

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for MARCH 2025:

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



ST. JOSEPH



March 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. Becky Brown

Tuesday, March 18

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, March 19

St. Joseph Feast Day

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. All Josephs

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 21

8:15 a.m. Morgan Brothers

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH!

"Let us allow ourselves to be "filled" with St Joseph's silence!

In a world that is often too noisy, that encourages neither recollection nor listening to God's voice, we are in such deep need of it." - Pope Benedict XVI

The Parish is flower-filled as we celebrate **Saint Joseph's Feast Day** (March 19) today with a **YOUTH MASS and PARISH POTLUCK**. We also honor Saint Patrick, whose feast day is tomorrow, March 17. All are welcome!

All are invited to the St. Joseph and St. Mary joint Lenten Parish Mission: **FROM HOPE TO ACTION: A Pilgrimage of Discipleship** on March 17-19, 2025 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the St. Mary Parish Hall. Examine the historical context of Jubilee, its social and spiritual implications, and how it can inspire us to become "Pilgrims of Hope" in our own lives and communities. Embrace a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as the foundation of our faith that grows through prayer, scripture study, and participation in the Sacraments. Explore how the Holy Spirit empowers us to live out our Christian calling and compels us to the lifelong pilgrimage of discipleship. Schedule - *Monday, March 17: Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, Tuesday, March 18: A Journey of Faith, Virtue, and Personal Transformation, Wednesday, March 19: Proclaim the Good News - The Call to Discipleship.* Sound interesting? Please consider attending with family and friends!

Come to the **COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** on *Wednesday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary and Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph.* Experience the love and mercy of Jesus at Confession!



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

ST. JOE TIDBITS: Only four Fridays left for the **LENTEN FISH FRY Dinners!** Available this year is a **MEAT RAFFLE**. Get tickets at \$10 apiece or 3 for \$20 for 50-60 lbs. of assorted meat, chest freezer included. Only one hundred fifty (150) tickets will be available during the Fish Fry Dinners. Drawing is held when all tickets are sold. Also, please **SIGN UP** for several 2:00-5:00 or 5:00-8:00 shifts to **HELP** with baking, kitchen, desk, serving, and clean-up much needed for these dinners. The sign-up sheet can be found at the back of the church. Praying the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** with Father Uriel follows at 7:00 p.m. on alternate Fridays. Remaining dates are: St. Joseph - March 21, April 4. St. Mary - March 28, April 11. Come and do the Stations after your delicious Fish Fry Dinner! **DONATE** to **CRS RICE BOWL** (pick up a box), the **ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY** or **ST. ANNE CRADLE OF HOPE!** Please pick up: a **MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION** for daily, short reflections on Lent, your **DONATION ENVELOPES** and **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** at the back of the church.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Lent

Lector: Mark Haddick

EM: Gary Wiggs, Maria Carmona, Sherry Haddick

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Lent

Lector: Deb Russell

EM: Diselda Tomas, 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.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 23, 2025

March 2, 2025

March 9, 2025

Will be posted soon.

*Thank you for supporting
St. Joseph Church!*

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, Jeannie Haynes, 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, Russ, Vicki Sadler, Donna Shannon, Juanita Small, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, Carolyn Timms, Jill Treece, Filden Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family

Those in the Nursing Home: Jo Cerny, Larry Flamm

GIVE UP by Craig Gates

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, “In everything, give thanks.” Constructive criticism is okay but “moaning, groaning and complaining” are not Christian disciplines. GIVE UP 10-15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion. GIVE UP looking at other people’s worst points. Instead, concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first. GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door? GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. “Love covers a multitude of sins.” GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God’s grace be sufficient. GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the “tube”? Give someone a precious gift: your time! GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God’s riches, not consumers. GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

AD 2026 is a very exciting year for the St. Joe Family. This BUILDING we consider our church home is turning **ONE HUNDRED (100)** years old! If you are interested in helping with the plans and activities leading up to, and during the month of, May 2026, please consider joining the Centennial Committee and contact Gabbie Morales (618)697-2790. A sign-up sheet has been provided at the back of the church. All input and assistance appreciated to make this centennial anniversary special!

From St. Andrew Church: As you know, mourning the loss of someone you love is never easy but there is hope. St. Andrew Church will host **SEASON OF HOPE**, a unique support group for the bereaved. This program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God’s consolation through scripture, reflection, and sharing our faith. Season of Hope is a FREE 6-week program and the next sessions will begin in Spring 2025. For more information or questions, contact Sandra Schwartz at (618)579-8664.

From Renew: Singles Upper 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 March 28-30, 2025. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Visit www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.stl@gmail.com, or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

FYI: The liturgical color of Lent is **VIOLET/PURPLE** - a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

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