

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for MARCH 2026:

## FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



## † ST. JOSEPH †



**March 1, 2026**

10:00 a.m. Brenda Kay  
Augustine

### Tuesday, March 3

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

### Wednesday, March 4

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Vicki Lyerla

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

### First Friday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Shane Coleman

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

## 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*)

**MARCH** highlights, according to *catholicculture.org*, “At the beginning of this month we will embark on our journey to the cross by receiving ashes and donning the purple of penance. During this month our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality (*Remember man thou art dust*) and the shortness of life (*and to dust thou shall return*). We will heed the call, *Now is the acceptable time, now is “the day of salvation* (2 Corinthians 6:2).” Just like Our Lord's earthly life every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment—when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell.”

As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance.

The **Solemnity of St. Joseph** (March 19) is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus. The **Solemnity of the Annunciation** is celebrated on March 25. And if you are Irish (who isn't?), **St. Patrick's feast** is another cause for a joyful celebration.”

### 2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE:

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

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's 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

**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. Here is the talk schedule:

Sunday, March 22: *Beauty of the Earth*. Ritual - Birth through Water and the Holy Spirit

Monday, March 23: *Befriending our Grief*. Ritual - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 24: *Hope and Healing*. Ritual - Prayer of Faith

## † 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

March 01 Marc Cohen

March 02 Adam Barr

March 02 Abby Brumleve

March 08 Esmeraldo Morales

March 10 Madalyn Perez

March 12 Jonathan Lintz

March 17 Dan & Jeannie

Brumleve

March 18 Carl Stadelbacher

March 18 Kenny Stadelbacher

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Lector: Lori Cohen

EM: Salvador Tomas

Liv Cerny, Deb Russell

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 10:00 a.m.**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Lector: Mark Haddick

EM: Geoff Skinner

Maria Carmona, Lori Cohen

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 22, 2026

General Total	\$2,250.00
Offering	\$1,400.00
Ash Wednesday	\$612.00
First Offering	\$7.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$80.00
Black&Indian Mission	\$151.00
Building	\$70.00
Cemetery	\$1,500.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joe!

## 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 p.m.”

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, donations of *cornbread muffin mix, oatmeal, cereal, hominy/black/dried pinto beans, white rice, maseca cornmeal tortillas, masa cornmeal tamales, flour, sugar, oil, corn, canned tomatoes/chicken/fruit/vegetables, personal care products, laundry detergent, dish soap and diapers (of any size)* are gratefully accepted and appreciated, to add to the regular staples of the Pantry. Thank you for your help in “feeding the hungry”.

CRS RICE BOWL is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program 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. With a simple cardboard box - a **CRS RICE BOWL** - the hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. *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 from the back of the church!

*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.

*From The Messenger:* Honor your loved ones on Easter with your **PERSONALIZED TRIBUTE** in The Messenger! Tributes will appear in our April 10<sup>th</sup> publication. Check out the flyer attached to this bulletin. Please return your **EASTER TRIBUTES** to The Messenger by March 20, 2026. If you have any questions, please call (618)722-5047 or email [advertising@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:advertising@bellevillemessenger.org).

*From the Diocese:* **CSMA** – Next Weekend. Next weekend our parish and others throughout the diocese will have an opportunity to support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the **APPEAL**, diocesan ministries continue to serve thousands of people in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal at Mass next weekend; every contribution – large or small – is truly needed and appreciated. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the in-pew envelopes that will be available. Thank you so much for your consideration.

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