

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for FEBRUARY 2026:*

## FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



## † ST. JOSEPH †



**February 15, 2026**

10:00 a.m. All Leaders  
of Nations

### Tuesday, February 17

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

### Ash Wednesday, February 18

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

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

### Friday, February 20

8:15 a.m. Jenny Applegate

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

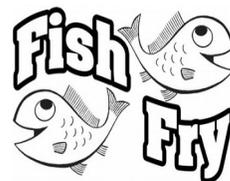
## LENT IS ALMOST HERE!

The penitential season of LENT is *Wednesday, February 18 - Saturday, April 4, 2026.*

Please continue to bring your old PALMS in to church!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Masses will be celebrated 7:00 a.m. at St. Joseph and 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary on February 18, 2026. No noon Ash Service.

**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>)

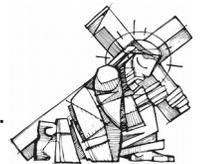


**FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS** start this week on Friday, February 20 and will continue every Friday from 4:00-7:00 p.m.! Dinners are \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 for kids (5-10 years old), 4 and under, free.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** 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.

The **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed 7:00 p.m. every Friday this Lent at St. Joseph and St. Mary with Father Uriel leading the prayers at both churches on alternating Fridays, with the first being held here at St. Joe. Come and do the Stations after your delicious Fish Fry Dinner!



## † 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



Good news! St. Joseph and St. Mary will have a **JOINT PARISH MISSION** this Lent on March 22-24, 2026. As a church, we need to continually renew our vision of who we are and what our purpose is.

These days of renewal, entitled, "SIMPLY LIVE! TRUE RELIGION FOR TODAY", will be led by Father George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The main service will be in the evening but there will also be a morning Mass and talk. More information to come! Save these dates.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Feb. 07 Raymond Wacker*  
*Feb. 11 Tex & Gwen Lehr*  
*Feb. 14 Donna Brumleve*  
*Feb. 17 Amelia Sweitzer*  
*Feb. 19 Loraine McGee*  
*Feb. 27 Bill & Linda Spray*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 10:00 a.m.**  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Lector: JP Russell

EM: Maria Carmona,

Morgan Cernv. Sherry Haddick

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 10:00 a.m.**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Lector: Sherry Haddick

EM: Patty Flamm

Tom Cerny, 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](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 1, 2026**

General Fund \$1,500.00  
Offering \$1,480.00  
Defray Salaries \$20.00  
Building Fund \$385.00  
Cemetery Fund \$140.00

### **FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

General Fund \$2,840.00  
Offering \$2,753.00  
First Offering \$7.00  
For the Needy \$50.00  
Defray Salaries \$30.00  
Building Fund \$181.00  
Cemetery Fund \$120.00

## 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, 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

In preparing our hearts for this penitential, sacrificial and introspective season of Lent, we hope you will avail of the Sacrament of **RECONCILIATION**, attend the **MISSION**, read the **MAGNIFICAT** Lenten Companion for daily inspirational readings, the book, "**33 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC GLORY**", a (first ever) Eucharistic consecration guide with prayers and the saints, and pick up the **ANGELUS** Prayer card, which is about the Incarnation of Christ, a traditional prayer often accompanied by the ringing of church bells. The book, booklet and card are available and free. Pick yours up today!

*Faith Formation:* **CONFIRMATION** classes start this month next Sunday, February 22, 2026 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Hall. It's not too late to register your children for these classes. For questions, please contact Ms. Gabbie Morales.

Anyone, or know of anyone who might be, interested in **MOWING** the St. Joseph Cemetery this summer? Please spread the word and help us keep our cemetery clean and beautiful. For questions, contact Gary Wiggs at (618)967-7116.

*From the Centennial Committee:* **WEDDING PICTURES** Needed! The Committee is requesting photos of weddings that took place in our church over the past one hundred years. These wedding photos will be presented in a video during our Centennial Celebration on Sunday, May 31. How wonderful it will be to see wedding pictures of family and friends on our 100th anniversary! The photos will be scanned and then returned back to you. Please bring them in by **March 15, 2026**.

Your **2025 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available and can be found at the back of the church along with the *2026 Donation Envelopes*. Please stop by and get your copy before or after Mass. For questions, contact Karl Sweitzer. Also, pick up a copy of Father Uriel's **PRINTED HOMILY** for you, your family or for someone who could not make it to Mass as well as The Messenger, rosaries, calendars, Catholic booklets, informational flyers at the back of the church that are **FREE** for you.

*Lenten Guidelines:* According to the USCCB, "Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of **FASTING** and **ABSTINENCE** for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection." *Please fast and abstain from meat as your health allows.*

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