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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN

	MASS INTENTIONS	SCRIPTURE READINGS	CALENDAR EVENTS
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. 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
Monday, January 18	Dave Maiorana Req. by Tim and Colleen Lafferty	Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22	Martin Luther King Day <i>Parish Office Closed</i> 9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass
Tuesday, January 19	Joseph Juett Req. by St. Owen Parishioners	Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28	9:00am Mass
Wednesday, January 20		Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Thursday, January 21	Stan Novaco Req. by St. Owen Parishioners	Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass
Friday, January 22	Bob Langston Req. by Bill & Joanne Kamphausen	Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19	9:00am Mass 
Saturday, January 23	Donald Ducey Req. by Joel Brown	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, January 24	9am Mass Elias & Norma Denha Req. by Linda Shaya 11am Mass Gordon Johnston Req. by John Johnston	Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass

ST. OWEN VISION

We strive to be an open, welcoming and caring Catholic community of believers who are called to share, celebrate, renew and grow in faith, love of God and one another. We embrace Jesus by living His teachings and values and put our faith into action through service, tithing and outreach.



A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Walking into this New Year we are confronted with questions of our vocation: "What are you looking for?" Part of the answer to that question is the teaching that what we are in love with will decide everything in our life.

So what are we looking for and are we aware that God is with us in that search. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was certainly in search of racial harmony and he was equally aware that God was with him in his search. Reflect this week on some of the statements from this icon from the last century.

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

"Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality."

In Martin's memory perform some act of service on January 18th.

Fr. Mike

SUNDAY'S READING

First Reading:

When Samuel went to sleep in his place,
the LORD came and revealed his presence,
calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"
Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
(1 Sm 3:9-10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit
with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,
and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
MEMORIAL MASS

JOIN US FOR A LIVESTREAMED MASS ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH AT 11AM. E.T.

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND WORK OF DR. KING



**"The time is always right
to do what is right."**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS



The **Teen Education Meeting** was rescheduled for this past Sunday. Our topic was God loves everyone without exception and when we show that love to others, we are more likely able to share the gospel with others. Firstly, the teens were quite tolerant (demonstrating their love) of my zoom abilities and waited patiently as John Abraham walked me through pasting a document into a chat room. Thank you John!! So, the meeting was quite successful as we were able to do breakout rooms, sharing of documents, group discussion, and wrap up with prayer. Almost like the real thing.....not!!! The teens long to be with each other as a group. They are full of life & love, huggers & jesters, serious & comical. Each offers their unique gifts to make the group dynamic, loving, & fun! Oh how I miss them!

Our meeting revolved around Matthew's scripture 5:43-48. *"You have heard how it was said, you will love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say this to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on the bad as well as the good, and sends down rain to fall on the upright and the wicked alike. For if you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Do not even the tax collectors do as much? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Do not even the gentiles do as much? You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."*

Reflection of this passage and discussion of how we think Jesus views the popularity ladder, why does Jesus want us to love the unlovable, and what we can do about it. They were asked to think about how school would be different if they had no concern for popularity and complete concern for loving their fellow students. How would the day be different? God calls us to a higher standard. If we want to share the gospel with others, the first thing we need to do is reject the attitudes, talk, and activities that encourage a social order.

We ended the meeting with a prayer to open the heart.....

"Hello, this is the heart and I am in danger of loving less, and I am scared and I don't know who to call..." and the voice on the other side, thankfully, is God. "Dear Heart, you are my dwelling place. I love you. Press on the bruises. Notice the torn place with wonder. Do not turn away from your pain, turn towards it. When you turn towards it and allow yourself to feel it, then I will be able to relight that flame atop your heart....in time. But if you turn away from it, the light will go out. Come back daily. Turn toward me, towards loving. Don't let your flame go out, don't allow mediocrity, don't let the days go by without telling those you love, how much you love them. And those who hurt you dear heart, feel the ache, and in time I will soften it. I will bring healing. These matters of the heart require your full participation. The mending of the tattered heart is a mixture of human-stuff and God-stuff and plenty of shimmering star-stuff thrown in for good measure. Pay attention. The heart is not some place to treat casually. Give your heart language, for without words, sometimes the heart goes to sleep. We all need to nap, but not too long. Dear Heart, keep the flame bright!" unknown source



CAN DRIVE was discussed at the Education Meeting this week. This is an annual fundraiser which proceeds go toward our mission trip. With no trip in sight for this summer, the teens have decided to continue with the CAN DRIVE but designate half of the proceeds toward the Twinning Parish in the Dominican Republic and half set aside for a future mission trip. Please drop donations of clean returnable bottles/cans outside the Teen Room door February 7.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7

Teen Liturgy, 11am Mass.

Education meeting, TBD

Can Drive!



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*Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*
-Galatians 6:9

Dear Friends,

Our trees are twinkling with beautiful lights on the Motherhouse campus. Their branches glow with hope against the cold, dark days of winter. Our Sisters are filled with hope, too, as they devote their days to prayer, reflection, and gratitude. They pray for you and your intentions, and give thanks to God for your care and generosity. Thank you for your gift of \$2,280.00, which we received on December 29, 2020.

As requested, your gift will be used to support the Adrian Dominican Sisters' outreach efforts in the Dominican Republic. Your thoughtfulness allows us to continue our ministries of education, healthcare, and social service, and also provides critical resources for us to work among the poor and most vulnerable in our world today. Thank you for your generous spirit of giving this holiday season.

The Adrian Dominican Sisters are exemplars of resilience, joy, and love—and so are you! Thank you for being our partner in mission, our loyal supporter, and our faithful friend. You bring us hope and joy every day.

