

Office of Social Ministry

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It doesn't seem possible that by the middle of the week we will enter into the Lenten Season of the Church. This is a time when we are asked to reflect on the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Social Outreach is one way of responding to the call we received at our own Baptism – a call to share our time, talent and treasure.

Today's Gospel reading recounts the story of some very ingenious friends who will make every effort to get their friend healed. I don't think too many people would have thought of taking a part of the roof off the house so they could lower their sick friend down right before Jesus. He himself was amazed at their faith. One article I read suggested that these friends certainly thought "outside the box". No matter how we go about it, we are called to find God in ways we never could imagine. Why not try these coming days to look at those we might ordinarily judge a bit harshly with new lenses- trying to find the healing Jesus in them? When we are signed with ashes this week may we live what it signifies.

Our guests to the Outreach are so grateful for all the food they receive. Share Sunday was better than ever, and it was supplemented by two carloads of food from the teenagers at Immaculate Conception who collected it at Super-Bowl Parties. This was great because the food from the Government was a week late in coming.