

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for MARCH 2026:

FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



† ST. JOSEPH †



March 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. Parish Mission

Tuesday, March 24

8:15 a.m. Mission Mass
 10am-4pm: hourly Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 25

7:50 a.m. Rosary
 8:15 a.m. Raymond Flamm
 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 27

8:15 a.m. Fr. Uriel Salamanca
 8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00 p.m. Stations at St. Mary

OUR PARISH MISSION

SIMPLY LIVE! TRUE RELIGION FOR TODAY

is now! We welcome FATHER GEORGE KNAB, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, who is preaching at all the Masses this weekend to urge us to be renewed in the life of Christ by participating in special services that begin today at 6:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Penance will also be offered on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Here is the SCHEDULE:

Saturday-Sunday, March 21-22: Father George preaching during Masses.
 Sunday, March 22, 6:30 p.m. *Beauty of the Earth.*

Ritual - Birth through Water and the Holy Spirit

Monday, March 23, 8:15 a.m. Mass followed by brief talk: The Greatest Commandment
 6:30 p.m. *Befriending our Grief.*

Ritual - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 24: 8:15 a.m. Mass and brief talk: The Second Greatest Commandment
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confessions heard each hour, on the hour
 6:30 p.m. *Hope and Healing.*

Ritual - Prayer of Faith



† 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

FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS, PADRE URIEL! Our prayers and well wishes go out to you Friday, March 27, your special day. St. Joseph and St. Mary have truly been blessed with your presence, dedication and good nature. You are our pastor, family and friend! *May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He let His face shine upon you, be gracious to you, look kindly upon you and give you peace. Muchas Gracias!*

We hope you are enjoying the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION NEWSLETTERS! The March 2026 issue features the **FRANK SWEITZER** Family, **FATHER FEDERICO HIGUERA** and the **ANNUNCIATION** window. Pick up your copy and learn more about this building, our church home, and its members.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH:

PALM SUNDAY, March 29: 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Mass, 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Mass
 HOLY THURSDAY, April 2: 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Supper of the Lord (Lent ends)
 GOOD FRIDAY, April 3: 12:00 noon (St. Mary) Stations of the Cross,
 3:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord Service
 HOLY SATURDAY, April 4: 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Service
 EASTER SUNDAY: April 5 - 8:00 a.m. St. Mary & 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Mass
 of the Resurrection of the Lord



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 10 Madalyn Perez
 March 12 Jonathan Lintz
 March 17 Dan & Jeannie
 Brumleve
 March 18 Carl Stadelbacher
 March 19 Dan Brumleve
 March 22 Jo Cerny
 March 24 Jayden Perez
 March 27 Fr. Uriel Salamanca
 March 29 Tom Cerny

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 10:00 a.m.
5th Sunday of Lent

Lector: Diana Steele
 EM: Diselda Tomas
 Patty Flamm, Salvador Tomas

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lector: Morgan Cerny, Becky Morgan
 EM: Liv Cerny
 Patty Flamm, Gary Wiggs

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

MARCH 1, 2026

General Fund	\$3,337.00
Offering	\$3,222.00
Catholic Relief	\$10.00
Pantry	\$100.00
Ash Wednesday	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$312.00
Cemetery Fund	\$150.00

MARCH 8, 2026

General Fund	\$1,410.00
Offering	\$1,250.00
Catholic Relief	\$110.00
For the Needy	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$170.00
Cemetery Fund	\$1,900.00

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, Jack Bailey, Marvin B, Meghan Blakeley, Brian, Rachel, Dan Cirilla & Family, Cade Cohen, Ray & Paula Eaton, Flamm Family, Regina Fuse, Adam Haddick, 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, Charlie Stadelbacher, Diana Steele, C. Timms, F. Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family, Wiley Family

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

ST. JOE TIDBITS: Only one Friday left for the **LENTEN FISH FRY** Dinners (4:30-7:00 p.m.) - invite family and friends! Please **SIGN UP** for the 2:00-5:00 or 5:00-8:00 shifts to **HELP**. **PRAY** the STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Father Uriel at 7:00 p.m., following the Fish Fry Dinner. Remaining Friday will be on March 27 at St. Mary. **DONATE** to CRS RICE BOWL (pick up a box), the ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY or ST. ANNE CRADLE OF HOPE! **READ** the: MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION for daily reflections on Lent and "33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY" by Matthew Kelly, a guide for Eucharistic consecration and spiritual reflection. **ATTEND** the MISSION this March 22-24, 2026 here at St. Joe.

Please set aside an extra donation on Palm Sunday, March 29 for **ONE FOR THE CROSS**. "Every Dollar for Every Member of Every Church" in our area will be a tremendous support to the very visible sign of Christian belief, the Bald Knob Cross of Peace, near Alto Pass. Let us donate **\$1** for every St. Joseph parishioner for the continuing restoration of this special monument in our county. Every dollar counts! For more information, please check <https://www.baldknobcross.com/>.

From the Diocese: Pope Leo XIV has asked our parish to support the Pontifical **HOLY LAND COLLECTION** which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For additional information, go to mail@myfranciscan.com. Please be generous!

From the Diocese: **VOCATION** Corner. Today's Gospel recounts the death and rising of Lazarus. Wow! Who gets a 2nd chance to live their life? But how did this come to be? It was because of the power of God Almighty that Lazarus got another chance to follow the Lord and proclaim His goodness. We won't get a second chance to follow the "call" of God in our lives like Lazarus. So, we need to be attentive now to the call from within our hearts to become who we've been called to be. Roll away the stone and hear what the Lord wants us to be – maybe even a priest, sister, or brother.

From Renew: **SINGLES LATE 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 April 10-12, 2026. 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.

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