



St. Mary Catholic Church

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December 31, 2023 The Holy Family



Many thanks to all who contributed their time, talent, and treasure to all the many tasks, ministries, and works of charity, large and small, that go into making our Christmas season celebrations beautiful and meaningful.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes for children and youth begin again on January 7, 2024.

Adult Faith Formation class will not meet January 7, 2024. The next class will be January 14, 2024.



BLOOD DRIVE

**PARISH HALL WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3
12-5 PM**

To make an appointment go to
RedCrossBlood.org
or call **1-800-RED CROSS**
1-800-733-2767

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph, Cobden

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM

Reconciliation by Appointment

SOLEMNITY OF MARY JANUARY 1

9 AM St. Joseph 6 PM St. Mary



THE HOLY FAMILY

*Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Psalm 105:1-6,8-9;
Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19; Luke 2:22-40*

How did Mary and Joseph respond to the great mystery of their child? With prayerful, open hearts.

What a model for us! Whether we are relating to our parents, our spouse, or our children, we should always approach them with a sense of awe and humility. Because they are “wonderfully made” by God himself, they deserve to be treated with respect and honor. May we be open to God’s work in them and love them as he loves them.

Amazed. Prayerful. Humble. Imagine how much peace could flow in families this year if we all followed the Holy Family’s example! ~ *The Word Among Us*



VOCATION CORNER

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Each of them was called in a unique way to love and serve their family, but the power of their love within also went out to the world. The Gospel story tells of Jesus being presented in the temple as per the law. They are already "sharing" their Son with the world as acknowledged by Simeon and Anna. Can we, as family, support one of our family members who might be discerning a call to the religious life? Joseph and Mary made that ultimate sacrifice.



SS. PETER & PAUL WOMENS' ACTS RETREAT FEBRUARY 8-11 2024

All women over the age of 18 are invited to the womens' ACTS retreat at the King's House at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. The retreat offers an opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen your faith, and build relationships with women of your Diocese. The retreat begins Thursday February 8 at 6:30 PM at SS Peter & Paul church in Waterloo, and concludes Sunday February 11 with 10:00 Mass at SS Peter & Paul. The cost is \$295 and includes lodging, transportation, and meals. Register at www.ssppcc.org/acts. Contact Courtney Harper (314)922-8459 or Tara Phillips (618)340-2138 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 30: Ann Packard
Sunday December 31: Ryan Haire
Saturday January 6: Jack Sherwin
Sunday January 7: Wiliam & Jeanne Beatty



WORD OF LIFE

"Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life
(www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

Intercession:

For all families: As the domestic Church, may they pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love;

We pray to the Lord

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday January 6:

Lector: Susan Hoyle

Eucharistic Ministers:

Paul Cairatti, Susan Sherwin, Joe Wendling
Sunday January 7:

Lector: Ellen Quertermous

Servers: Luke Vaughn, Lincoln Nice,
Jayden Nice

Eucharistic Ministers:

Susan Belcher, Mary Ellen Ecker, Lisa
Hoehner

**Schedules for Jan/Feb are in the works,
please contact Ellen if there are dates you
will be unavailable.**

Happy New Year