



ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
JANUARY 10, 2021

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN

	MASS INTENTIONS	SCRIPTURE READINGS	CALENDAR EVENTS
Saturday, January 9	Christopher Thornton Req. by St. Owen Parishioners	1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30	4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, January 10	9am Mass Dr. John Kevin Drumm Req. by Joan Mount 11am Mass David Branch Req. by Betty J. Bright	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11	The Baptism of the Lord 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 
Monday, January 11	Genevieve Leveille Req. by Tim & Colleen Lafferty	Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20	9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass
Tuesday, January 12	Arthur Lafferty Req. by Tim & Colleen Lafferty	Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28	9:00am Mass
Wednesday, January 13		Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday, January 14	Lynn Tomlinson Req. by Linda Shaya	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass
Friday, January 15	Richard Jacobs Req. by St. Owen Parishioners	Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	9:00am Mass
Saturday, January 16	Joe Shaya Req. by family	Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17	4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, January 17	9am Mass Sammy Denha Req. by Linda Shaya 11am Mass Jean Juett Req. by St. Owen Parishioners	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass



We extend our sympathy to
the families and friends of

Jean Juett

whose Funeral was
at St. Owen on January 2, 2021.

*Raise them up to eternal life, O Lord,
and hold them in the palm of your hand.*

Special Collection Next Weekend Retirement Fund for Religious



Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

What a different world this would be if we took seriously the words Jesus heard as he emerged from the baptismal water: "You are my beloved, in whom I am well pleased." These words from St. Mark's gospel were not meant only for Jesus but through him to all of creation.

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings to a close the wonderful seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. During this festival we have been invited to follow after our Messiah and that at times means we need to change directions. We might be more attentive in this new year to signposts of love, freedom, justice, beauty, and a new spirituality.

My thanks to all of you for your attentiveness and generosity during this season of hope and I especially thank all of those who assisted in music, environment and outreach.

Fr. Mike

SUNDAY'S READING

First Reading:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

Psalm:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
(Is 12:3)

Second Reading:

This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

Gospel:

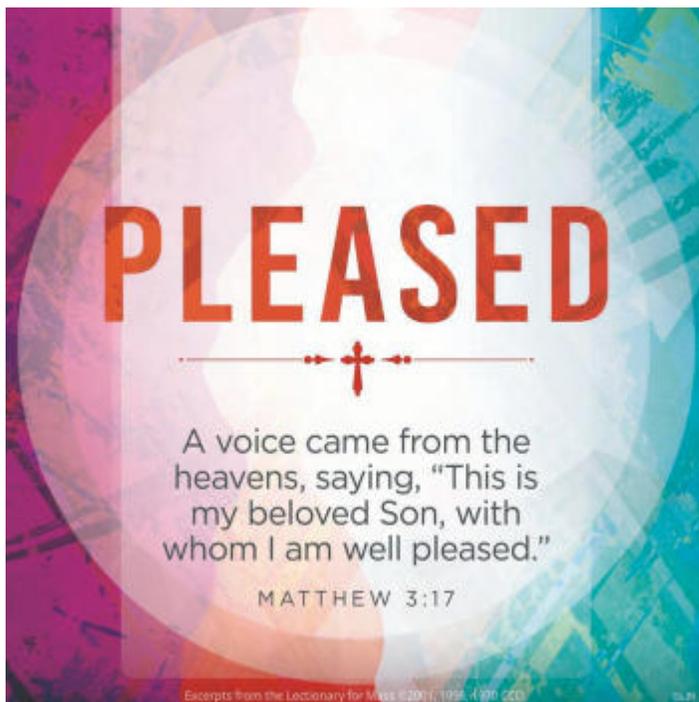
And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk

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Stewardship Thoughts

As is fitting, today's Scripture passages are linked by the common theme of "water." Isaiah, near the end of the Babylonian exile, prophesies, through the Lord, *All you who are thirsty, come to the water!* St. John proclaims in his First Letter, *This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.* In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist quotes John the Baptist in reference to Jesus before our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan River, *I have baptized you with water; he [Jesus] will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.* The Sacrament of Baptism is the "the gateway" to all the other Sacraments. This tremendous gift of Baptism forgives sin and it is here that Christ invites us, individually, to be His disciples. When Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts daily, are we willing to let Him in, to follow Him, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, profess His Truth to a world that needs Jesus? To learn about His Truth, sign up for a Bible Study at your parish or a class at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am hopeful everyone's New Year is off to a wonderful start! As we all know the community here at St. Owen Church is so incredibly welcoming, kind, and generous. I want to share a beautiful card we received from the coordinators within the Rosa Park Youth Program that read~ *Blessed be the stillness that refreshes your soul and awakens God's dream in your heart. May your winter journey give birth each day to the love that will heal and transform your world. Thank you so much for the support this Christmas! Our youth and families appreciate you! ~ Davon, Kiana & Parina*

Thank you again to all who made St. Owen's Christmas giving possible. This community is amazing, filled with people of great love and concern for those deeply in need. I am working on setting up some opportunities for us to continue in this direction throughout the year. More information will follow in the coming weeks.



