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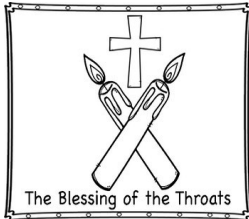
Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY 2026:

FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



† ST. JOSEPH †



February 1, 2026

10:00 a.m. Leo & Geraldine
Stadelbacher Family

Tuesday, February 3

St. Blaise, Bishop/Martyr

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, February 4

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Scott Aronson

First Friday, February 6

8:15 a.m. Joy Yting

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

The month of FEBRUARY is traditionally dedicated to the HOLY FAMILY!

According to catholicculture.org, "Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter).

The Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is "the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins." Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy. In addition, the faithful may receive in February two of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: *blessed candles and the blessing of throats.*"

St. Joseph will be offering a **BLESSING OF THROATS** today for the protection, and for those suffering, from throat maladies. This Blessing originated with St. Blaise, a bishop of Sebastea (in Armenia) and whose feast day is February 3, who cured a boy brought to him while he was in prison. This boy was almost dying from a fish bone stuck in his throat! He is also known as the patron saint of wild animals because he cured them while hiding in the hills to avoid prosecution. *Come and be blessed!*

LENT IS ALMOST HERE!

The penitential season of LENT is *Wednesday, February 18 - Thursday, April 2, 2026.*

ASH WEDNESDAY: Please bring your old PALMS to church. They will be used on February 18, Ash Wednesday.

FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS will start soon! The Dinners, \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for kids (5-10 years old), 4 and under, free, will begin Friday, February 20 and will continue every Friday from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The time for St. Joseph's annual FISH FRY dinners is quickly approaching. Your help is needed to make this year our best year ever. Volunteers are needed each week for both prep on Thursday and to cook, serve, and clean up each Friday. Thursday prep takes only a couple of hours, but is vital to make Friday run smoothly. There are two 3-hour shifts each Friday, 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m. The early shift helps get the hall set up and food ready to serve, and the second shift serves and cleans up the hall and kitchen. *Please help by signing up for one or more shifts.* If enough people sign up everyone would only have to work once or twice. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Thank you for your willingness to help.

† ST. MARY † OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

Thursday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Mass

† ST. FRANCIS XAVIER †

Sunday: 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 07 Raymond Wacker

Feb. 11 Tex & Gwen Lehr

Feb. 14 Donna Brumleve

Feb. 17 Amelia Sweitzer

Feb. 19 Sarah Coleman

Feb. 19 Loraine McGee

Feb. 22 Armando Perez

Feb. 27 Bill & Linda Spray

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: Becky Morgan

EM: *Morgan Cerny, Geof Skinner, Gary Wiggs*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: Brian Sapp

EM: *Tom Cerny, JP Russell, Luisa Vercide*

Sacrament of RECONCILIATION: Wednesday & Friday after Mass and by appointment

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

The deadline to submit an announcement for the BULLETIN is Thursday evening. You may email it to: stjoecobdenLV23@gmail.com and/or stjosephscobden@gmail.com. For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JANUARY 25, 2026

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PRAYERS OF PETITION

Those in the Military (Active Duty): Scott Bourne, Aaron Cerny, Katie Eck, John Russell, Lauren Sweitzer, Devin Vitt

Those in Need of Healing: AYB, Alan & EJ Anderson, Jack Bailey, Marvin B, Brian, Rachel, Dan Cirilla & Family, Cade Cohen, Ray & Paula Eaton, Flamm Family, Regina Fuse, Ryker Gillan & Family, Jake Harris, Sue Hayden, Mark, F. Johnson, Shawn Knupp, Mary Martin, Cari Hatley Marx, Stan McGee, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Hannah Perez, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Vicki Sadler, Donna Shannon, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, C. Timms, F. Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family, Wiley Family, Tiffany Woolf

Those in the Nursing Home: Jo Cerny, Larry Flamm, Mike McClelland

BLESSINGS TO OUR JANUARY CELEBRANTS! Here's a shout-out to: *Forrest Blakley, Mary Ann Blakley, Jack Bigler, Logan Brown, Kevin Brumleve, Ryan Brumleve, Stephanie Brumleve, Mike Cash, Jessica Coleman, Max Cohen, Chris Flamm, Virginia Flamm, Janna Kasper, John Patrick Russell, Jim, Richard Villareal, Connie Vincent, Jeanne Wacker and Karen Winzenburger.* The Parish celebrates and prays for YOU!

Faith Formation: **CONFIRMATION** classes start this month! **TEACHERS/MENTORS** needed. If you feel the call towards this teaching ministry to our youth, please contact Gabbie Morales. For Confirmation mentors, there will be a **MEETING** today, *February 1 at 11:15 a.m.* in the Library. Confirmation **ENROLLMENT/ORIENTATION** will be on *Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.*, with **CLASSES** (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) starting on Sunday, *February 22* in the Hall. For questions, please contact Ms. Gabbie Morales.

The Centennial Celebration Newsletter is here! The January 2026 issue features the **ST. ANN ALTAR SODALITY** and the **HOLY FAMILY** window. Learn more about this building, our church home, which is turning 100 years old in May!

Your **2025 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are now available and can be found at the back of the church along with the *2026 Donation Envelopes*. Please stop by and get your copy before or after Mass. For questions, contact Karl Sweitzer. Also, pick up a copy of Father Uriel's **PRINTED HOMILY** for you, your family or for someone who could not make it to Mass.

St. Joseph Church will have a **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING** with **FATHER GODFREY MULLEN** on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. All current St. Joseph and St. Mary Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are asked to join this one-hour training, along with those who are new. Please let Patty know if you are unable to attend. Coffee and light refreshments will be offered. For questions, please contact Father Uriel or Patty Flamm. Thank you for serving your Parish Family in this ministry!

From The Messenger: **THE MESSENGER** Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 7-8. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

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