HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE
Saturday—Nov. 24—Betty Brickhaus
Sunday—Nov. 25—Dave Reiniesch
Monday, Nov 26
  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, Nov 27
  8:00 a.m.  Lena Beyer (Family)
Wednesday, Nov 28
  8:00 a.m.  Attend Mass in Benld
Thursday, Nov 29
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service
Friday, Nov 30
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service
Saturday, Dec. 1
  4:00 p.m.  Msgr. Auda (Mary Rita & Jeanne Friedman)
Sunday, Dec. 2
  10:30 a.m. Evelyn Gallo (Jeanne Gallo)

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH
Sunday Nov. 25—for the People
Monday, Nov 26
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service
Tuesday, Nov 27
  8:00 a.m.  Attend Mass in Gillespie
Wednesday, Nov 28
  8:00 a.m.  Hank & Lucille Marcacci (Jeff Marcacci)
Thursday, Nov 29
  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service
Friday Nov 30
  8:00 a.m.  Attend Communion Service in Gillespie
Saturday, Dec. 1
  No Mass
Sunday, Dec. 2
  7:45 a.m.  Jon Cherry (Karla Huddlestun)

LITURGICAL ROLES
Saturday Dec. 1—No Mass
Sunday, Dec. 2
  Lector  Wm. Bertetto
  Sp. Min.  Wm. Bertetto/M. Bertetto/E. Saracco
  Servers  T. Gill/E. Gill
  Off. Fam.  Jerry Saracco Family
Confessions Before 7:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday

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.

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:

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**2018 PRAYERLINE**

Please pray for hospitalized, sick, military men & women serving our country, residents of nursing homes and homebound including: Alice Blevins, Gil Hebenstreit, Dawn Pilley, Kelly Daley, Sharon Castiglione, Jim Rolando, Julie (Hainaut) Nosbisch, Amanda Pfeiffer, Steve Daley, Frank (Red) Gibbons, Norma Glassbrenner, Meredith Johnston, Jim Wright, Linda Frizzo, Glenna Young, Gary Striegel.

**Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule:**

- **Benld 4 p.m. on Dec. 7th**
- **Carlinville 7 p.m. on Dec. 7th**
- **Gillespie 8 a.m. on Dec. 8th**

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

- **4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, Gillespie**
- **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, Carlinville**
- **7:00 p.m. Christmas Night Dec. 24, Benld**
- **9:00 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, Carlinville**
- **10:30 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, Gillespie**

**PSR Corner**

**Advent Wreath Contest** was a whole lot of fun and the PSR Breakfast at St. Joseph was packed full! A big thanks to our Catechists for working with our youth to come up with such individual and unique Advent Wreaths. They are all inspiring! #4 Wreath with the family pictures will be used as the St. Joseph Advent Wreath this Advent Season. #3 Wreath with the Nativity Scene incorporated will be used at Ss. Simon and Jude this Advent Season. #1 Traditional Wreath with beautiful Gold Glitter & ornaments and #2 Students hands will be used in the School for Advent Prayer each week. We are so blessed by this project and by our parish participation.

**Joyful Angels** will be collecting toys for children from newborn to 18 yrs. of age. A box will be placed in the vestibules for new, unwrapped toys.

**ST. JOSEPH LADIES!** Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in our church hall. The sign-up sheet is in the St. Joseph vestibule, or you may contact Cindy Saracco at 217-835-2623 or at esaracco4@gmail.com. Sign up by Sunday, Nov. 25.

**Ladies of the parishes** are invited to the SS Simon and Jude Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 5 in the school dining room. Sign-up by Sunday, Nov. 25th.

**Care center collection** for our parishes is this weekend, Nov. 24-25. Food, personal care items, money are needed. Please make checks payable to the Care Center.

**PASTOR’S CORNER**

With Black Friday just behind us and the pre-Christmas rush in front of us, we can be so extremely busy that we fail to hear God or be exhausted by the time we reach Christmas. Henri Nouwen, in _The Spiritual Life: Eight Essential Titles_, offers a different perspective of the role of a parish during this busy time. **Our task is to help people concentrate on the real but often hidden event of God’s active presence in their lives. Hence, the question that must guide all organizing activity in a parish is not how to keep people busy, but how to keep them from being so busy that they can no longer hear the voice of God who speaks in silence.**

Please take time during this upcoming Advent season to listen to the voice of God.

During a stewardship campaign at a local church in a Midwestern town, a volunteer noticed that one of their prominent members hadn’t made a contribution or a pledge. This person was making about $600,000 a year, so the volunteer thought, “Why not call him up?” She calls the businessman. “Mr. Tightwad sir, according to our records you haven’t made a contribution to the church or a pledge, and I’m wondering if you would like to do so now?”

Mr. Tightwad with the M.B.A., responds, “A contribution? Are you kidding? Do your records show that I have an invalid mother who requires expensive surgery once a year just to stay alive?”

The volunteer is a bit embarrassed and confesses, “Well, no sir, I was not aware—“

“Do your records show that my sister’s husband was killed in a car accident? She has three kids and no means of support!”

Miss Volunteer is now completely at a loss. “I’m terribly sorry—”

“Do your records show that my brother broke his neck on the job and now requires a full-time nurse to have any kind of normal life?”

Completely humiliated, Miss Volunteer is ready to hang up. She says, “I am sooo sorry sir! I had no idea. Please forgive—“

But Mr. Tightwad is not through. “The gall of you people! I don’t give them a dime, so why should I give anything to you?!”

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