

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for MAY 2025:

## FOR WORKING CONDITIONS

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment,  
families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



## ✠ ST. JOSEPH ✠



**May 4, 2025**

10:00 a.m. First Communicants  
and their Families

### Tuesday, May 6

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

### Wednesday, May 7

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Vicki Lyerla

### Friday, May 9

8:15 a.m. Scott Aronson

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS:

### FIRST COMMUNION PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

"What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving." (<https://www.usccb.org/eucharist>) According to the US Catholic Catechism for Adults, "The Sacraments of INITIATION – Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist – are the foundation of the Christian life."



Congratulations to our Faith Formation (PSR) Students who received their FIRST COMMUNION yesterday: **KEVIN FLORES, LEYLA GUIJON, JUAN PABLO GONZALES, ABIGAIL PITTS, MARQUEZ PITTS, ANTONIO QUERIAPA, FERNANDO SALAS, ANGELA VACA, CHELSEA VACA, JESUS VACA, and MAIRA ZAMORA.** How special it is to receive the Body of Christ for the first time!

Readers were Leyla Guijon, Maira and Zonia Zamora. Bringing the Gifts were Kevin Flores, Fernando Salas and Marquez Pitts. Let us continue to pray for our students, their families, mentors - Gabriela Morales, Jill Skinner, Geof Skinner -, and all who assisted in the preparation for this holy Sacrament!

The *ST. JOSEPH CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (SJCC)* is planning the celebration of 100 years of worship in our church. One special project being worked on is a *VIDEO* showcasing the **WEDDING PHOTOS** of people who have been married here at St. Joseph. We would love to have your pictures and any other photos of the St. Joseph Parish Family taken during your wedding. For questions and to email pictures, please contact Brian Sapp at [sappphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:sappphoto@yahoo.com).

The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be *Wednesday, May 7, 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 Samantha Sweitzer and Luisa Vercide.

There is still time for **LENTEN ALMSGIVING!** Donate to CRS Rice Bowl, CSMA and/or bring goods for our Food Pantry as well as \$1 for the Cross. You can turn in your Rice Bowl money to Father Uriel or Gabbie Morales anytime. Thank you!

Do you have an elementary, middle/high school or college **GRADUATE** this spring? Please email the names, including grade and school, to Luisa at [stjoeccobdenLV23@gmail.com](mailto:stjoeccobdenLV23@gmail.com) so we can congratulate them here in the bulletin!

## ✠ 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

May 3 Gary Wiggs

May 4 Linda Spray

May 4 Joel Vercide

May 5 Patty Flamm

May 5 Gabriela Morales

May 8 Carl Dasenbrock

May 9 Caleb Aronson

May 9 Tiffany Brown

May 9 Theresa Vercide

May 10 Andrew Brumleve

May 15 Robert Lintz

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 10:00 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Lector: Sherry Haddick

EM: Deb Russell, Maria Carmona, Gary Wiggs

**SUNDAY, MAY 11, 10:00 a.m.**

**Mother's Day**

Lector: Deb Russell

EM: Tom Cerny, 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](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

APRIL 27, 2025  
MAY 4, 2025

Will be posted soon.

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, Pope Francis, Bob & Diane, AYB, Alan & EJ Anderson, Paulette Aronson, David Augustine, Jack Bailey, Brian, Rachel, Dorothy Cirilla, Cade Cohen, Regina Fuse, Ryker Gillan & Family, Mark, F. Johnson, 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, Vicki Sadler, Donna Shannon, Juanita Small, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, Carolyn Timms, Jill Treece, Filden Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Bonnie Vines, Wacker Family

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

Thank you for coming to the Filipino Luncheon and supporting **BONNIE AND THE DEL ROSARIO FAMILY!** For questions and if you would like to help the family with meals and other ways, please contact Luisa at (618)967-4452. The Donation Jar will be left at the back of the church for anyone who wants to donate their spare change and more. As always, prayers for the Del Rosarios will be most appreciated.

Don't forget to make time for **COFFEE AND DONUTS!** Come to the Hall after Mass, grab coffee, a donut or two and share a few relaxing and savory moments to catch up with our fellow parishioners and welcome those new or visiting St. Joe! The Parish would love to share this TIME OF FELLOWSHIP with you! All are welcome!

Did we (or will we) **MISS YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY?** Are you on our list? Are you new to St. Joseph or have welcomed a new baby into the family? Help St. Joseph update our files with your new information! Please check the back of the church for registration/census forms and spend a few minutes to complete them. This allows the addition of changes or deletion of old information in our church records. You may leave the completed form in the folder at the back of the church at your convenience. Thank you!

Spring will soon be upon us and with that comes the yearly maintenance of the **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY**. As a reminder, all flower arrangements must be: (1) In the vase on the headstone, (2) On top of the headstone, (3) On a Shepherd's hook. The arrangements should be secured properly so they will not be blown off by the wind. Faded or arrangements not meeting cemetery requirements (which can be found at the entrance) will be removed soon. Also, with the high cost of maintaining our cemetery, please consider giving a **DONATION**. Any and all amount allotted towards its upkeep is welcome and much appreciated! For questions, please call Gary Wiggs at (618)967-7116. For plot and burial questions, please call Ken or Patty Flamm at (618)697-0952. Thank you for your commitment to keep our St. Joe Cemetery beautiful!

*From the Diocese:* VOCATION CORNER: Today's Gospel story is the powerful question of Jesus to Peter: "Do you love me?" Then Jesus charges him to "Feed my Sheep". This charge is given to each and every one of us. We are all called to tend to the flock in our Parish but also to those who are not among us. We must fulfill this through the living out our own **VOCATION – single, married, religious or ordained**. We must encourage and support each other to the max to live our calling. Prayerfully we ask for help to discern our call, perhaps even to the priesthood or religious life.

The month of May is dedicated to [The Blessed Virgin Mary!](#)

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