

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for AUGUST 2026:
FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE
"Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."



† ST. JOSEPH †



August 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. Skinner Family
10:00 a.m. Nathaniel Skinner

Tuesday, August 4

St. John Vianney
7:50 a.m. ROSARY
8:15 a.m. NO MASS
6:00 p.m. NO SPANISH MASS

Wednesday, July 29

7:50 a.m. ROSARY
8:15 a.m. MASS

Thursday, July 30

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:50 a.m. ROSARY
8:15 a.m. MASS

Friday, July 31

7:50 a.m. ROSARY
8:15 a.m. MASS

Saturday, August 1

St. Dominic
7:50 a.m. Rosary
8:15 a.m. MASS

This Thursday, we celebrate the FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD!

"The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. Moreover, this glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew (xvii, 1-6), St. Mark (ix, 1-8), and St. Luke (ix, 28-36), while St. Peter (II Pet., i, 16-18) and St. John (i, 14), two of the privileged witnesses, make allusion to it.

St. Matthew and St. Mark express this phenomenon by the word *metamorphe*, which the Vulgate renders TRANSFIGURATUS EST. The Synoptics express the true meaning of the word by adding "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow", according to the Vulgate, or "as light", according to the Greek text. This dazzling brightness which emanated from His whole Body was produced by an interior shining of His divinity". (www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/transfiguration)



Interested in what goes on behind the scenes at St. Joseph? Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings and activities, which are open to all parishioners. If you need to reach out to someone in a particular committee, their names are listed in the back of the bulletin. Here is a look at the church's monthly, and other, **SCHEDULES:**

Parish Council meeting: 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

St. Ann Ladies Sodality meeting: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. (September-May)

Liturgy Committee: meets 3-4x a year before the special seasons

Pantry Food Distribution: every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Faith Formation: Classes held September – May

Vacation Bible School: St. Joseph and St. Mary alternating schedule

Fish Fry Dinners: Six (6) Fridays during Lent

Turkey Bingo: November

Christmas Bazaar: early December (Christmas in the Village)

St. Joseph Parish is participating in the Boxes of Joy campaign to deliver Christmas gifts, rosaries, and Story of Jesus coloring books to children in developing countries. Flat boxes and gift lists are available in the back of the church. Please take one (or two!), fill it, and return it by September 13. Extra gift items are also welcome and will be packed into additional boxes. Thank you for bringing Christ's love and hope to children in need!

† ST. FRANCIS XAVIER †

Sunday: 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 1 Rhiza Taliseo
Aug 6 Scarlett Brumleve
Aug 6 Sara Lopez
Aug 10 Marc & Lori Cohen
Aug 11 Diana Steele
Aug 13 Cynthia Wagner
Aug 20 Stanley McGee
Aug 22 Jennifer Yacup
Aug 25 Sherry Haddick

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Lector: Diana Steele
EM: Molly Cerny, Salvador Tomas
10:00 a.m. Lector: Patty Flamm
EM: Lori Cohen, Geof Skinner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Lector: Molly Cerny
EM: Diselda Tomas, Gary Wiggs
10:00 a.m. Lector: Morgan Cerny
EM: Sherry Haddick, Luisa Vercide

Sacrament of RECONCILIATION: Wednesday & Friday after Mass and by appointment

Enjoy the peaches and all the Village of Cobden has to offer during the **89th PEACH FESTIVAL** this coming August 7 & 8, 2026. One can look forward to a carnival, 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run, a Community Parade, the Peach Queen Pageant and more. A complete list of activities can be found online at www.cobdenil.com or *The Cobden Lions Club* Facebook page. You may also drop by the Village Hall for a list or contact Karen Winzenburger at (618)893-2425 for more information.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

The deadline to submit an announcement for the BULLETIN is Thursday evening. You may email it to: stjoeobdenLV23@gmail.com and/or stjosephscobden@gmail.com. For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

Those in the Military (ActiveDuty): Scott Bourne, Aaron Cerny, John Russell, Lauren Sweitzer, Devin Vitt

Those in Need of Healing: AYB, Alan & EJ Anderson, Jack Bailey, Regina Boone, Marvin B, Brian, Rachel, Cade Cohen, Ed Mangrum, Regina Fuse, Jake Harris, Sue Hayden, Mark, F. Johnson, Susan Kern, Shawn Knupp, Cari Hatley Marx, Stan McGee, Joan Patterson, Sharon Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Vicki Sadler, John S., Donna Shannon, Linda Spray, Rosie Stadelbacher, Diana Steele, C. Timms, F. Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family

Those in the Nursing Home: Jo Cerny, Larry Flamm, Mike McClelland

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JULY 26, 2026

General Fund \$5411

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Offering \$4411

Defray Salaries \$1000

Cemetery Fund \$2000

The next Food Pantry **DISTRIBUTION DAY** will be Wednesday, August 5, 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 Connie Vincent and Luisa Vercide.

Do you know that you can check ST. JOSEPH out **ONLINE** and on social media? Go to our website: www.stjosephcobden.com and Facebook page: *St. Joseph Catholic Church Cobden, IL* on your smart phone, tablet or computer for news tidbits. Missed a bulletin or two? You will find the current and past issues on the website. Also available every Sunday are Father Uriel's **PRINTED MASS HOMILY** that you can take and read, at your leisure, for further reflection and understanding on that Sunday's Mass Readings. Please feel free to pick up a copy for you, your family or for someone who could not make it to Mass that day!



We are looking for youth parishioners to join our **Altar Server** ministry! With our second Sunday Mass now active, *additional servers are greatly needed*. Training is provided, and once ready, families can choose whichever Sunday Mass fits their schedule. Contact Father Uriel or Morgan Cerny to sign up. Come participate in the liturgical life of St. Joseph!

Did We Miss Your Birthday or Anniversary? Are you new to St. Joseph, or have you recently had a milestone like a birthday, anniversary, or new baby? Please grab a census form from the back of the church, complete it, and leave it in the designated box. Updating our records is vital for both our parish and the Diocese. Thank you!

From the diocese - Seeking Volunteers: Fulton J. Sheen Beatification - Thousands of pilgrims will gather in St. Louis on Thursday, Sept. 24, to celebrate the life and legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Help us make this once-in-a-lifetime event a joyful and welcoming experience for all who attend. Whether you have a few hours or a few days, your time is appreciated!

Details & Sign-up: celebratesheen.com/volunteer

Respect Life Corner - A Trinity of Love: Where God Enters the Picture

- Soon-to-be beatified Archbishop Fulton Sheen used a simple image of a triangle to describe marriage: husband and wife are two points at the base, but God is the third point at the top, and their love for one another must first rise toward Him before it can bear fruit between them. When a couple struggles with infertility, it can feel like that fruitfulness is being withheld, and that pain is real; it is rightly called a cross. But even here, God remains in the midst of the marriage, and the "children" born of a couple's love don't always take the form expected. Sometimes they are spiritual children, works of mercy, or a fruitfulness the couple could not have planned. This month, we begin exploring Restorative Reproductive Medicine, a faithful, medically sound path that seeks healing for couples facing these crosses. Join us as we walk through it together. **SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION -->**



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