

# HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE

**Saturday, December 17**

**4:00 p.m. Lucille Marinacci**  
(Judy Reid)

**Sunday, December 18**

**11:00 a.m. Dorothy Preston & Linda Frizzo**  
(Leonard & Rose Preston / Sies)

**Monday, December 19**

**8:00 a.m. Communion Service**

**Tuesday, December 20**

**8:00 a.m. No Daily Mass**  
**6:30 p.m. Penance Service**

**Wednesday, December 21**

**8:00 a.m. Attend Mass in Benld**

**Thursday, December 22**

**8:00 a.m. Communion Service**

**Friday, December 23**

**8:00 a.m. Communion Service**

**Saturday, December 24**

**4:00 p.m. Grehn Family & Karen Heyen**  
(Pat Bausano / Richard Heyen)

**Sunday, December 25**

**10:30 a.m. Msgr Auda**  
(Gwen Berutti)

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, December 24**

Lector Mary Newman  
E. Min. N. Schmidt, H. Newman, T. Duncan  
Servers Mitchell Clark  
Greeter Mary & Harold Newman

**Sunday, December 25**

Lector Karen Genetti  
E. Min. K. Huddleston, G. Crites, C. Chesus  
Servers Peter Jarden  
Greeter Mary Gucciaardo & Linda Ronald

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

**Confessions Before 4:00pm Mass on Saturday**

### HOLY HOUR

Every **Saturday** afternoon from **3:00-4:00pm**

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

## CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

**Sunday, December 18**

**7:45 a.m. Barbara Sawyer**  
(Harry & Pat Cavanaugh)

**Monday, December 19**

**Tuesday, December 20**

**8:00 a.m. No Daily Mass; Attend Penance Serv.**

**Wednesday, December 21**

**8:00 a.m. Missy Nordsiek**  
(Jan & Bill Nordsiek)

**Thursday, December 22**

**Friday, December 23**

**Saturday, December 24**

**6:00 p.m. Anthony Leone**  
(Tebbe)

**Sunday, December 25**

**10:30 a.m. Attend Mass in Gillespie**

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday December 24**

Lector Joe Dopuch  
E. Min. Ed Saracco  
Servers Michael Bertetto, Lucca Kapp  
Off. Fam. Dave Dopuch Family

**Sunday, December 25— No Mass**

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

**Pastor: Rev. Joe Koyickal, SAC** (jkoyickal@dio.org)

**Karla Huddleston DRE** (gillespiedre@gmail.com)

**Deacon Emeritus: Deacon Denny Baker**

**Bulletin Submissions:** send to secretaryssmj@gmail.com

**Ss. Simon & Jude Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m.—Tuesday (& all first Fridays)

Communion Service Monday, Thursday & Friday

Saturday Evening: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

**St. Joseph Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m.—Wednesday

Communion Service Monday, Thurs. & Friday

Sunday: 7:45 a.m.

**Holy Days Schedule:**

Holy Day Times to be Announced

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**COLLECTIONS:**

Gillespie	Benld
Env: \$1,975.00	Env: \$725.00
Loose: \$250.00	Loose: \$424.00
Bldg Fund: \$0.00	Bldg Fund: \$0.00
CCD: \$0.00	CCD: \$55.00
Other: \$705.00	Other: \$215.00
<b>\$2,930.00</b>	<b>\$1,419.00</b>

**2022 PRAYERLINE**

Michael Coleman, Harold Valerio, Elaine Krause, Virginia Krause, Bill Garrett, Wayne Swartz, Dawn Stoecker, Matt Orr, Joey Bertetto, Brian Orr, Leo Koniak, Michael McCollough, Pam Kelley, Mark Edwards, Nancy Bray, Margie Baima, Bob Krause

**Upcoming Penance Services**

**Tuesday, December 20**

6:00pm: Confession for PSR Children  
6:30pm: Penance Service at Ss. Simon & Jude followed by confessions for adults

**Wednesday, December 21**

5:00pm: Confession for PSR Children  
6:30pm: Penance Service at Ss. Mary & Joseph followed by confessions for adults

**PLEASE NOTE: Mass Changes for Gillespie**

- \* **Tues, Dec 20:** No Daily Mass; attend the Penance Service
- \* **Tues, Dec 27:** No Daily Mass
- \* **Fri, Dec 30:** Daily Mass at 8am

**Mass at Heritage Nursing Home in Gillespie** will be held every third Friday of the month at 10am.

Frist quarter 2023: January 20, February 17, & March 17.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Sat, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)**

4:00pm: Ss. Simon & Jude with Msgr. Heofler  
4:00pm: Ss. Mary & Joseph  
6:00pm: St. Joseph

**Sun, Dec 25 (Christmas Day)**

9:00am: Ss. Mary & Joseph  
10:30am: Ss. Simon & Jude

**Dec 31 - Jan 1:** Normal Weekend Schedule



**Grady James Burns**, son of Matthew & Jamie Burns, was baptized on December 11!

Congratulations on your baptism! May your life be filled with joy, love & endless blessings that come from God.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic or getting Confirmed?**



Contact Karla Huddlestun, RCIA Coordinator at 217-276-3428.

**PSR CORNER**

Ss Simon & Jude/St. Joseph PSR (Sunday School) at the SSSJ School on Sundays 9:30-10:45am

Upcoming dates:

Dec 18, Dec 25 (No Class), Jan 1 (No Class)



**Ss Simon and Jude/St. Joseph PSR/Sunday School Classes** are collecting "Baby Items" each weekend of Advent. Items will be donated to the Caring Center in honor of the Birth of Jesus. Collection baskets will be in the entryways of both parishes. Please give from your heart and thank you in advance!

Keep up to date with PSR happenings on our Facebook Page: **SS. Simon & Jude/St. Joseph's Sunday School/PSR**

Karla Huddlestun DRE [GillespieDRE@gmail.com](mailto:GillespieDRE@gmail.com)

**A Note From Fr. Joe**

We are at the final week of our Advent preparations. Next weekend at this time we are already celebrating Christmas. We look forward to it in eager expectation & busy preparation.

In addition to all the external preparations, we also need to prepare internally. It is the most important preparation. We need to have a clean heart to welcome Jesus. The Sacrament of confession (Reconciliation) is the best way to prepare our hearts. Please make it a point to avail yourself for this sacrament sometime during this week either at our parishes or at a parish of your convenience. Try to make a difference this advent. As already announced, I have arranged for two penance services followed by confession: one at Gillespie on Tuesday, December 20 at 6pm and at Carlinville on Wednesday, December 21 at 5pm for the PSR children and at 6:30pm for adults. An external priest also will be available for hearing confessions on these two days.

In the Gospel this weekend we hear the story of Joseph how he in faith and obedience responded to the invitation of God. He proved himself to be a just and faithful man responding and cooperating with God in the plan of salvation for humanity. It was a great challenge for him. Even though he did not understand he availed himself in faith and obedience and did "as the angel of the Lord had commanded". It was an act of faith, an act of love. Each one of us is also called to cooperate with God in the work of salvation in our own way in our own life situations by being obedient and faithful to God. God looks for a willing and consenting heart just like that of Mary and Joseph. There will always be obstacles on our way. We may not understand all God's plans. But we have the assurance from the Lord, "be not afraid". If we are open and willing to open our hearts to Him, God can work marvels in our life as well. In what way can I be more open to Jesus this week?

May we welcome Jesus into our lives and may He fill us with his peace and joy!

*Fr. Joe*

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