

St. Mary Catholic Church

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December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This is the patronal feast of our parish. Mass will be celebrated at **7 AM at St. Joseph** in Cobden and **6 PM at St. Mary** in Anna on **Friday, December 8**. We will have a reception in the Hall following the 6 PM Mass.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our remaining penance service for this Advent season will be held **Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph in Cobden**.

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK and CHILDRENS' PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 5 PM

Contact Rhonda Schmidt if you'd like to help with this event.

COOKIE WALK SALE SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 8 AM TO 12 PM

Please contact Susan Sherwin if you can help with setup, help the day of the event, or bake some delicious cookies for this fundraising event! The cookie walk is a St. Mary tradition, and we're glad to see it return.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph, Cobden

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM

Holy Rosary before each Mass

Friday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy day of Obligation.

Masses 7 AM Cobden, 6 PM Anna



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63: 16b-17,19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16,18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

The purpose of Advent is to wait. God's kindness provides us with comfort and also time to prepare—an allowance of days, weeks, years, and even a lifetime—to get ready, to desire, and gradually, along the way, to receive. With patience.

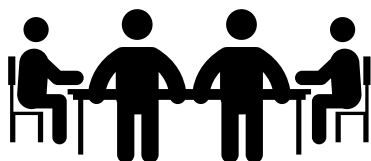
The birth of Christ into this world and into our hearts is well worth the wait. We know that his birth has happened already—but also, in a surprising way, it has not happened at all. We are still mean to our neighbors. We still hide truth from those who love us. We envy and lust after what is not ours., and there is horrendous evil all around us in this twenty-first century. We need the birth of Jesus into our hearts, into the world. And so we bask in Advent patience.

~John Foley, SJ



VOCATION CORNER

The Gospel for Friday's Holy Day tells us the story of a young girl who receives a most special request from God-- become the Mother of His Son. WOW! How would we respond to such a call? Yet we are called each day by God to follow our given vocation in life-- mother, father, sister, grandparent, uncle, aunt... We are called to live in Christ and to bring others to Christ. Do you have a call to the Priesthood? The Consecrated Religious Life? Let Mary's "FIAT" be an example of how to answer our Lord.



PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Throughout December we will be accepting nominations for one man and one woman to fill two seats on our Parish Council. Our little wooden church is on the Altar Rail. Write the names of people you think would be apt candidates to fill these positions on the slips of paper, and place the slips in the slot in the church roof.

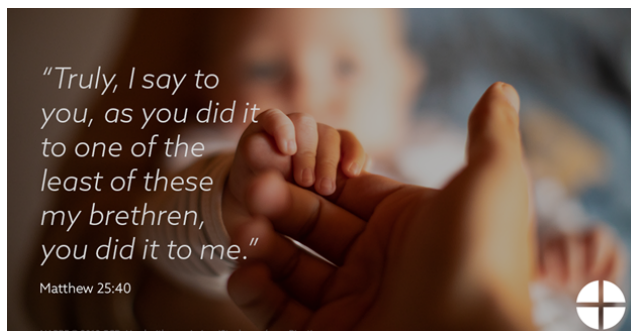
We thank outgoing council members Susan Belcher and Joe Wendling for their faithful service to St. Mary.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION DECEMBER 2023

For persons with disabilities
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 2: Barbara Sweitzer
Sunday December 3: James R. Stiles
Saturday December 9: Jack Sherwin
Sunday December 10: Ted & Helen Casey



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

Intercession:

For all the faithful: May the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of his return;

We pray to the Lord

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors:

Saturday December 9: JoElla Basler
Sunday December 10: Rhonda Schmidt

Servers: Tilman Dallas, Luke Dallas, JJ Dallas

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday December 9: Paul Cairatti, Susan Sherwin, Joe Wendling
Sunday December 10: Jordan Jansen, Jim Poletti, Lisa Hoehner