

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for FEBRUARY 2025:*

## FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



## ✠ ST. JOSEPH ✠



**February 2, 2025**

10:00 a.m. Joy Yting

### Tuesday, February 4

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

### Wednesday, February 5

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Angel Uriel Amezquita

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

### First Friday, February 7

8:15 a.m. Jenny Applegate

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

The month of FEBRUARY is traditionally dedicated to the **HOLY FAMILY!**

According to catholicculture.org, "Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter).

The Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is "the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins." Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy. In addition, the faithful may receive in February two of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: *blessed candles and the blessing of throats.*"

St. Joseph will be offering a **BLESSING OF THROATS** today for the protection, and for those suffering, from throat maladies. This Blessing originated with St. Blaise, a bishop of Sebastea (in Armenia) and whose feast day is February 3, who cured a boy brought to him while he was in prison. This boy was almost dying from a fish bone stuck in his throat! He is also known as the patron saint of wild animals because he cured them while hiding in the hills to avoid prosecution. *Come and be blessed!*

## ✠ 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

All are invited to a RETIREMENT GATHERING for our own **GEOFFREY SKINNER, EDITOR** of, and who has been with, the *Gazette-Democrat* for almost fifty years, from 1976-2025. The reception will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the newspaper office in Anna. *Thank you for your hard work and dedication in this important field of news media, disseminating vital information all these years to more people than one will ever realize. The St. Joe Family is proud of you, Geof! God bless you!*

**LENT** will be here before you know it! The penitential season starts on March 5 (Ash Wednesday) and ends April 17, 2025 (Holy Thursday). Calling **VOLUNTEERS** for the annual FISH FRY DINNERS, which begins on March 7. *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 committing to do one or more shifts.* Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Thank you for your willingness to help.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 07 Raymond Wacker

Feb. 11 Tex & Gwen Lehr

Feb. 14 Donna Brumleve

Feb. 14 Joseph Eck

Feb. 17 Amelia Sweitzer

Feb. 19 Sarah Coleman

Feb. 19 Loraine McGee

Feb. 22 Armando Perez

Feb. 27 Bill & Linda Spray

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 10:00 a.m.

*The Presentation of the Lord*

Lector: Linda Porter

EM: JP Russell, Deb Russell, Diselda Tomas

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Morgan Cerny

EM: Becky Morgan, Tom Cerny, Mark Haddick

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

JANUARY 26, 2025

General Total \$1,181.00  
Offering \$1,157.00  
Solemnity of Mary \$10.00  
First Offering \$14.00  
Building Fund \$20.00

*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:* Special Intention, Bob A., AYB, Barbara Alstat, Alan & EJ Anderson, Paulette Aronson, David Augustine, Jack Bailey, Brian, Dorothy Cirilla, Cade Cohen, Diane E., Regina Fuse, Ryker Gillan & Family, Shawn Knupp, Mary Martin, Cari Hatley Marx, Stan McGee, Yvonne Murray, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Hannah Perez, Joe Pineau, Stephanie Poletti, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Donna Shannon, Juanita Small, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, Ernesto Togono, Jill Treece, Filden Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Shari Vandersluis, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family

*Those in the Nursing Home:* Jo Cerny, Larry Flamm

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO BECKY, O LORD** and let your perpetual light shine upon her! We commend into your hands, our sister, REBECCA MAE BROWN, 75, who passed away January 21, 2025. And to her family: children - Todd Andrew (Heather) and Tiffany, grandchildren - Logan (Jeff), Jaden (Moises), Andrew and Addison, great grandson - Adonis, 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. *Becky, your life was spent taking care of many, besides you own – thank you! We will miss seeing you at church, where you are always with family. St. Joseph, our patron, please pray for Becky!*

To view her obituary and leave condolences, please go to: [www.rendlemanhilemanfuneralhome.com/obituary/Rebecca-Brown](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfuneralhome.com/obituary/Rebecca-Brown).

Please note: The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be *Wednesday, February 19, 2025* from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Volunteers for that week will be Jeannine Cerny and Margaret Dale.

*From St. Mary's:* The Adult Faith Formation class will begin a **NEW STUDY** that will focus on Evangelism and responding to questions about the Catholic faith. The study will be centered around two books, "Meeting the Protestant Challenge" by Karlo Broussard and "The Case for Catholicism" by Trent Horn. These books will be furnished for all participants. Come and join us beginning on Sunday, February 2, at 9:15 a.m. in the Upper Room of the Parish Hall. For questions, please email Ellen at [stmaryparish.anna@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryparish.anna@gmail.com).

*From the Diocese:* The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 1-2, 2025. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to **THE MESSENGER** Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

*From the Diocese:* **NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK** is on February 7-14, 2025! Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love! Ready to gift your marriage? Check out these resources: [www.foryourmarriage.org/married-life/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/married-life/), [www.paradisusdei.org/the-choice-wine](http://www.paradisusdei.org/the-choice-wine), [www.diobelle.org/marriage-enrichment](http://www.diobelle.org/marriage-enrichment).

*From the Diocese:* **RESPECT LIFE** Bulletin Corner. "A society is all the more human to the degree that it *CARES* effectively for its most *frail and suffering MEMBERS*, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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