

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for JANUARY 2026:*

## FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



## † ST. JOSEPH †



**January 4, 2026**

10:00 a.m. For our Country

### Tuesday, January 6

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

### Wednesday, January 7

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Joy Yting

### Friday, January 9

8:15 a.m. Jonathan Arreza

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

## HELLO, AD 2026!

As we begin the New Year, in the spirit of gratitude, we wish to acknowledge and thank the people behind St. Joseph Church:

**Administrator:** Reverend Father Uriel Salamanca

**Trustees:** Rick Flamm, Karl Sweitzer

**Parish Council Members:** Kenny Flamm (President), Dori Bigler, Seirra Brumleve, Harold Blunt, Sherry Haddick, Gabriela Morales, Samantha Sweitzer

**Liturgy Committee:** Father Uriel Salamanca, Paulette Aronson (Chairwoman), Patty Flamm (Altar, Lector/Minister Schedule), Karl Sweitzer (Altar Servers), Paul Cash & Jeanne Wacker (Music),

**Faith Formation (PSR):** Gabriela Morales

**Mentors:** Lori Cohen, Doug Meadows, Geof Skinner, Jill Skinner, Diana Steele

**Ladies Sodality:** Sherry Haddick (President), Luisa Vercide (Vice-President), Connie Vincent (Secretary), Patty Flamm (Treasurer)

**Members:** All Ladies of the Parish

**Centennial Committee:** Father Uriel, Gabriela Morales, Paulette Aronson, Molly Cerny, Patty Flamm, Debbie Russell, Brian Sapp, Geof Skinner, Samantha Sweitzer, Pam West

**General Maintenance:** Harold Blunt, Kenny Flamm

**Landscaping/Garden:** Chris Collins

**Cemetery Management:** Ken & Patty Flamm

**Cemetery Maintenance:** Gary Wiggs

*We thank all volunteers, donors and prayer warriors who have given their time and talents, mostly behind the scenes, to serve our Parish! Thank you! ¡Muchas gracias!*

## † 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

Jan. 1 Ryan Brumleve

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Jan. 5 Mike Cash

Jan. 6 Kevin Brumleve

Jan. 7 Chris Flamm

Jan. 11 Richard Villareal

Jan. 11 Karen Winzenburger

Jan. 13 Janna Kasper

Jan. 15 John Patrick Russell

Jan. 16 Mary Ann Blakley

Jan. 22 Virginia Flamm

Today, we celebrate The Solemnity of the **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** (from the Greek verb meaning "to reveal"). According to [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org), "Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation."



The month of January is dedicated to the **HOLY NAME OF JESUS!**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 10:00 a.m.**

***The Epiphany of the Lord***

Lector: Mark Haddick

EM: Lori Cohen, Gary Wiggs

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 10:00 a.m.**

***The Baptism of the Lord***

Lector: Deb Russell

EM: Mark Haddick, Tom Cerny, JP Russell

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

**DECEMBER 28, 2025**

Will be posted next Sunday.

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, Paulette Aronson, Jack Bailey, Marvin B, Brian, Rachel, Dan Cirilla & Family, Cade Cohen, Ray & Paula Eaton, 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, Monica Wiley, Tiffany Woolf

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

*"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 our Prayer List above! We especially pray for Dorothy, whom we have lost recently, and the Cirilla Family. Your gift of time in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ is needed and appreciated. Also, please text or email Luisa for status UPDATES and if you want prayer intention names added or removed. Thank you!

Congratulations to **KEN FLAMM, SHERRY HADDICK** (both back for a second 3-year term) and **BRIAN SAPP** for being elected into the Parish Council! St. Joseph Family thanks you, Ken, Sherry and Brian, for your willingness to serve in the Council.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help *DISASSEMBLE AND STORE AWAY* the nativity scene and Christmas decorations in the church after Mass next Sunday, December 11. Please call or text Patty if you are able to lend a hand. All hands appreciated!

In May 2026, we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of this building, our church home! We hope you are enjoying the monthly centennial newsletters. The next Centennial Committee **MEETING** will be Sunday, January 11 after Mass.

Interested in joining a **CATHOLIC CONVERSATION**? All are welcome to *Thursdays at St. Joe* where discussions of all things Catholic happen. Talks resume this month so come and bring a friend to the Library at 7:00 p.m. every Thursday or whenever you can make it! For questions, please contact JP Russell.

*From the Belleville Diocesan Flocknote 12/18/25:* "The **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS** begin on Christmas Day and last until the Feast of the Epiphany. This period is a time of celebration and reflection on the birth of Christ and the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles, represented by the visit of the Magi. In the Catholic Church, this season is known as Christmastide, which emphasizes joy and festivity following the Advent season of preparation. The well-known song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" has roots in Catholic tradition, particularly during a time when Catholics in England faced persecution and were prohibited from practicing their faith openly. Each gift in the song symbolizes a specific aspect of the Catholic faith: A Partridge in a Pear Tree - *Jesus Christ*. Two Turtle Doves - *Old and New Testament*. Three French Hens - *virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity*. Four Calling Birds - *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (the four Gospels)*. Five Golden Rings - *five first books of the Old Testament (the Pentateuch)*. Six Geese A-Laying - *six days of creation*. Seven Swans A-Swimming - *seven gifts of the Holy Spirit*. Eight Maids A-Milking - *eight Beatitudes*. Nine Ladies Dancing - *nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit*. Ten Lords A-Leaping - *the Ten Commandments*. Eleven Pipers Piping - *eleven faithful apostles*. Twelve Drummers Drumming - *twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed*."

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