

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for MARCH 2025:

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



✠ ST. JOSEPH ✠



March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m. Harold Brumleve

Tuesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, March 12

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Donnie Campbell

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 14

8:15 a.m. Diane McClelland

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Stations at St. Mary

LENT IS HERE!

The penitential season of LENT is from *Wednesday, March 5 - Thursday, April 17, 2025.*

According to catholicculture.org, "At the beginning of this month (March) we will embark on our journey to the cross by receiving ashes and donning the purple of penance. During this month our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality (*Remember man thou art dust*) and the shortness of life (*and to dust thou shall return*). We will heed the call, *Now is the acceptable time, now is "the day of salvation* (2 Corinthians 6:2)." Just like Our Lord's earthly life every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment—when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell."

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS have started! The savory Dinners, \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for kids (5-10 years old), 4 and under, free, began last week and will continue every Friday (March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11) from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thank you again to the Anna DON SOL RESTAURANT, who will be supplying half of this year's fish for the dinners. Come to St. Joe's for camaraderie and a great dinner (or get a takeout box) every Friday!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your help is needed to make this year's FISH FRY DINNERS our best year ever. Volunteers are needed each week for both Thursday afternoon prep and kitchen, hall and clean up help each Friday. 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. Thank you for your willingness to help.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held every Friday, 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph and St. Mary with Father Uriel leading the prayers at both churches on alternating Fridays. Remaining dates are: St. Joseph - March 21, April 4. St. Mary – March 28, April 11. Come and do the Stations after your delicious Fish Fry Dinner!

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph! Next Sunday, March 16, the church will be celebrating **ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY** (March 19) with a 10:00 a.m. YOUTH MASS followed by a PARISH POTLUCK! Bring a dish to share to add to the ham, sides (even waffles!) that will be provided by the St. Ann Sodality. Come for fellowship as we remember and honor our patron, *Saint Joseph*.

✠ 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

March 01 Marc Cohen

March 02 Adam Barr

March 02 Abby Brumleve

March 08 Esmeraldo Morales

March 10 Madalyn Perez

March 12 Jonathan Lintz

March 17 Dan & Jeannie

Brumleve

March 18 Carl Stadelbacher

March 18 Kenny Stadelbacher

St. Joe is holding a **MEAT RAFFLE** this year! Get tickets for 50-60 lbs. of assorted meat, chest freezer included. Only one hundred fifty (150) tickets will be sold at \$10 a piece or 3 for \$20. Tickets will be available at the Dinners. Drawing held when all tickets are sold.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

Lector: Sherry Haddick

EM: Geof Skinner, Lori Cohen, Deb Russell

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

Lector: Mark Haddick

EM: Gary Wiggs, Maria Carmona, 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 and/or stjosephscobden@gmail.com. For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 23, 2025

March 2, 2025

Will be posted soon.

*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: Special Intention, Pope Francis, Bob & Diane, AYB, Alan & EJ Anderson, Paulette Aronson, David Augustine, Jack Bailey, Brian, Rachel, Dorothy Cirilla, Cade Cohen, Regina Fuse, Ryker Gillan & Family, Mark, Jeannie Haynes, Shawn Knupp, Mary Martin, Cari Hatley Marx, Stan McGee, Yvonne Murray, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Hannah Perez, Joe Pineau, Stephanie Poletti, Delores Porter, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Russ, Vicki Sadler, Donna Shannon, Juanita Small, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, Caroline Timms, Jill Treece, Filden Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family

Those in the Nursing Home: Jo Cerny, Larry Flamm

The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be this *Wednesday, March 12, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.* This bi-monthly event is open to all members of Union County, without cost or requirements for eligibility. St. Joe would like to thank all the volunteers for their generosity of time to help serve the community!

All are invited to the St. Joseph and St. Mary joint Parish Mission: **FROM HOPE TO ACTION: A Pilgrimage of Discipleship** on March 17-19, 2025 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the St. Mary Parish Hall. Examine the historical context of Jubilee, its social and spiritual implications, and how it can inspire us to become "Pilgrims of Hope" in our own lives and communities. Embrace a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as the foundation of our faith that grows through prayer, scripture study, and participation in the Sacraments. Explore how the Holy Spirit empowers us to live out our Christian calling and compels us to the lifelong pilgrimage of discipleship. The schedule is: *Monday, March 17 – Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, Tuesday, March 18 – A Journey of Faith, Virtue, and Personal Transformation, Wednesday, March 19 – Proclaim the Good News: The Call to Discipleship.* Please consider attending with family and friends! For questions, please contact Rhonda Schmidt (618)697-0440.

AD 2026 is a very exciting year for the St. Joe Family. This **BUILDING** we consider our church home is turning **ONE HUNDRED (100)** years old! If you are interested in helping with the plans and activities leading up to, and during the month of, May 2026, please consider joining the *Centennial Committee* and contact Gabbie Morales (618)697-2790. A sign-up sheet has been provided at the back of the church. All input and assistance appreciated! Let us make the anniversary special.

From Renew: Singles Upper 50s and Above: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing **RENEW WEEKEND RETREAT** at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on March 28-30, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.stl@gmail.com, or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

From the Diocese: *The Church's regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:* Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent, including Good Friday. Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. Abstinence means not eating meat; fish is allowed. According to the USCCB, "If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection."

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