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February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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GIVING STATEMENTS

2023

Your contribution statements for 2023 are available in the vestibule.

Tax 
Season

We are incredibly grateful to all for your generous support of our parish throughout the year.

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14

The penitential season of Lent is almost upon us. We have several devotional resources available in the vestibule to help make your Lent a meaningful time of growing closer to our Lord.

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



Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147: 1-6;
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39*

The community of the followers of Jesus has a calling to bring healing to this world full of suffering. They are to go about it by means of service: just as Simon's mother-in-law did, they are to use their healing from Jesus as an opening to serve others. They are to be like Paul, making themselves all things to all people, the slaves of all.

"Especially through his life-style and through his actions, Jesus revealed that love is present in the world in which we live—an effective love, a love that addresses itself to man and embraces everything that makes up his humanity.

This love makes itself particularly noticed in contact with suffering, injustice and poverty—in contact with the whole historical "human condition," which in various ways manifests man's limitations and frailty, both physical and moral."

Pope John Paul II, Dives in Misericordia, 1980: 3.

~Gerald Darring

VOCATION CORNER



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in the consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying "THANK YOU" to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



We have a number of parishioners who, for various reasons, are unable to attend Mass. Our homebound ministry provides these people with an opportunity to pray with a fellow Catholic and to receive the Eucharist. Amy Ulrich has served faithfully in this ministry for some time, and her current responsibilities make it difficult for her to continue. If you are interested in helping provide this valuable and rewarding service to our homebound parishioners, please contact the church office or get in touch with Amy.



God of creation, thank you for the beauty of winter- for snow, icy window panes, evergreen trees, warm coats, sledding, and hot cocoa. Let us enjoy Your creation in all its glory, this winter and always. ~Author Unknown

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 3: Jack Sherwin
Sunday February 4: Dick Schaefer
Saturday February 10: Larry Lovell
Sunday February 11: Ryan Haire



WORD OF LIFE

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

intercession:

For the sick, especially those nearing life's end: May they be cared for with tenderness and compassion as they prepare to enter eternal life;

We pray to the Lord.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday February 10:

Lector: Jackie Beatty

Eucharistic Ministers: JoElla Basler, Susan Sherwin, Amy Ulrich

Sunday, February 11:

Lector: Karl Sweitzer

Servers: Tillman, Luke, & JJ Dallas

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Belcher, Mary Ellen Ecker, Lisa Hoehner