

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for MAY 2026:

THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



† ST. JOSEPH †



May 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. Charlie Stadelbacher & Family

Tuesday, May 19

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, May 20

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Anna McLafferty Vitt

Friday, May 22

8:15 a.m. Becky Brown

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

According to simplycatholic.com, “The **ASCENSION** is the completion of the Easter mysteries of Jesus’ life, passion, death and resurrection, and it is the final step before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Jesus’ final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God’s right hand” (No. 659).”



This building turns **100** years old this month. Did you receive your **INVITATION** for the St. Joseph Church Centennial Anniversary Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7, 2026 with Bishop Godfrey Mullen? Save the date and invite family and friends! The day will be special not only with Bishop Mullen’s presence but also with the fellowship and sharing of memories during the **TACO BUFFET LUNCH** that will follow. You might see yourself or someone you know in the photos and video! Also, encourage everyone to visit and check out the church with her new **TABERNACLE**, which will be installed before the anniversary Mass. A good day to be together and thank God for this, our church home.

St. Joseph is participating in the St. Anne Cradle of Hope **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!** The Carbondale St. Anne Cradle of Hope is “a nonprofit Catholic organization that provides material and spiritual assistance to pregnant women and families with young children” (stannecradleofhope.org/stanne-coh). This drive is their major fundraising event, held once a year from Mother’s Day through Father’s Day. *The **BABY BOTTLE BANKS** are available here in St. Joe until June 21, 2026 – please take a bottle or more and fill them with coins, bills, checks or use the QR code to donate online and help our moms, dads and children in need!* Drop the bottles in the clear box any time up until Father’s Day (Sunday, June 21, 2026). Thank you to those who have already done so! Your donation will be used to purchase essential supplies for expectant moms, dads and children ranging from newborn onwards. Please check the back of the church and take informational material regarding this drive, the Cradle of Hope and how you can support this much-needed ministry.

† 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

May 17 Bekah Russell
 May 17 Arthur & Lydia Hazel
 May 19 Allan Brumleve
 May 19 Donald Rodgers
 May 23 Tex Lehr
 May 23 Raymond & Jeanne Wacker
 May 29 Mark & Sherry Haddick

Blessings to the **ST. ANN LADIES SODALITY 2026** set of officers: **DEBBIE RUSSELL** (President), **MOLLY CERNY** (Vice President), **DIANA STEELE** (Secretary) and **SHERRY HADDICK** (Treasurer). The Sodality is behind the church’s dinners and banquets, bazaars and bingo plus many other church- and community-related events. Thank you for your willingness to share your time and talents here at St. Joe!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 10:00 a.m.

The Ascension of the Lord

Lector: Deb Russell

EM: Gary Wiggs

Geof Skinner, Diselda Tomas

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Lector: Patty Flamm

EM: Tom Cerny

Mark Haddick, Diana Steele

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

MAY 10, 2026

General Fund	\$3,161.00
Offering	\$2,971.00
Seminarian Ed	\$95.00
CSMA	\$50.00
Ascension	\$35.00
Catholic Comm	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$155.00
Cemetery Fund	\$150.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joe!

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, Jake Harris, Sue Hayden, Mark, F. Johnson, Shawn Knupp, Mary Martin, Cari Hatley Marx, Stan McGee, Joan Patterson, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Vicki Sadler, Donna Shannon, Linda Spray, Rosie Stadelbacher, Diana Steele, C. Timms, F. Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family

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

For *May 24 bulletin tidbits*, please email **BRIAN SAPP** at sapphoto@yahoo.com. Thank you for making the bulletin, Brian!

The 2025-2026 Faith Formation (PSR) year has wrapped up and our St. Joseph Family wants to say, **THANK YOU!** Thank you to all our FAITH FORMATION MENTORS - *Lori Cohen, Geof Skinner, Jill Skinner, Diana Steele with Gabriela Morales* (Director) - and ASSISTANTS who have given many hours in class preparations and instructions for the students, to PARENTS who brought their children to St. Joe's weekly and reinforced lessons about the faith at home, and to our STUDENTS, who attended diligently - you are our future and make it all worthwhile! Have a good summer and see you in the Fall! You are all amazing!

The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be Wednesday, *May 20, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.* This bi-monthly event, in partnership with TRI-STATE FOOD BANK, is held on the first and third Wednesday of the month and open to all members of Union County, without cost or requirements for recipient eligibility. Supplies run out fast so plan to come early. Volunteers for this week are Sherry Haddick and Geof Skinner.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by PRAYER and PETITION, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God" - *Philippians 4:6*. Calling our **PRAYER WARRIORS** for those listed in the Prayer List, all priests and especially for the upcoming changes in our diocese! Your gift of time in prayer for the church, our brothers and sisters in Christ is needed and appreciated.

From the Diocese: Do you remember the **Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** Catholic retreat program? Are you a teenager or young adult (age 17 or older) who is looking for an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you ever experienced a TEC retreat and would like one of your loved ones to have the same opportunity? Are you a youth leader who is looking for a retreat program to offer to your Christian youth community? Are you just looking for an opportunity to help share your faith with the young people of the Belleville Diocese? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact the Belleville Diocesan TEC board for additional information about upcoming retreat weekends. Belleville.tec@gmail.com or contact bellevilletec.org to submit an application.

From the Diocese: **CSMA**. Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you!

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