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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 , 2023

**Thank you,
Msgr. Stan Carson**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Cathy McFee

Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM

Holy Days: 5:30 PM

Holy Communion for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at
Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO
THE GREAT IN 1995.

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Secretary

PH: 814-944-4603

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Director of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

Music Ministry Office - 944-2044

E-Mail: ltthayer@dioceseaj.org

**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday**

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation**

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekdays: 12:00 PM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	Saturday: 12:00 PM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
5:00 PM		

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

This Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catherine "Kate" Starr (Paula Hall)

Next Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Robert Simanski (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Janet Tomlinson (Dave & Kathryn Baronner)

10:00 AM +Maurice & Jane McNulty (Rita & Jerry Kibler)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

February 6, Monday, St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

12:00 PM Elverda Holtz, Thanksgiving, 100th Birthday

February 7, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Helen Zurilla, Anniv. (Family)

February 8, Wednesday, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

12:00 PM +Peter Rossi (The Rougeux Family)

February 9, Thursday, Weekday

12:00 P.M. +Kay Cross (Friend)

February 10, Friday, St. Scholastica, Virgin

12:00 PM Special Intention (Tom Byrne)

February 11, Saturday, Our Lady of Lourdes

12:00 PM All of God's People (Altoona Catholic Daughters)

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Leonardo & Lucille Eckenrode, Birth.
(Eckenrode Family)

February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +John Kasun, Jr. (Vogel Family)

10:00 AM +John & Lillian Drass (JoAnn Poplin)

5:00 P.M. Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



TABERNACLE CANDLE

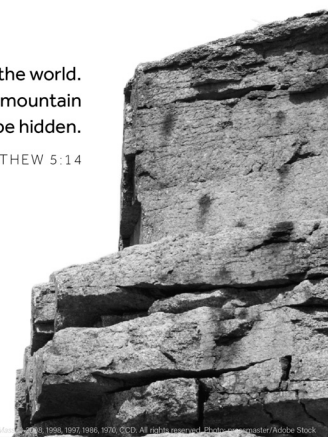
During the month of February, the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Candle has been donated by the Chris Keagy Family in memory of Denise Keagy. Thank you.

You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain
cannot be hidden.

MATTHEW 5:14

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalms — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sunday, January 29, were \$1,206.



"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."

-Our Lady of Fatima

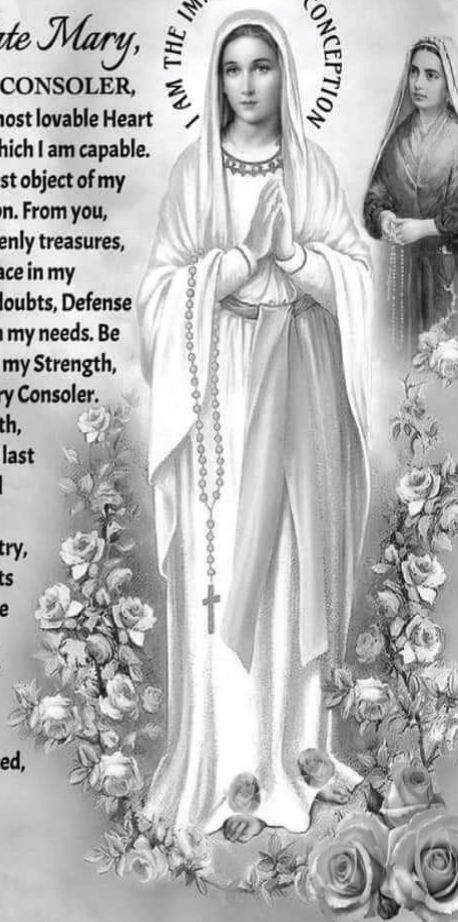
TO MARY, OUR LADY OF LOURDES CONSOLER OF THE AFFLICTED

O Immaculate Mary,

DEAR MOTHER, CONSOLER,
I take refuge in your most lovable Heart
with all the trust of which I am capable.
You shall be the dearest object of my
love and my veneration. From you,
the Dispenser of heavenly treasures,
I shall always seek Peace in my
troubles, Light in my doubts, Defense
in my dangers, Help in my needs. Be
therefore, my Refuge, my Strength,
my Consolation O Mary Consoler.
At the hour of my death,
graciously receive the last
beats of my heart, and
obtain for me a place
in that heavenly country,
where as one, all hearts
shall praise forever the
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
with your most sweet
Immaculate Heart,
O Mary, my Mother,
Consoler of the Afflicted,
pray for us, who have
recourse to you.

