

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for FEBRUARY 2025:*

## FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



## ✠ ST. JOSEPH ✠



**February 23, 2025**

10:00 a.m. February Celebrants

### Tuesday, February 25

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

### Wednesday, February 26

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Barbara Alstat

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

### Friday, February 28

8:15 a.m. Becky Brown

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

## LENT IS ALMOST HERE!

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Please bring your old PALMS to church. They will be used on March 5, Ash Wednesday. Ash Services: 7:00 a.m. St. Joseph. 6:00 p.m. St. Mary.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The time for St. Joseph's annual FISH FRY DINNERS is quickly approaching. Your help is needed to make this year our best year ever. Volunteers are needed each week for both prep on Thursday and to cook, serve, and clean up each Friday. Thursday prep takes only a couple of hours, but is vital to make Friday run smoothly. 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. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Thank you for your willingness to help.

**FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS** will start soon! The delicious Dinners, \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for kids (5-10 years old), 4 and under, free, will begin Friday, March 7 and will continue every Friday (March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11) from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Lent 2025 **DATES TO KNOW:** March 5: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins. Day of Fasting and Abstinence. *March 7, 14, 21, 28/ April 4, 11: Lent Fridays. Abstinence from meat. Fish Fry Dinners.* Stations of the Cross (7:00 p.m.): St. Joseph – March 7, 21, April 4; St. Mary – March 14, 28, April 11. *March 13: Palm Sunday.* March 17-19: Joint Parish Mission at St. Mary's. *March 19: Feast of St. Joseph.* March 26, 6:00 p.m. St. Mary Reconciliation. April 2, 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Reconciliation. *April 17: Lent ends. Holy Thursday.* April 18: Good Friday. Day of Fasting. *April 19: Holy Saturday.* April 20: Easter Sunday. *Easter Triduum will be held at St. Mary's.*

Something **NEW!** On months that have five (5) Sundays, St. Joseph and St. Mary will alternately celebrate only **ONE 9:00 A. M. MASS**, followed by **BRUNCH**. This will start next month on Sunday, March 30 at St. Mary's. The host church will provide the free Brunch. The next fifth Sunday 9:00 a.m. Masses and brunches for 2025 will be June 29 (St. Joseph), August 31 (St. Mary) and November 30 (St. Joseph). Let us take this opportunity to fellowship over Mass and a great meal with parishioners and visitors from both churches!

## ✠ 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

*Feb. 07 Raymond Wacker*

*Feb. 11 Tex & Gwen Lehr*

*Feb. 14 Donna Brumleve*

*Feb. 14 Joseph Eck*

*Feb. 17 Amelia Sweitzer*

*Feb. 19 Sarah Coleman*

*Feb. 19 Loraine McGee*

*Feb. 22 Armando Perez*

*Feb. 27 Bill & Linda Spray*

**BLESSINGS TO OUR FEBRUARY CELEBRANTS!** Here's a shout-out to our celebrants: *Donna Brumleve, Sarah Coleman, Joseph Eck, Loraine McGee, Armando Perez, Amelia Sweitzer, Raymond Wacker and Tex & Gwen Lehr, Bill & Linda Spray.* The Parish celebrates and prays for YOU!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Linda Porter

EM: Patty Flamm, Becky Morgan, Geof Skinner

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: JP Russell

EM: Salvador Tomas, Gary Wiggs, Luisa Vercide

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

FEBRUARY 16, 2025  
General Total \$1,951.00  
Offering \$1,951.00  
Cemetery Fund \$130.00

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

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

Your 2024 **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are now available and can be found at the back of the church along with the *2025 Donation Envelopes*. Please pick up your copy before or after Mass.

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 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 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. each night: *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*. Sound interesting? Please consider attending with family and friends! For more information, please contact Rhonda Schmidt (618)697-0440.

*From WVCCW:* The West Vicariate **SPRING DAY OF RECOLLECTION** will be held on Thursday, February 27 at St. Patrick Church in Ruma. The cost of the day is \$10.00, lunch included. There will be Mass, two talks (“Experiences in Life “ and “How do you Serve the Lord?”) by Sr. Martha Wachtel, ASC, and a 50-50 Drawing. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Come for this time of great worship and fellowship! If interested in attending, please call Connie Vincent at (618)697-3000.

*From WVCCW:* On Pentecost Sunday 2024, Bishop Michael McGovern called the Diocese of Belleville to come together in a spirit of prayer, discernment, and dialogue on where God is calling the Church of Southern Illinois. The name of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan is “**SERVANTS ON CHRIST’S MISSION.**” The aim of Servants on Christ’s Mission is to revitalize our relationship in Christ and to deepen our commitment to serve Christ’s mission to proclaim the Good News. everyone in the West Vicariate, (Randolph, Perry, Jackson, and Union Counties), are invited to a morning of prayer and discussion with fellow Catholics, friends, and neighbors about our future call as a Diocese. This will be an opportunity to share ideas, hopes, and dreams about our Church. The dates are as follows: Saturday, March 1, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Our Lady of Lourdes (Sparta, IL). Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at St. Andrew (Murphysboro, IL). Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at St. Francis Xavier (Carbondale, IL (Translated in Spanish)). The meeting will focus on these three questions: 1. What excites/motivates you about the Diocese of Belleville? 2. What are your hopes/dreams for the Diocese of Belleville? 3. What changes are needed in the Diocese for the mission to grow? Please seriously consider participating in one of these sessions. We ask that you help us get the word out in the community and personally invite people to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Pat McDevitt, Director for Mission and planning at [pmcdevitt@diobelle.org](mailto:pmcdevitt@diobelle.org).

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