

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 PM  
Sunday 8 AM St. Mary  
10 AM St. Joseph  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM  
Reconciliation Saturday 3-3:45 PM  
or by Appointment

## PENANCE SERVICES:

**Wednesday December 4**  
**6 PM St. Mary Anna**  
**Thursday December 5**  
**6 PM St Joseph Cobden**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

November 24, 2024

General Collection:	\$1658.10
Campaign for Human Development:	\$130.00
Building Fund:	\$100.00
Education Fund:	\$10.00
CSMA: Pledged:	\$9207.50
Received:	\$8082.50

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$10,984.00. We have reached 84% of our goal.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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## COFFEE AND DONUTS

After 8 AM Mass Sunday in the Parish Hall  
Come join us !

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

**Wednesday December 4 6 PM, St. Mary, Anna**  
**Thursday December 5, St. Joseph, Cobden**

Please join us for one of these services as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday December 9, 2024

Holy Day of Obligation

**Masses 7 AM St. Joseph, Cobden 6 PM St. Mary, Anna**

This is the feast of the patron of our Parish. In celebration, we will have a light supper in the Hall following 6 PM Mass. Please plan to attend.

## PARISH POTLUCK AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**DECEMBER 15 5 PM PARISH HALL**

Don't forget to sign up at the entrance of Church. See the bulletin insert for more details



## ANGEL TREE

Our Angel Tree is up at the entrance of Church. Please take this opportunity to help provide gifts for children in our community who are in need. Complete information is provided in the bulletin insert. Gifts should be returned by

**December 15.**

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK SALE

**8 AM - Noon Saturday December 14**



Your help is needed to make our Cookie Walk successful again this year. We need bakers willing to provide 5 dozen of their favorite cookies. We also need youth and adults to serve as setup help and "Cookie Ambassadors" on the day of the sale. Complete details are in the bulletin insert. Contact Susan Sherwin at (618)697-9302 if you can help.



## VOCATION CORNER

"My career was flourishing. With a master's degree in ecology, I was working at the International Institute of Tropical Forestry in Puerto Rico. Things were coming together for me to pursue a doctorate and continue my career in research. Only one thing was amiss: my heart was unsettled. Despite my efforts to convince Christ there was no way I could be a nun, an undercurrent of gentle invitation remained. I took a leap of faith -- well, a guarded one -- and gave Our Lord a year to lay to rest the questions of a religious vocation. Surely it would be perfectly clear that I was not called to religious life and could move on with my plans. God met my reluctance with much grace and persistence. Monastic life resonated deeply with how I felt called to live;...I am humbled and grateful for the great gift of being a bride of Christ."

*Sr. Christina Marie- Order of Cistercians;  
Columbia Magazine Nov 2024*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Liturgy Of The Hours



Are you searching for something to enrich your prayer life? Try using your smartphone or computer for something good and pray the Liturgy Of The Hours, also called the Divine Office. Perhaps you've heard of the term Vespers? Vespers is the name given to the evening prayer. Most of the prayers consist of readings from the Psalms, usually a short reading from an Epistle, an Our Father, petitions, and end with a Canticle.

Resources: [divineoffice.org](http://divineoffice.org)  
[catholicexchange.com/divine-office](http://catholicexchange.com/divine-office)

Or, watch and pray Vespers with the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey on their YouTube LIVE page at 5pm each evening.

"Seven times a day I praise you because your judgments are righteous." - Psalm 119:16

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 30: Fran White-Boes  
Sunday December 1: Lynn "Red" West  
Saturday December 7: Jason Lovell  
Sunday December 8: Donna Egner Franck



## WORD OF LIFE

"The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities* [respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life](http://respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life)

### Intercession:

Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say "yes" to God's gift of human life, *let us pray to the Lord.*

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Advent Penance Services:

**Wednesday December 4 6 PM St. Mary, Anna**

**Thursday December 5: 6 PM St. Joseph, Cobden**

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

**Holy Day of Obligation Monday December 9**

**Masses 7 AM St. Joseph, 6 PM St. Mary**

**Light supper following 6 PM Mass**

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

**Spanish Language Mass 7PM St. Francis Xavier,**

### Carbondale

### Christmas Eve:

**Children's Mass 5 PM St. Mary**

**Midnight Mass 12 Midnight St. Joseph**

### Christmas Day:

**Mass 8 AM St. Mary, 10 AM St. Joseph**

**Feast of the Holy Family Sunday December 29**

**Solemnity of Mary: Holy Day of Obligation**

**Masses 7 AM St. Joseph 6 PM St. Mary**