

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for FEBRUARY 2025:

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



✠ ST. JOSEPH ✠



February 9, 2025

10:00 a.m. Leo & Geraldine Stadelbacher Family

Tuesday, February 11

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, February 12

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. John Morgan

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 14

8:15 a.m. Loved Ones

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 14 is ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!

May we all remember the beautiful words from *Our Lord*,

"Because you are precious in my eyes and honored and I love you." - *Isaiah 43:4*

Praying for someone in need of healing? Turn to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**, Patroness of the Sick, on her feast day this Tuesday, February 11. In the wonderful story of Our Lady of Lourdes, a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous saw a lovely vision of a lady in white with a blue sash around her waist and a rose on each foot in this small village in France in 1858. She prayed the rosary with this Lady, who appeared to her eighteen (18) times and said, "I am the Immaculate Conception". For the rest of the story, please check out: <https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/our-lady-of-lourdes.html>.



Wishing a happy retirement for our own **GEOFFREY SKINNER**, Editor of, and who has been with, the **Gazette-Democrat** for almost fifty years, from 1976-2025. *Thank you for your hard work and dedication in this important field of news media, disseminating vital information all these years to more people than one will ever realize. The St. Joe Family is proud of you, Geof! God bless you!*

✠ 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

Don't forget to make time for **COFFEE AND DONUTS!** *Thank you to DAN the Donut Man and DOROTHY CIRILLA for bringing these sweet delights every Sunday!* 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!

LENT will be here before you know it! The penitential season starts on March 5 (Ash Wednesday) and ends April 17, 2025 (Holy Thursday). Calling **VOLUNTEERS** for the annual FISH FRY DINNERS, which begins on March 7. *Volunteers are needed each week for both prep on Thursday and to cook, serve, and clean up each Friday.* Thursday prep takes only a couple of hours, but is vital to make Friday run smoothly. There are two 3-hour shifts each Friday, 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m. The early shift helps get the hall set up and food ready to serve, and the second shift serves and cleans up the hall and kitchen. Please help by committing to do one or more shifts. If enough people sign up, everyone would only have to work once or twice. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Thank you for your willingness to help.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 07 Raymond Wacker

Feb. 11 Tex & Gwen Lehr

Feb. 14 Donna Brumleve

Feb. 14 Joseph Eck

Feb. 17 Amelia Sweitzer

Feb. 19 Sarah Coleman

Feb. 19 Loraine McGee

Feb. 22 Armando Perez

Feb. 27 Bill & Linda Spray

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Morgan Cerny

EM: Becky Morgan, Tom Cerny, Mark Haddick

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Becky Morgan

EM: Maria Carmona, Patty Flamm, JP 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 2, 2025

General Total	\$2,229.00
Offering	\$2,115.00
For the Needy	\$100.00
First Offering	\$14.00
The Messenger	\$240.00
Building Fund	\$176.00

*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: Special Intention, Bob A., AYB, Barbara Alstat, Alan & EJ Anderson, Paulette Aronson, David Augustine, Jack Bailey, Brian, Dorothy Cirilla, Cade Cohen, Diane E., Regina Fuse, Ryker Gillan & Family, Jeannie Haynes, Shawn Knupp, Mary Martin, Cari Hatley Marx, Stan McGee, Yvonne Murray, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Hannah Perez, Joe Pineau, Stephanie Poletti, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Donna Shannon, Juanita Small, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, Ernesto Togono, Jill Treece, Filden Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Shari Vandersluis, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family

Those in the Nursing Home: Jo Cerny, Larry Flamm

Please note: The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Volunteers for that week will be Jeannine Cerny and Margaret Dale. 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, laundry detergent, dish soap, personal care products such as shampoo/conditioner/soap/lotion/deodorant/toothbrush/toothpaste and diapers (of any size)* are gratefully accepted and appreciated, to add to the regular staples of the Pantry, and may be dropped off by the basement or Hall Sunday or any time convenient for you.

There are extra The Messenger newspapers, rosaries, calendars, Catholic booklets, informational flyers at the back of the church that are **FREE** for you. Please take some. Also, don't forget to pick up your 2025 Donation Envelopes.

From the Diocese: **NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK** is on February 7-14, 2025! Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love! "O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Ready to gift your marriage? Check out these resources: www.foryourmarriage.org/marriedlife/, www.paradisusdei.org/the-choice-wine, www.diobelle.org/marriage-enrichment.

From the Diocese: **VOCATION CORNER:** A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** on this Sunday, we realize that no matter our station in life - married, single or religious - we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health, and aging – all of these tests the bonds of even the finest unions.

From WVCCW: The West Vicariate **SPRING DAY OF RECOLLECTION** will be held on Thursday, February 27 at St. Patrick Church in Ruma. The cost of the day is \$10.00 and includes lunch. There will be Mass, two talks ("Experiences in Life" and "How do you Serve the Lord?") by Sr. Martha Wachtel, ASC, and a 50-50 Drawing. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Come for this time of great worship and fellowship! For questions, please contact Joan Derringer at (618)534-6697. If interested in attending, please call Connie Vincent at (618)697-3000.

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