

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 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. February Celebrants

Tuesday, February 24

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, February 25

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Christian Godinez

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 27

8:15 a.m. Barbara Pratt Vitt

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Stations at St. Mary

LENT IS HERE!

The penitential season of LENT is

Wednesday, February 18 - Saturday, April 4, 2026.

“Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter”.

(catholiceducation.org)



· PRAY · FAST · GIVE ·

Here are some suggestions for Lent here at St. Joseph:

Prayer: Attend extra Masses and Eucharistic adoration if possible; pray daily, pray the: Stations of the Cross, 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 as well as at the communal Penance; read Scripture and other Lenten spiritual aids: The Magnificat Lenten Companion, 33 Days of Eucharistic Adoration, the Angelus prayer card - available at the back of the church. listen to Catholic Radio 88.1; listen to the Bible and Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz; watch EWTN.

Fasting: Observe fasting (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) and abstinence from meat every Friday as your health allows. Give up a favorite food, drink or unwholesome behavior.

Almsgiving: Donate to the St. Joseph Food Pantry and CRS Rice Bowl fundraiser to “feed the hungry”. Support and pray for the St. Anne Cradle of Hope in Carbondale and the local Project Rachel Ministry.

† 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

2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m. March 6, 20 – St. Joseph

February 27, March 13, 27 - St. Mary, Good Friday, April 3 – 12 noon at St. Mary

Reconciliation: March 12, 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary, St. Joseph during the Mission

St. Joseph feast day (Feb. 19): February 15, 10:00 a.m. Youth Mass & Parish Potluck

Parish Mission: March 22-24 at St. Joseph with Father George Knab

Palm Sunday: March 29 – 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Mass, 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Mass

BLESSINGS TO OUR FEBRUARY CELEBRANTS! Here’s a shout-out to our celebrants: *Donna Brumleve, Loraine McGee, Amelia Sweitzer, Raymond Wacker and Tex & Gwen Lehr, Bill & Linda Spray.* The Parish celebrates and prays for YOU!

The Centennial Celebration Newsletter is here! The February 2026 issue features the **BELLS and TOWER** and the **ANGELUS Prayer**. Learn more about this building, our church home, which is turning 100 years old in May! Pick your copy up today.



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 22, 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday of Lent

Lector: Sherry Haddick

EM: Patty Flamm

Tom Cerny, Deb Russell

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 10:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Lector: Lori Cohen

EM: Salvador Tomas

Liv 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 and/or stjosephscobden@gmail.com. For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

General Fund	\$3,436.00
Offering	\$3,396.00
Defray Salaries	\$20.00
Black & Indian	\$10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$140.00

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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, 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

From the Skinner Family: There will be a memorial gathering for **NATHANIEL SKINNER** on Wednesday, March 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Green Mug, in downtown Cobden. Come and go, very informal, with words at 7:00.

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS have started! The savory Dinners, \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 for kids (5-10 years old), 4 and under, free, began last week and will continue every Friday (February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27) from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Come to St. Joe's for camaraderie and a great dinner (or get a takeout box) every Friday! Also, please check out the Stations of the Cross St. Joe schedule and pray with Father Uriel after dinner. The Stations start at 7:00 p.m.

Make **TIME FOR CHRIST!** As Christians, we are disciples of Jesus and apostles of the Gospel. Yet our daily lives are so full that we sometimes forget "who we are and whose we are." A parish mission is a time of listening to God's word, remembering what Christ has done and re-energizing our true selves. Set aside the dates of March 22-24, 2026 for "*SIMPLY LIVE! TRUE RELIGION FOR TODAY*", a renewal program conducted by Fr. George Knab, OMI. Make plans to be there. All are welcome!

From Gary Wiggs: **CEMETERY ARRANGEMENTS** that are not properly displayed according to current guidelines need to be removed by March 16, 2026. This includes Christmas decorations, Christmas wreaths and any faded arrangements. Thanks for your assistance in keeping the cemetery orderly and prepped for the upcoming mowing season. For any questions, please contact Gary at (618)967-7116.

Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** resumes Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This bi-monthly event is open to members of Union County, without cost or requirements for eligibility. Volunteers for this week are Maria Carmona and Connie Vincent. Also, St. Joe is needing more **VOLUNTEERS** for distribution days. Hours will be short and we can work with your schedule! For more information, please contact Molly (618)893-4743.

CRS RICE BOWL is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, going on for more than 40 years, for families and faith communities. Their prayers, fasting and almsgiving become lifesaving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. The hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. That's how what you give up for Lent can change lives. A simple cardboard box - a **CRS RICE BOWL** - inspires prayers, fasting and almsgiving within Catholic families across the U.S., and delivers hope to millions around the world. *In that spirit know that: 25 percent of your donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in your own community and 75 percent of your gift supports CRS' programs around the world.* Please pick up a box today!

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