

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for MARCH 2025:

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



ST. JOSEPH



March 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. Leo & Geraldine Stadelbacher Family

Tuesday, March 4

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary

First Friday, March 7

8:15 a.m. Deacon Pat Patterson

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

LENT IS ALMOST HERE!

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

Why do we receive Ashes? Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. (<https://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php>)



The three pillars of Lent are PRAYER, FASTING/ABSTINENCE and ALMSGIVING. *Here are some suggestions:*

Prayer: Attend extra Masses and Eucharistic adoration if possible; pray daily, pray the Stations of the Cross (every alternate Friday at 7:00 p.m.), Rosary, Divine Mercy and other devotions; avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Confessions will be heard by Father Uriel Wednesdays and Fridays after Mass or anytime by appointment. Come to the COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE on *Wednesday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary and Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph*; listen to Catholic Radio 88.1; listen to the Bible and Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz; watch EWTN, Jesus of Nazareth and The Chosen; read Scripture and other materials - The Magnificat Lenten Companion - available at the back of the church. Please get one.

Fasting: Observe fasting and abstinence (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) and abstinence from meat every Friday, with the church's guideline as one's health allows. Give up a favorite food, drink, activity or unwholesome behavior.

Almsgiving: Support and pray for the local Pro-Life group, Project Rachel Ministry and Cradle of Hope. Donate to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Give your time - volunteer. Make a meal for someone in need. Donate clothes. Give the homeless a care package. Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl box and donate to feed the hungry around the world.

From Bishop McGovern: "This year, **CRS RICE BOWL** – Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program - celebrates its 50th anniversary. This is a moment for us to recommit to serving our global family where millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. 75% of alms collected supports CRS' programs around the world. 25 % stays here in our Belleville Diocese to help fight hunger and poverty. During this Jubilee Year, the Church calls us to participate in works of mercy. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the CRS Rice Bowl collection during this Lenten season. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help people in need and encourage everyone to reach his or her God-given potential."

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

March 01 Marc Cohen
 March 02 Adam Barr
 March 02 Abby Brumleve
 March 08 Esmeraldo Morales
 March 10 Madalyn Perez
 March 12 Jonathan Lintz
 March 17 Dan & Jeannie Brumleve
 March 18 Carl Stadelbacher
 March 18 Kenny Stadelbacher

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Lector: JP Russell

EM: Salvador Tomas

Gary Wiggs, Luisa Vercide

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

Lector: Sherry Haddick

EM: Geof Skinner, Lori Cohen, Deb Russell

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.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Will be posted soon.

*Thank you for supporting
St. Joseph Church!*

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

Those in the Nursing Home: Jo Cerny, Larry Flamm

Our **FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS** start this week! The savory 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. Thank you to DON SOL RESTAURANT, who will be supplying half of this year's fish for the dinners. Come to St. Joe's for camaraderie and a great dinner (or get a takeout box) every Friday! For more information and/or to assist during the dinner, please contact Sherry Haddick. *Please sign up to HELP with baking, kitchen, desk, serving, and clean-up much needed for these dinners.* Also, the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** start at 7:00 p.m. after the Fish Fry Dinner! Dates are: St. Joseph - March 7, 21, April 4. St. Mary - March 14, 28, April 11.

Want meat? St. Joe will be holding a **MEAT RAFFLE** this year! Get tickets for 50-60 lbs. of assorted meat, chest freezer included. Only one hundred (100) tickets will be sold at \$10 a piece or 3 for \$20 and will be available during the Fish Fry Dinners. Drawing held when all tickets are sold.

Sunday, March 16, the Church will be celebrating **ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY** (March 19) with a 10:00 a.m. **YOUTH MASS** followed by a **PARISH POTLUCK!** Bring a dish to share to add to the ham, sides (even waffles!) that will be provided by the St. Ann Sodality. Come for fellowship as we remember and honor our patron, *Saint Joseph*.

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.

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. Schedule for the fifth Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass with Brunch will be June 29 (St. Joseph), August 31 (St. Mary) and November 30 (St. Joe). Let us fellowship over Mass and a great meal with parishioners and visitors from both churches!

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