

# 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 21, 2025**

10:00 a.m. Paul M. Spiller

**Tuesday, December 23**

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

**Wednesday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

**Thursday, December 25**

**Christmas Day**

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

12:15 p.m. Mass at St. Francis

**Friday, December 26**

8:15 a.m. Diane McCleland

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

## Advance MERRY CHRISTMAS

### to our ST. JOSEPH Family and Friends!

This Thursday, we celebrate God blessing us with the greatest gift of all - His very own SON, a Savior born in the humblest of circumstances yet one whose life astounds the whole world! As we celebrate this special day in different ways: be it listening to and singing carols, with Christmas trees and decorative lights and lanterns, cookies and milk or boots waiting for Santa, nativity scenes, exchanging greeting cards and gifts, a festive meal and, especially, the MASS, seeing the world still full of kindness and love, we say, "Thank You, Lord Jesus! Gracias, nuestro Señor Jesus! You are Immanuel, God with us."



*"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2: 11-14*

Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noël! Feliz Natal! Buon Natale! Zalig Kersfeest!

Nollaig Shona Dhuit! Mo'adim Lesimkha! Fröhliche Weihnachten!

Merii Kurisumasu! Sretan Bozic! Maayong Pasko!

According to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com), "The Fourth Week of ADVENT. Candle Name: *the Angel's Candle*, Represents: *Love*. Candle Color: *Purple*. During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel." *Let us light all FOUR CANDLES!*

*Eternal rest grant unto DOROTHY, o Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her! We commend into your hands, our sister, **DOROTHY CIRILLA**, 84, who passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2025. And to her husband, Dan, stepchildren -Vito, Daniel Jr. and Angela, grandson - Benjamin, extended relatives and friends, our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to you. May God's love give you comfort and hope during this difficult time. Dorothy, you always had time to speak with anyone and everyone and shared your love of art. Each Sunday, both you and Dan made sure that fellow parishioners and visitors felt welcome at Mass - thank you! Your St. Joseph Family, especially those who call you Mom and Grandma, will miss you. Rest in peace. St. Joseph, our patron, please pray for Dorothy! Visitation for Dorothy will be 10:00 a.m. this Monday, December 22, 2025 here at St. Joseph Church. Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 a.m., with Father Uriel officiating. For her obituary, please go to: [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com/obituary/Dorothy-Cirilla](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com/obituary/Dorothy-Cirilla)*

## † 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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24, 12:00 Midnight

Lector: JP Russell

EM: Luisa Vercide, Lori Cohen, Deb Russell

### CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Becky Morgan

EM: Patty Flamm, Geof Skinner

### HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY, DEC. 28, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sherry Haddick

EM: Liv Cerny, Maria Carmona, Lori Cohen

### NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 10:00 a.m.

### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

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: [stjoeccbdenLV23@gmail.com](mailto:stjoeccbdenLV23@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 14, 2025

General Total	\$2,360.00
Offering	\$2,050.00
Christmas	\$25.00
Immac. Conception	\$185.00
Religious Retirmt	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$35.00
Cemetery Fund	\$65.00

*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:* AYB, Alan & EJ Anderson, Paulette Aronson, Jack Bailey, Marvin B, Brian, Rachel, Dan Cirilla and 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 McCleland

## FEAST DAYS, EVENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

*December 24 (Wednesday):* Christmas Eve; 11:45 p.m. Caroling begins; 12:00 a.m. St. Joseph Midnight Mass

*December 25 (Thursday):* The Nativity of the Lord/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):* Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God/ 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

The CENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER December 2025 issue is here! This month features **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** and the **St. Joe Hispanic Family!** Pick up your copy and learn more about our church home and its members.

SINGERS (and anyone who loves to sing) from St. Joseph and St. Mary are welcome to join our **CHOIR REHEARSAL** today at 11:15 a.m. in the loft! St. Joe **CHRISTMAS DECORATING** also continues today. All hands appreciated!

St. Joe **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** will be held today, December 21! Say a prayer and vote in our next council members. *KENNY FLAMM* and *SHERRY HADDICK* are finishing up their terms shortly along with *SAMANTHA SWEITZER*, who has served for two terms! *Thank you, Kenny, Sam and Sherry for your willingness to serve in the Council!*

*From the Diocese:* The 48<sup>th</sup> 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!

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](http://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](mailto:wacker127@frontier.com).

*From the Diocese:* **RESPECT LIFE** Corner: "O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity ([www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity))

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