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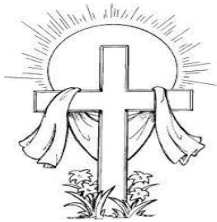
Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for APRIL 2026:

FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



† ST. JOSEPH †



EASTER SUNDAY April 5, 2026

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Family

Tuesday, April 7

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, April 8

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Doris Luther

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 10

8:15 a.m. Emma Sunga

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

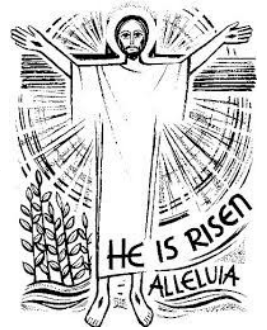
HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Happy Easter, St. Joseph Family!

WHAT IS EASTER? "The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. *The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ.* It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of *Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.* The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost.

It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith. (1 Cor 15:14)" (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/easter>)



† 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

Got Tamales? We do! Faith Formation will be having a **TAMALES SALE** this month. Choice offered will be of PORK (red, mild pork tamales) or CHICKEN (green, spicy chicken tamales), wrapped in corn husk for \$25.00 per dozen. There is an order form at the back of the church or you can send a message through our Facebook page (St. Joseph Catholic Church Cobden, IL). Preorders accepted now until April 16! The delicious Tamales will be ready for pick up on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the Hall. Order now and support our youth religious education program!

Have questions or concerns? Would you like to be in the know about matters regarding St. Joe? All are welcome to attend the next **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting this *Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 6:30 p.m.* in the church Library. Come and join us.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 2 Marge Selinger

April 3 Luisa Vercide

April 4 Aaron Cerny

April 4 Victoria Perez

April 5 Lori Brunmer

April 6 Tristan Brummer

April 7 Liv Cerny

April 7 Eric Guijon

April 7 Jesus Roman

April 7 Yanet Roman

April 7 John & Karen
Winzenburger

Keep yourself in the know with what's what in our Diocese by staying "connected" with a subscription to **THE MESSENGER** for \$40.00 (print), \$35.00 (E-edition) or both for \$45.00! The latest issue features Bishop-elect Godfrey Mullen. One can also send him congratulations in the April 23 and May 7 issues. Need one? Pick up an extra free issue here!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Lector: Lori Cohen

EM: Becky Morgan, Patty Flamm,
Diana Steele, Gary Wiggs

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 10:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Lector: Brain Sapp

EM: Maria Carmona

JP Russell, Luisa Vercide

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

MARCH 29, 2026

General Fund	\$4,600.00
Offering	\$2,880.00
CSMA	\$175.00
Easter	\$100.00
Bald Knob Cross	\$330.00
Mission	\$1,115.00
Cemetery Fund	\$220.00

*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: 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, Joan Patterson, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Vicki Sadler, Donna Shannon, Linda Spray, Charlie & Rosie 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

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO EARL, O LORD and let your perpetual light shine upon him! We commend into your hands, Margie Stadelbacher's nephew, **EARL RAY STADELBACHER**, 74, who passed away March 23, 2026 in Columbus, MS. And to his family: daughters - Regina (Jason) and Laura (Timothy), grandchildren and great grandchildren, Ronald (brother), Mary Ann and Lisa (sisters), Margie, extended family members and friends, our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to you. May God's love give you comfort and hope during this difficult time. *Earl, you have shared your love of Cobden to those close to you! The St. Joseph Church Family welcomes you home. Rest in peace.* St. Joseph, our patron, please pray for Earl! For his obituary, please go to: www.rendlemanhilemanfuneralhome.com/obituaries/earl-stadelbacher

The 2026 Lenten Fish Fry Dinners was a **SUCCESS!** The Ladies Sodality thanks FRIENDS and PATRONS who came to dine or ordered takeouts and the VOLUNTEERS who gave their time and hands in the kitchen and dining area as well as those who donated desserts each week. Thank you to SHERRY HADDICK, LORAIN MC GEE and CARL DASENBROCK with SHELBY HANNA for overseeing the delicious Dinners every Friday. Muchas gracias!

There is still time for **LENTEN ALMSGIVING!** Donate to CRS Rice Bowl, CSMA, the Holy Land Collection, Oblates Mission or bring goods for our Food Pantry as well as \$1 for Bald Knob Cross. Thank you for your generosity!

From the Diocese: CSMA: **EASTER BLESSINGS.** "We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus." - Bishop-elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB and the Ministries and Agencies Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

From the Diocese: VOCATION CORNER. Hallelujah! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! Mary Magdalen's sorrow is soon changed to great joy! She ran to tell the Apostles and again back to the tomb. She saw and believed. This Resurrection story is what we are charged with sharing with others – our **CALLING AS CATHOLICS.** This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist, which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our daily witness to this fact is our goal - talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness.

From Renew: SINGLES LATE 50S AND ABOVE: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing **RENEW** weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on April 10-12, 2026. Visit www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.stl@gmail.com, or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

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