Here is an opportunity open to anyone who may be interested. Our Prayer Line Ministry is looking for volunteers! If you would like to join in this ministry, please contact Rita

Lou Campbell (248) 851-0595 for more information for this on-going, most valuable ministry that provides great comfort of prayers to those in need.

Responding To The Call of Christ

Currently, aside from the opportunity to volunteer for the Prayer Line Ministry I do not have any other volunteer opportunities. It appears most agencies are continuing to reassess considering the pandemic and such opportunities. As soon as I know of anything that will allow us to serve the needs of others, I will readily "shout it from the rooftops!" Thank you to all who have inquired and offered!

Pantry Needs

Our pantry is beautifully stocked thanks to your continued generosity. Basic baking needs are always welcomed-sugar, flour, baking soda, salt, oil. In addition, a few boxes of instant potatoes and jarred gravy would fill the few voids on the shelves.

*As always, please be sure donations are within the best used by/expiration date window and un-opened. We cannot give expired foods and previously opened food items to our fellow friends and neighbors in need.

God Bless~

Michelle Novaco

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Lake Michigan shoreline is dotted with lighthouses built to enable ship captains to navigate into safe harbors. The structures are varied in size, shape, and color, but each has unique charm and beauty. Pictures of lighthouses are featured in books, and calendars, and some people collect replicas, and other lighthouse items.

But lighthouses were not built just to be admired; they were built to hold lights that guide sailors to safety. A lighthouse is most useful and appreciated when, in the darkness of night, only it's light can be seen-not the structure itself.

When Jesus sent out His disciples, He called them the "light of the world." He also indicated that their task was not to draw attention to themselves, but to do good works to cause people to recognize God's goodness and glorify Him.

Jesus said "just as a lamp's purpose is to give light, we also are to let our light shine. We're most effective when we shine brightly in the darkness, guiding people who need to find safe harbor in Christ. The December Education Meeting ended by presenting each teen present with a 'glow in the dark' star with a challenge for them to see how often they could make that star (or light) shine within their families, circle of friends, classmates, & to all those they may have encountered during the month of December. Hopefully, the exercise became a habit. We may not be planning for our annual summer mission trip this summer, but there are many places in the world today to shine our lights....for the poor, social justice issues, & refugee crisis, just to name a few. Ask your teen how often they let their light shine through.

**FOR A LIGHT TO BE EFFECTIVE, IT HAS TO BE
SHINING IN A DARK PLACE**
Julie Link



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

January 10 Zoom Meeting, 7PM

February 7 Teen Liturgy, 11am Mass,
Education Meeting, place TBD



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Priestly Vocations: Discernment Group

The Office of Priestly Vocations is starting a discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood on Thursday, January 21, 2021 –7:00-8:30pm. It will be led by Fr. Craig Giera, director of priestly vocations, and will include prayer, a presentation on discernment, free discernment resources, and light refreshments and fellowship with other-like-minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/>.



Start the New Year with A Mindful Pause

Begin the New Year with a healthy new practice: mindfulness. Participate in directed online mindfulness sessions that help you calm your mind and open your heart.

Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, offers four half-hour virtual sessions of A Mindful Pause at 4:00 p.m. EST on Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28. A Dominican Sister of Adrian, retreat leader, and spiritual director, Sister Esther has facilitated monthly Mindfulness Days at Weber Center for years.

Sessions can be accessed through live stream, <https://webercenter.org/mindful-pause/>.

Recordings can be found at the same link on the day after each session.

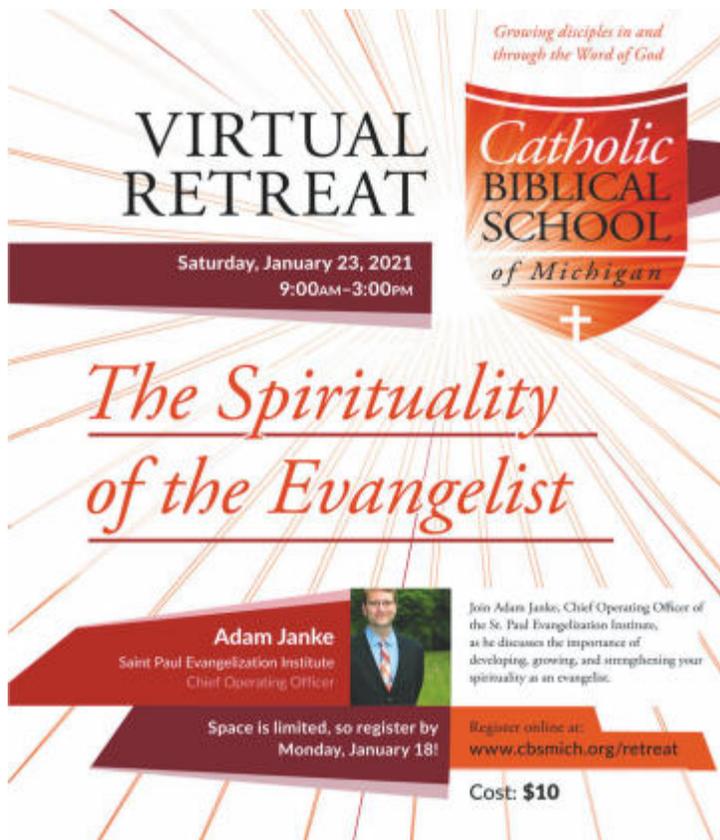
A Mindful Pause is open to all people free of charge; donations are appreciated.

