

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for DECEMBER 2025:

FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



† ST. JOSEPH †



December 7, 2025

10:00 a.m. Fr. Uriel Salamanca

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

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

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

Tuesday, December 9

St. Juan Diego

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

7:45 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Kemp Tundag

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis

¡FELICIDADES, PADRE URIEL!

We are proud of our very own FATHER URIEL who celebrated his **38TH YEAR** as an **ORDAINED PRIEST** last Friday, December 5! The St. Joseph and St. Mary Families are thankful for the blessing of your presence, dedication and friendship here.

Thank you for answering the call to the Priesthood! May God bless you and keep you as you continue the work of the Lord for many years to come.

It's **ADVENT!** And what great traditions our Catholic Church has! With Advent comes the Wreath bearing Four Candles that we light this season. According to dynamiccatholic.com, "As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. *The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness.* One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Sometimes a white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is with us. This can be referred to as the "Christ candle."



The meaning of the candles is explained as such, according to mercyhome.org: "*The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Let us light our second candle!*"



All are invited to experience the love and mercy of Jesus through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** with Father Uriel on **Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph and Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.** Come, let us prepare our hearts for His arrival. What a special way to start this season of Advent!

"O come, all you faithful!" For a Christmas gift, give **JESUS** in the monstrance, fifteen (15) minutes, thirty (30) minutes or an hour of **ADORATION** on Friday, December 19 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. after Mass. "*O come, let us adore Him!*"

From the Loft: The **CHOIR REHEARSAL** for the Midnight and 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Masses is scheduled for Sunday, December 21, 2025 in the balcony, beginning at 11:15 a.m. Singers from St. Joseph and St. Mary are welcome. We would like lots of voices of all ages. Questions? Please call Jeanne Wacker at (618)559-8154.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 02 Chris Stadelbacher
Dec. 02 John Winzenburger
Dec. 03 Seirra Brumleve
Dec. 04 Patrick Brumleve
Dec. 05 Fr. Uriel Ordination
Dec. 05 Alex Sweitzer
Dec. 07 Valerie Palmer
Dec. 10 Gwen Lehr
Dec. 16 Ken Flamm
Dec. 18 Brenda Masden

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Morgan Cerny

EM: Geof Skinner, JP Russell, Luisa Vercide

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7:00 a.m.

The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Lector: Becky Morgan

EM: Gary Wiggs, Sherry Haddick, Salvador Tomas

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

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Will be posted next week.

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, Paulette Aronson, Jack Bailey, Marvin B, Brian, Rachel, Dan Cirilla, Cade Cohen, Ray & Paula Eaton, Regina Fuse, Ryker Gillan & Family, Jake Harris, Sue Hayden, Mark, F. Johnson, Shawn Knupp, Mary Martin, Cari Hatley Marx, Stan McGee, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Hannah Perez, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Vicki Sadler, Donna Shannon, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, C. Timms, F. Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family

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

FEAST DAYS, EVENTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

December 8 (Monday): Immaculate Conception/Inmaculada Concepción; Holy Day of Obligation;

7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph, 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary

December 10 (Wednesday): 6:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service at St. Joseph

December 12 (Friday): Our Lady of Guadalupe; 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier; no morning St. Joe Mass

December 17 (Wednesday): 6:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service at St. Mary

December 24 (Wednesday): 11:45 p.m. Caroling begins before Midnight Mass

December 25 (Thursday): 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass; 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Christmas Mass;

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Christmas Mass; 12:15 p.m. St. Francis Spanish Christmas Mass

January 1, 2026 (Thursday): Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; 8:00 a.m. St. Mary New Year Mass;

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph New Year Mass; 12:15 p.m. St. Francis Spanish New Year Mass

We hope you enjoyed the St. Ann Altar Sodality **2025 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE** during Cobden's Christmas in the Village! Thank you to the donors, volunteers and all who came – **YOU** made the BAZAAR a success.

St. Joe **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** will be held in December! **KENNY FLAMM** and **SHERRY HADDICK** will be finishing up their terms shortly. If you are looking for a ministry involving regular church matters or to just be in the know of what is happening here at St. Joe, look no further. Please prayerfully consider this invitation and contact Father Uriel or any of the council members listed below if you are interested in, or have questions about, serving as a Parish Council member.

From Jeff & Tricia: **UCAC WAL-MART BELL RINGING.** The Union County Alliance of Churches is again ringing bells in front of Anna Walmart to raise money. Please check the flyer at the back of the church and sign up to help for an hour between 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. next Saturday, December 13th. All money raised by the Alliance is used to assist people in Union County. Call or text Jeff and Tricia Duffy at 815-212-1288 or 630-346-0019, if you have any questions.

From the Diocese: **RESPECT LIFE Corner.** On December 8th, the Church celebrates the **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** This feast is a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States. On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13). Copyright © 2025, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

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