This psalm of lament -- which was, of course, the song Jesus himself quoted as an expression of his agony on the cross -- begins in abject despair: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This afflicted soul's groan of lament proceeds onward through "I am a worm, and not human," through "my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast," to the stunningly graphic, "I can count all my bones."

But then, abruptly, at verse 22 -- just before this week's lectionary passage begins -- the mood shifts. It's a 180-degree turn, from lament to praise: "I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." The reason becomes clear in verse 24, as the poet praises God who "did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him." After all his tribulations, this long-suffering soul awards the Lord points for being a good listener. So confident is the psalmist in God's reliability -- despite it all -- that he offers praises on behalf of those who will come after him: "my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown." (vv 30-31)

Although we know Ps 22 best for the first lines of "Why have you forsaken me?", the second half -- the shout of praise is what the psalm concludes with. It might begin with agony, but it ends with praise. So too our faith. Although sin and death led to the cross, it does not end there. Instead, it concludes with the resurrection. Our journey concludes with praise for the gift of eternal life granted to us.

Save the date! May 23rd (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. a representative from Pflaum Gospel Weeklies will be at Sts. Mary and Joseph to explain our new curriculum for the 2018-19 PSR year for the 2 PSR Programs. All Catechists and PSR families from the 3 parishes are invited to attend. Please respond by email (GillespieDRE@gmail.com) or call 217-276-3428 so we can plan more efficiently. Thank you.

Congratulations to Linda Frizzo, SS Simon and Jude's 2018 Women of Distinction. Linda will receive the "Our Lady of Good Counsel Award" at a Mass on **June 16th** at the Cathedral in Springfield. Linda has been an active member of the Altar Society and at the school when it was open. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon to honor the award winners at the Northfield Conference Center. Everyone is invited to attend, the cost of the lunch is \$25. If you would like to attend please contact Mary Newman (839-3857) by **May 20**. Thank you Linda for all your years of service.

Looking back at April, we wish to extend condolences to the family of Marianne Hollis who passed away April 6th.

Everyone is invited to the Annual St. Francis Xavier Fried Chicken and Roast Beef Dinner in Jerseyville on Sunday, May 6, 2018. Dinner will be served family style from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM in our air-conditioned gym. The cost, including dessert and drink, is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 – 12 and ages 5 and under are free. Country store, religious items, crafts and cash raffle. Carry-outs are available.