Amen.

I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus, I believe that having passed through the gate of life in baptism, I will always have your protection and comfort.

Yet today the pains of my illness threaten to overcome me and cause me to forget all the good things you have given me in this life.

I pray in confidence that you would send forth your Spirit to refresh and revive me as you have always done in the past.

May I continue to witness to your goodness in this life so that I may be with you at the heavenly banquet table in eternity. Amen. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish raised \$147.85 for this year's March for Life. Gratitude is extended to Chris Keagy for facilitating the fundraiser in our parish.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

On February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, the oldest of nine children in a poor family from Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady in the first of eighteen apparitions. At the grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw "a small lady in white" who invited her to return each day. During the visions the Lady communicated a message of penance, instructed Bernadette to dig so that a spring of water began to flow, requested that a chapel be built there at the grotto, and eventually identified herself by saying "I am the Immaculate Conception." Throughout these apparitions, Our Lady addressed Bernadette in a formal way, treating the humble girl with dignity. In 1862 the authenticity of the apparitions was confirmed by Church authorities. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was recognized worldwide in 1907. Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage for thousands of the faithful; their faith and the faith of many others was revitalized through the story of a simple young girl from rural France.

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This year, Our Lady of Fatima Parish will contribute \$17,761.46 towards Holy Trinity Catholic School.



Due to the generosity of 35 contributors, Our Lady of Fatima Parish has reached our \$8,641 target in last year's Catholic Ministries Drive. We were \$10.00 over target! Thank you very much and God bless you.



FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

**"Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."**

Matthew 5:16

COMMUNITY OF LIGHT

Today's readings from Isaiah and Matthew evoke the powerful metaphor of light as an image of the community gathered by God. Jesus speaks of his followers as "light of the world": they are not the source of light, but a mirror reflecting the brightness of God. This light does not call attention to itself, but enables beauty to be revealed and celebrated, and sinfulness to be exposed and healed. The light of this community is not primarily for itself, but fulfills its purpose when it shines upon the world. The light that we the Church bring to our world can be hidden by "bushels" sometimes imposed by others and sometimes of our own making. Our lights may flicker and die under stress. What might sustain the brightness of our own small light? Our ongoing practices of community prayer, discernment, and action allow God to illumine our Church, day by day.

LEARNING HOW TO BE CHURCH

Following last week's passage from Matthew with the Beatitudes, today we continue Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with his images of salt, light, and a city. Jesus moves from describing the core identity of the community he has gathered to considering its impact on the world. He wanted his community not just to claim its identity, but to live it out. He wanted his community to journey with him, to fully learn what this might mean.

For us, being salt for others may mean engaging and enriching the lives of our neighbors. Being light may mean illuminating and addressing the world's systems that sustain social sins of violence, racism, and vast inequalities of wealth and opportunity. Being a city set high may mean holding to high standards of transparency, respect, and care for each other. Like Jesus' first followers, we are invited to travel the difficult and joy-filled road of learning and re-learning how to be the Church.

CROSS-SHAPED MINISTRY

Saint Paul, in today's passage from First Corinthians, admits he is not a salesman. He did not come to Corinth with a sales pitch, with skilled rhetoric and worldly wisdom. Paul says that he simply came to speak of Christ crucified. For Paul, the cross is God's primary self-revelation, and the whole life of following Christ is marked by it. Paul describes this cross-shaped ministry by how he first preached it: with humility and fear. He was a messenger who looked weak by the standards of society, in order that the Spirit might break through to his listeners.

We may know or have read of those who spoke or lived with a cross-shaped presence. Perhaps a missionary who humbly served a community while preaching Christ. Or a group of protesters against injustice, who faced violent resistance with dignity and persistence. They open a space for the Spirit to transform hearts. Paul suggests that making ourselves vulnerable makes love possible.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16