Workshop Focuses on Incarnation as Christianity's New Horizon

Noted writer, speaker, and workshop leader Diarmuid O'Murchu offers a virtual presentation, "Incarnation: Christianity's New Horizon," from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST Saturday, January 16, 2021, through Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

Diarmuid, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order and a graduate of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, presents incarnation as a celebration of God's embodied presence – not only in the person of Jesus but in all forms of embodied presence that adorn creation. This newly expanded horizon carries several implications for how we are called to live out our faith today.

The cost to attend is \$30 and registration is required to receive the live stream link. Limited scholarships are available. Register at www.webercenter.org and click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org.



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VIRTUAL RETREAT

Saturday, January 23, 2021
9:00AM – 3:00PM

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The Spirituality of the Evangelist

Adam Janke
Saint Paul Evangelization Institute
Chief Operating Officer

Join Adam Janke, Chief Operating Officer of the St. Paul Evangelization Institute, as he discusses the importance of developing, growing, and strengthening your spirituality as an evangelist.

Space is limited, so register by Monday, January 18!

Register online at: www.cbsmich.org/retreat

Cost: **\$10**

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Christmas Collection : \$127,436.

Thank You!

YTD Actual Contributions: \$376,595.*

YTD Budgeted Contributions: \$380,129.*

NEGATIVE Variance (\$ 3,534.)

**Includes WeShare online donations and all Christmas giving.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The recently approved Covid-related Tax Act provides a special provision for 2021 that permits single taxpayers who do not itemize deductions to deduct up to \$300 for cash charitable contributions; married taxpayers filing jointly will be able to deduct up to \$600. Please consider St. Owen Parish for this tax-beneficial cash charitable contribution amount.

2020 CSA Summary

**Prev. Year:
CSA 2019**

2020 CSA Goal:	\$ 84,343*	*(AOD reduced goal by 15% due to COVID)	\$ 97,344
Parish Target:	\$ 104,343		\$ 120,344
Total Pledged:	\$ 126,029		\$ 159,060
Total Paid:	<u>\$ 15,297</u>		<u>\$ 158,826</u>
Pledge Balance:	\$ 10,732		\$ 234
Anticipated Refund:	\$ 41,686	Refund Issued	\$ 61,482
Number of Pledges	192		242



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| Barbara Forte (Jan 2021) | Lila Fenech (Nov 2019) |
| Paul Krass (Dec 2020) | Mary Lu Bennethum (Nov 2019) |
| Harry Samuel (Dec 2020) | Pat Devine (Oct 2019) |
| Peter Najar (Nov 2020) | Sheila Callahan (Oct 2019) |
| Mary Lou Schmidt (Nov 2020) | Margaret Fuchs (Sept 2019) |
| Joseph Madden (Nov 2020) | Mark Crawford (August 2019) |
| Mike and Bev VonEnde (Oct 2020) | Elizabeth Ebisawa (July 2019) |
| Father James Cronk (Sept 2020) | Polly Brennan (July 2019) |
| Mike Donovan (Sept 2020) | Norma Tioran (May 2019) |
| Ashley Colestock (Sept 2020) | Fred Hillard (Feb 2019) |
| Joe Mastromatteo (Aug 2020) | Jim Holden (Feb 2019) |
| Eileen Poth (Aug 2020) | Donna Kelly (Sept 2018) |
| Jean Juett (July 2020) | Joann Holden (Aug 2018) |
| John Dueweke (July 2020) | Sawyer Ziegelman (June 2018) |
| Pam Biglin (Feb 2020) | Armed Forces & Veterans |
| Jozef Wyszynski (Jan 2020) | First Responders |
| George Fenton (Dec 2019) | Missionaries |
| Jalila Kainaya (Nov 2019) | Healthcare Personnel |
| Betty Bright (Nov 2019) | |



If you or someone you know is in need of prayers and would like to remain confidential, may we suggest you request prayers from the Prayer Line Ministry. Call Rita Lou at 248-851-0595.

Prayer List:

To add or make a change to this prayer list please call Angela in the parish office at 248-626-0840.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule
January 16-17, 2021**

*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

Ushers: A&B	Altar Servers*	Lectors*
January 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m.		R. Hawkins K. DeRonne
January 17 Sunday 9:00 a.m.		B. Murphy S. Peters
January 17 Sunday 11:00 a.m.		J. Pero P. Plopa

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