

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

Imposition of Ashes:  
7 AM St. Joseph  
6 PM St. Mary



3-NIGHT COMBINED PARISH  
VIDEO-BASED MISSION

*Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, *Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience His indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

March 4 - 6, 2024  
6:30 pm each night  
St. Mary's Parish Hall

Please sign up at the entrance of Church, email rschmidt00@hotmail.com, or text 618-697-0440 that you plan to attend. This will assist with planning and ensure that there will be study guides available for everyone.

This Sunday is World Marriage Day -- please pray for married couples, for those considering marriage, for those in troubled marriages, and for respect for the Sacrament of Marriage in our culture.

## MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM  
Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph, Cobden  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM  
Holy Rosary before each Mass  
Reconciliation by appointment

**ASH WEDNESDAY IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
7 AM ST. JOSEPH, 6 PM ST. MARY**

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*Leviticus 13: 1-2,44-46; Psalm 32: 1-5,11  
1 Corinthians 10:31; Mark 1:40-45*

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and, by touching him heals him.

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at mass, we pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed."

But we say those words at every mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins.

Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? We do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch.

~Eleonor Stump

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## VOCATION CORNER

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on this Sunday, we realize that no matter our station in life- married, single or religious- we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant.

For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health, and aging- all these test the bonds of even the finest unions.

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During the month of February, the Parish Council is soliciting your ideas about how the church can meet your needs for spiritual growth, and what improvements or enhancements you would like to see in our facilities. Suggestion cards are placed at the ends of each pew for you to share your thoughts. What are we doing well, and what can we do better? Cards may be placed in the suggestion box at the entrance of church.

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## CSMA COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend marks the beginning of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. You should be receiving pledge cards in the mail, and envelopes will be provided at Church. Please generously support our vital Diocesan missions. **Every gift is important!**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 10: Larry Lovell  
Sunday February 11: Dick Schaefer  
Saturday February 17: Jason Lovell  
Sunday February 18: Regis & Cleo Krebs

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## WORD OF LIFE



“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

*USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life*

### intercession:

For all married couples:

May their openness to new life

bear witness to the generous love of God;

*We pray to the Lord*

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## INTERESTED IN THE PRIESTHOOD?

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: [jhoffmann@diobelle.org](mailto:jhoffmann@diobelle.org).

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday February 17:

**Lector:** JoElla Basler

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Hoyle, Amy Ulrich, Joe Wendling

### Sunday February 18:

**Lector:** Janna Sweitzer

**Servers:** Cole Kaufman, Mia Kell, Maeve Kell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jordan Jansen, Jim Poletti, Carol Frick