

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for MAY 2026:

THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



† ST. JOSEPH †



May 3, 2026

10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Youth

Tuesday, May 5

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, May 6

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Jerome M. Luczaj

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 8

8:15 a.m. John Morgan

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

MAY CROWNING & OUR LADY OF FATIMA

St. Joseph will have MAY CROWNING today. According to Women for Faith and Family, May Crowning is "a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers. This lovely devotional ceremony is held in many parishes and often with Catholic children. The May Crowning gives the children an opportunity to specially honor the Blessed Mother of Jesus, and to give thanks to her for bringing our Savior into the world." The crowning will also be done in honor and remembrance of Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to the three children in Portugal a century ago. Her feast day falls on the month of May (the 13th), which in itself is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please spend some time reading about Our Lady of Fatima, her miraculous apparitions to Lucia Santos, cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and to thousands of people, the miracle of the "Dancing Sun", the three secrets and her requests for the world. Go to ourladyoffatima.org.



This St. Joseph building, our Church home, turns **100 YEARS OLD** this month! We hope you are enjoying the Centennial Celebration Newsletters. The April 2026 issue features FATHER URIEL, DEACON PAT and the AGONY IN THE GARDEN window from the A. FLAMM, SR. Family. This will be the last issue but, as a gift, the church will be receiving a compilation of all past newsletters! Also, don't forget to mark your calendars to save the date for the Centennial Anniversary Mass, which will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7, 2026 with Bishop Godfrey Mullen!

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS: "What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving." (<https://www.usccb.org/eucharist>) Congratulations to our Faith Formation (PSR) Students who received their **FIRST EUCHARIST** yesterday: **Enoch Alvarado, Emilia Alvarado, Raquel Alvarado, David Amezquita, Ava Carmona, Daymion Carmona, Nancy Godinez, Valerie Godinez, Eldon Myers, Tadeo Uribe and Joseph Venturelli.** Congratulations also to **Kaden Lincoln** for coming into full communion with the church recently. Your Catholic Family welcomes you, Kaden! According to the US Catholic Catechism for Adults, "The Sacraments of INITIATION – *Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist* – are the foundation of the Christian life." Let us continue to pray for our students, their families, mentors - Gabbie Morales, Jill Skinner, Geof Skinner, Father Uriel and all who are helping in the preparation for this holy Sacrament!

† 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

May 3 Gary Wiggs

May 4 Linda Spray

May 4 Joel Vercide

May 5 Patty Flamm

May 8 Carl Dasenbrock

May 9 Caleb Aronson

May 9 Tiffany Brown

May 9 Theresa Vercide

May 10 Andrew Brumleve

May 15 Robert Lintz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 10:00 a.m.

May Crowning/Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lector: Lori Cohen

EM: Salvador Tomas

Liv Cerny, Deb Russell

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day

Lector: Mark Haddick

EM: JP Russell

Maria Carmona, Lori Cohen

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

APRIL 26, 2026

General Fund	\$2,071.00
Offering	\$1,901.00
Seminarian Ed	\$50.00
Home Mission	\$95.00
For the Needy	\$25.00
Cemetery Fund	\$120.00

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

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

Got an elementary, high school or college **GRADUATE**? Please email the information to stjoecobdenLV23@gmail.com.

The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be *Wednesday, May 6, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.* This bi-monthly event is open to all members of Union County, without cost or requirements for eligibility. Volunteers for this week are Maria Carmona and Margaret Dale. The St. Joe Food Pantry is also needing someone to **ASSIST** with inventory and, occasionally, shopping for supplies. If you are interested, have questions or need more information, please contact Molly Cerny.

St. Joseph will be participating in the St. Anne Cradle of Hope **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!** St. Anne Cradle of Hope in Carbondale, a Catholic Charity of the Diocese of Belleville and not an outside agency, is “a nonprofit Catholic organization that provides material and spiritual assistance to pregnant women and families with young children”. This drive is their major fundraising event, held once a year from Mother’s Day through Father’s Day. The **BABY BOTTLE BANKS** will be available here in St. Joe from May 10-June 21, 2026. Please take a bottle and help our moms, dads and children in need! Visit stannecradleofhope.org/stanne-coh to learn more about how St. Anne Cradle of Hope helps the community.

Did you know you can bring home Father Uriel’s **MASS HOMILY**? Available every Sunday now are Father Uriel’s **PRINTED** homily that you can take and read, at your leisure, for further reflection and understanding on that Sunday’s Mass Readings. Please feel free to pick up a copy for you, your family or for someone who could not make it to Mass that day!

MISSION COLLECTION THANKS. Fr. George Knab, O.M.I. who conducted “Simply Live! True Religion for the 21st Century”, the two-parish Lenten mission, sent these words: “*I was delighted to join Father Uriel and parishioners in prayerfully commemorating the 100th anniversary of the dedication of St. Joseph Church. Contributions to the mission collection totaled \$1,365.00. Thank you! Through this help, the preaching of the gospel in Cobden and Anna is promoting its spread among the very poor.*” The proceeds benefit Vocation Fund – Zambia, which supports the recruitment and formation of Zambian seminarians for Oblate missionary work in south central Africa and beyond. For more information about the Oblates and their ministry in Zambia, you may contact their website, www.omiusa.org.

From the Diocese: **VOCATION CORNER.** Today our reading from the Acts of the Apostles declares the institution of the **DIACONATE MINISTRY.** This event calls forth seven men to assist the Apostles in spreading the Kingdom of God. We are blessed in this Diocese to have so many men who have accepted the call to the Diaconate.” They are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister are under the immediate supervision of the pastor. (USCCB)”

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