

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for DECEMBER 2025:

FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



† ST. JOSEPH †



December 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. Harold Brumleve

Tuesday, December 16

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, December 17

7:45 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Nieva Yap

Friday, December 19

8:15 a.m. St. Joseph Family

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

The Meaning of the ADVENT CANDLES

According to dynamiccatholic.com, for "The Third Week of Advent - Candle Name: *the Shepherd's Candle*, Represents: *Joy*, Candle Color: *Pink*. This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus." *Let us light our two purple and the pink candles!*



FEAST DAYS, EVENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

December 20 (Saturday): 6:00 p.m. La Posada de St. Joseph

December 24 (Wednesday): Christmas Eve; 11:45 p.m. Caroling begins;

12:00 a.m. St. Joseph Midnight Mass;

December 25 (Thursday): Christmas Day; 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Christmas Mass;

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Christmas Day Mass; 12:15 p.m. St. Francis Día de Navidad Mass

January 1 (Thursday): New Year's Day; 8:00 a.m. St. Mary New Year's Day Mass;

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph New Year's Day Mass; 12:15 p.m. St. Francis Año Nuevo Mass

St. Joe **CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** The Christmas trees and Manger will be set up TODAY after Mass. HELP is needed to carry and bring decor up from the basement. All hands appreciated! For questions, please contact Patty Flamm. *Come and join in the fun of getting our Church ready for Christmas.*

† 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

Dec. 07 Valerie Palmer

Dec. 10 Gwen Lehr

Dec. 16 Ken Flamm

Dec. 18 Brenda Masden

Dec. 19 Claire Flamm

Dec. 21 Daniel Pineau

Dec. 26 Anna Rodgers

Dec. 27 Tess Brummer

Dec. 28 Joe Brumleve

Dec. 28 Mark Haddick

Dec. 24 Guillermo V Salgado

"O come, all you faithful!" For a Christmas gift, give **JESUS** in the monstrance, fifteen (15) minutes, thirty (30) minutes or an hour of **ADORATION** on Friday, December 19, 2025 from 9:00-10:00 a.m., after Mass. *"O come, let us adore Him!"*

St. Joe **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** will be held next Sunday, December 21! **KENNY FLAMM** and **SHERRY HADDICK** will be finishing up their terms shortly. If you are looking for a ministry involving regular church matters or to just be in the know of what is happening here at St. Joe, look no further. Please prayerfully consider this invitation and contact Father Uriel or any of the council members listed below if you are interested in, or have questions about, serving as a Parish Council member.

From the Loft: **CHOIR REHEARSAL** for the Midnight and 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Masses is scheduled for next Sunday, December 21, 2025 in the balcony, beginning at 11:15 a.m. Singers from St. Joseph and St. Mary are welcome. We would like lots of voices of all ages. Questions? Please call Jeanne Wacker at (618)559-8154.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Lector: Becky Morgan

EM: Gary Wiggs, Sherry Haddick, Salvador Tomas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

Lector: Brian Sapp

EM: Diselda Tomas, Liv Cerny, Tom Cerny

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: stjoeobdenLV23@gmail.com and/or stjosephscobden@gmail.com. For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

General Total	\$2,670.00
Offering	\$2,670.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Cemetery Fund	\$120.00

DECEMBER 7, 2025

General Total	\$5,538.00
Offering	\$3,568.00
Immac. Conception	\$90.00
Christmas	\$10.00
Religious Retirement	\$10.00
For the Needy	\$1,510.00
Building Fund	\$255.00
Cemetery Fund	\$195.00

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, 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, Dorothy Cirilla, Larry Flamm, Raymond Flamm, Mike McClelland

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE** with SOUP LUNCH successful: our Bazaar, raffle and baked goods donors, the hall and kitchen volunteers and, especially, all who came out to support this event during the Christmas in the Village. Raffle winners are: 1. *Catherine Gibbs Quilt – Jeanne Britt*, 2. *\$150 Triple C Meat Certificate*, 3. *\$125 Lotto Tickets - Dori Bigler*, 4. *Paulette Aronson pink art piece - Becky Morgan*, 5. *Paulette Aronson daylily art piece - Jill Skinner*, 6. *Paulette Aronson blue art piece - Jerry Reffert*, 7. *Marilyn Boysen Earrings - Norma Weaver*, 8. *Silver Necklace set - Karl Sweitzer*, 9. *Harold Blunt Barn Painting - Jill Skinner*. Congratulations!

The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be *Wednesday, December 17, 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 Mark Haddick and Geof Skinner.

The **2026 DONATION ENVELOPES** are now available! Please check and take your assigned box. If you are a new parishioner or can't find a box with your name on it, please take an unmarked box and write your information on the first envelope you drop into the collection basket during Mass. For questions, please contact Karl Sweitzer. If you have not yet done so, do take an **ADVENT MAGNIFICAT** booklet for daily inspirational readings, a **2026 CALENDAR** and a copy of Father Uriel's **HOMILY** (available every Sunday) for family and/or friends who are not able to attend Mass.

St. Joseph Church is listed for **KROGER'S** Community Rewards Program (#UW003). Between August 24, 2025 – November 23, 2025, thirty-six (36) St. Joseph households have contributed **\$84.55** in donations - thank you! To participate in this program, please register at www.kroger.com/communityrewards so Kroger can donate a percentage of your grocery purchase amount back to our Parish. For questions, contact Jeanne Wacker at wacker127@frontier.com.

From the Diocese: The 48th Annual **DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be *taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day*. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2026 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able. Thank you so much!

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