



OUR STORY

100 YEARS OF ST. JOSEPH'S



St. Joseph Pray for Us!

May 31, 2026 marks 100 years since the dedication of the church building where we worship.

To commemorate this occasion the Centennial committee is creating a monthly newsletter with history about our parish over the last 100 years. We hope you enjoy these memories of our church.

A Special Memorial: The Statue of St. Joseph on Our Parish Grounds *by Molly Cerny and Geof Skinner*



The statue of St. Joseph was set on the church grounds in 1981 as a memorial honoring Tom and Jim Flamm. The crafting of the statue was commissioned to an artist in Italy. Completion and delivery of the statue took approximately a year. Funds for the statue came from Charles and Virginia Flamm, along with gifts donated by many individuals as memorials to the unexpected passings of Tom and Jim.

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Father's Corner

Saint Joseph, our patron saint

God, who is so good, has shown us in many ways that he understands us, knows our realities, and is very close to us. That is why he came to this world in the person of Jesus and, to get even closer to us, he chose Mary as the Mother of his son, and Saint Joseph as his father.

The name Joseph has been present throughout the history and life of Jesus. He is definitely an instrument that serves as an example for every Christian who wants to faithfully follow the Lord.

As we begin this year in our parish, inspired by Saint Joseph, we would like

to take this journey to prepare for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the construction of this beautiful church where we gather every Sunday to celebrate our faith through the Eucharist.

Joseph teaches us that words are often unnecessary and that actions speak volumes when we are consistent between what we believe and what we live. Saint Joseph didn't usually talk much; (Continued on back.)

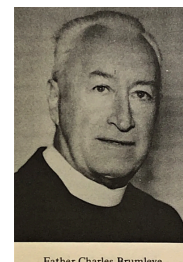


Fr. Uriel Salamanca

Priests of the Past

Rev. Charles Brumleve 1922-1941

We're grateful for the priests who have shepherded St. Joseph the past 100 years.



Father Charles Brumleve

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Email photos to sapphoto@yahoo.com

Please include your names, maiden names, and date/year of wedding.

Parish Pearls

The first group of children to receive their First Communion here in our building with Fr. Thomas P. Driscoll.

December 8, 1941

Sharon Bell Barbara Jo Shelton
Richard Cerny Marion Swertzer
Catherine Cerny Jeanette Alice Sweitzer
Patricia Lence



Father Thomas P. Driscoll



St. Joseph School

Father's Corner *(continued)*

He simply observed, thought, prayed, and acted, seeking to please God in his life and in the mission he received to care for his son Jesus.

What a great example Saint Joseph set! His life truly serves as a testimony for every Christian. He teaches us how to live in the family, the church, and society. He fulfilled his obligations as a good Jewish believer – a faithful participant in his community of faith. This is how Jesus learned why one must live within the church, fulfilling the obligations that entails.

As a husband and father, he teaches us by example that if we are faithful to God, we are also faithful to our wives and our children. He is the father who prays with joy and perseverance, who is not ashamed to proclaim his faith, whose goal is to have the whole family bow down before the presence of the Creator. As a father, he did not fail because he did not stray from God's path.

Today, Saint Joseph wants to continue acting as God's instrument to inspire us to live our Christian lives to the fullest.

Let us walk this path together. Let us take advantage of this time of grace that God has given us as the community of St. Joseph in Cobden. Each month, let us remember the blessing of having a community of faith, united and eager to overcome the difficulties that life brings. Let us give our all, and as a family, let us walk together to complete a year of blessing on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the construction of our church.

by Father Uriel Salamanca

The Statue of St. Joseph on Our Parish Grounds (Continued)

Tom and Jim were the sons of Charles and Virginia and the brothers of Carolyn, Kenny and Chris. Jim was born on January 31, 1961, and passed away in 1979. Tom was born on November 28, 1957, and passed away in 1980.

Both young men assisted with Mass as altar servers and received the Sacraments here at St. Joseph Catholic Church. As a parish family, we are forever grateful for this special gift to the church and continue to offer our prayers for the Flamm family.

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