

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for APRIL 2026:

## FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



### † ST. JOSEPH †



**April 12, 2026**

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

**Tuesday, April 14**

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

**Wednesday, April 15**

10:00 a.m. Visitation

11:00 a.m. Charles Stadelbacher  
 Mass of Christian Burial

**Friday, April 17**

8:15 a.m. For the Sick

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

### Today is **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!**

“Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion on that day. The "First Sunday after Easter" - which is designated in "The Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist" as the "Octave Day of Easter" - was officially called the Second Sunday of Easter after the liturgical reform of Vatican II. Now, by the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the name of this liturgical day has been changed to: "Second Sunday of Easter, or of Divine Mercy."



Pope John Paul II made the surprise announcement of this change in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000. There, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' "By the words "the whole message," the Holy Father was referring to the strict connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" - the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit - and this Feast of Divine Mercy, the Octave Day of Easter.” ([divinemercysunday.com](http://divinemercysunday.com))

Offer the chaplet or novena and experience the Mercy of Jesus! To learn more about Divine Mercy with Saint Faustina and Pope Saint John Paul II, please check [thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org).

*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO CHARLES, O LORD* and let your perpetual light shine upon him! We commend into your hands, our brother, **CHARLES DAVID STADELBACHER**, 84, who passed away last April 7, 2026. And to his family: wife, Rose; sons, Raymond (Tami) and Carl; grandchildren, Cody, Ashlyn, Derek (Kate), Cierra (Jeffery), Krystin (Spec Sean) and Christopher; great-grandchildren, Jasmine, Kolton, Juleyann, Landon, Miley, Ariana and Liv; sister, Margie Stadelbacher, extended family members and friends, our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to you. May God's love give you comfort and hope during this difficult time. *Charles, on Easter Sunday, you wanted to be at St. Joseph with family and friends to worship the Lord. Your last vision was of being home, in the pasture and enjoying nature as you always have. May you rest in peace and delight in such beauty with our Maker. Thank you for being a good dad, grandpa, brother and friend! Your St. Joe Family will remember that big, warm smile, always.* St. Joseph, our patron, please pray for Charles! To view his obituary and leave condolences, please go to: [www.rendlemanhilemanfuneralhome.com/obituaries/charles-stadelbacher](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfuneralhome.com/obituaries/charles-stadelbacher)

### † 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

April 7 Liv Cerny

April 7 Eric Guijon

April 7 Jesus Roman

April 7 Yanet Roman

April 7 John & Karen

Winzenburger

April 17 Jennifer & Jonathan

Lintz

April 20 Katelyn Wiggs

April 28 Marilyn Boysen

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 10:00 a.m.**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Lector: Brain Sapp

EM: Maria Carmona

JP Russell, Luisa Vercide

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 10:00 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Lector: JP Russell

EM: Diana Steele

Morgan Cerny, Sherry Haddick

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](mailto:stjoecobdenLV23@gmail.com) and/or [stjosephscobden@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephscobden@gmail.com). For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**APRIL 5, 2026**

General Fund	\$3,564.00
Offering	\$3,304.00
Food Bank	\$100.00
Holy Land	\$140.00
Mission	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$275.00

*Thank you for supporting  
St. Joseph Church!*

## 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, Meghan Blakeley, 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

*Got Tamales?* We do. Faith Formation is having a **TAMALES SALE!** Choice offered will be of PORK (red, mild pork tamales) or CHICKEN (green, spicy chicken tamales), wrapped in corn husk for \$25.00 per dozen. There is an order form at the back of the church or you can send a message through our Facebook page (St. Joseph Catholic Church Cobden, IL). Preorders accepted now until April 16! The delicious Tamales will be ready for pick up next Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the Hall. Payment on the day of pick up. Order now and support our youth religious education program!

All are invited to come and enjoy a St. Joseph family event, **DIA DEL NIÑO (Children's Day)** on Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 4:00–7:00 p.m. at the Hall. There will be a bounce house, pizza, games, prizes and more! Please bring a treat for the kids to share and enjoy! For questions about the event, snacks and other information, contact Rosi at 618-303-4777. This event is open to everyone. Bring family, friends and join us in celebrating our children!

The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be *Wednesday, April 15, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.* This bi-monthly event is open to members of Union County, without cost or requirements for eligibility. Volunteers for this week are Sam Sweitzer and Connie Vincent. Also, donations of *cornbread muffin mix, oatmeal, cereal, Hominy/black/dried pinto beans, white rice, maseca cornmeal tortillas, masa cornmeal tamales, flour, sugar, oil, corn, canned tomatoes/chicken/fruit/vegetables, personal care products such as shampoo/conditioner/soap/lotion/deodorant/toothbrush/toothpaste, laundry detergent, dish soap and diapers (of any size)* are gratefully accepted and appreciated, to add to the regular staples of the Pantry. Thank you!

What's this? **SODALITY:** (1) Fellowship; companionship, (2) an association or brotherhood, (3) In the Roman Catholic Church, a lay society formed from devotional or charitable activity. If you are a lady over 18 years old, join in the fun of belonging to an organization with awesome women who share your faith in God here at St. Joseph! Come to the Hall this *Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.* and join the **ST. ANNE'S SODALITY** meeting to discuss upcoming events. We would love to see you there!

*From the Diocese:* Respect Life Corner. On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of **DIVINE MERCY**. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy. <https://www.usccb.org/resources/word-of-life-2026-04.pdf>

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