May the Christmas Season and the coming New Year be filled with great blessings for you and your loved ones.

With gratitude,

Amy Palmer

Amy Palmer, MA, CFRE
Director of Development

*Happy New Year! We are so grateful
for you, our friends at St. Owen. Your
Continued support is truly changing
lives in the Dominican Republic.
Blessings to you!
Amy*

In compliance with the Internal Revenue Code, we acknowledge your gift to the Mission and Ministry of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. No goods or services were provided in consideration of your contribution.

Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

"We don't know what the future holds, but it's all God's work," says Sister Theresa McGrath (center), 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio. In good times and bad, she and the religious shown here have devoted themselves to God's work. They are among nearly 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

retiredreligious.org

Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ, 91; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI, 86; Sister Anne Cecile Muldown, OSU, 92; Abbot Emeritus Peter Iberle, OSB, 79.
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PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 21 - 29, 2021

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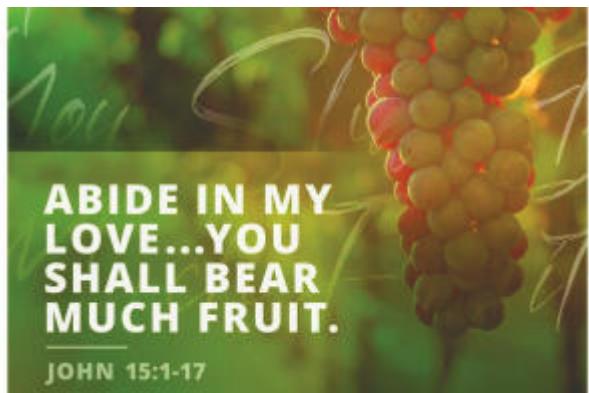


In conjunction with the USCCB's Novena for Life, we invite you to join as Archbishop Vigneron celebrates Mass for Life from the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 23rd.

Watch the Livestream at aod.org/livemasses, or to attend the Mass in person at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (registration is required for in person Mass attendance).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has [a history of over 100 years](#), in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (*cf. John 17:21*)

The theme for 2021 was chosen by the [Monastic Community of Grandchamp](#) located near Lake Neuchatel in Switzerland. The community, founded in the 1930s where a group of Reformed women, searching for a place to pray in solitude in imitation of Jesus Christ, repeatedly gathered and drew a growing group of guests that

necessitated a permanent presence. The community continues to welcome guests and retreatants for periods of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning.

The theme, "Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit" from the Gospel of John, chapter 15, expresses the Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Here, Jesus reminds his disciples that he is the vine and we are the branches. If we abide in him, in Jesus and the Covenant made in his precious blood, we will be such a healthy branch as to bear much fruit, abundant grapes.

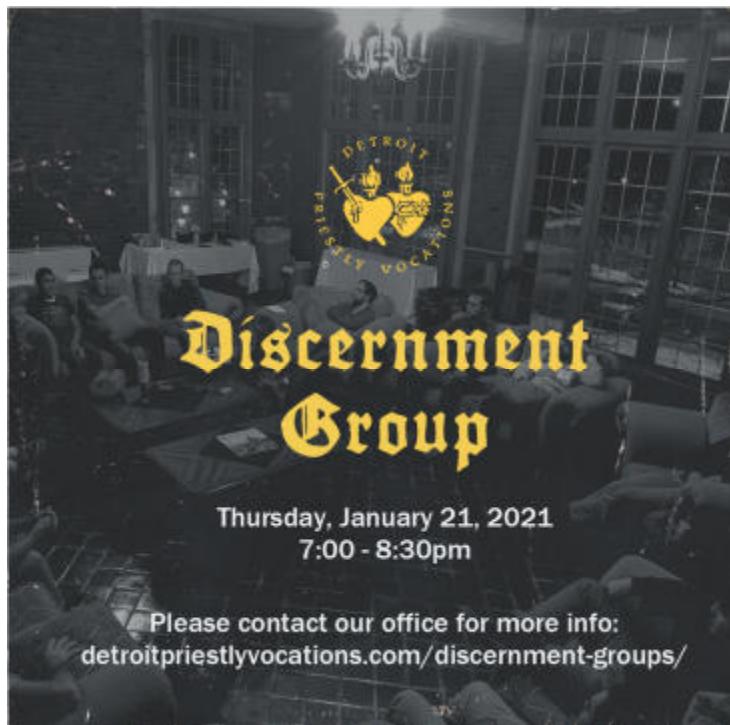
Jesus manifests this in his references to loving one another: "Abide in my love." This love of Christ figuratively speaking is akin to the healthy sap that nourishes the vine throughout all its branches. Jesus the man is lovingly begotten into human society by the love God has for all human beings, through the cooperation of a human woman, the Virgin Mary. In return, humanity is repeatedly raised from sin to justification by the love of Christ, the only Son of God, one with the Father and the Spirit through all the ages. This resource for abiding in his love is endless.

The image of branches helps believers understand that they are all diverse as individuals, but brought together in the one Vine, who is Christ alive in the Church. It can also point out, in these times of growing ecumenical witness, that the differing expressions of Christian faith are also branches which cannot live on their own and still authentically proclaim the Gospel to all creatures. We preach Christ crucified and risen to a needy world, that the world may have hope. Separately, that "sap" which keeps all the branches healthy, gets stuck in blocked veins of animosity, distrust, bigotry and ignorance. Only open veins will allow the sap to flow. Only then can all the branches bear much fruit.

Therefore, abiding in Christ's love, let us love one another.

(from the website of the [Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute](#))

Gracious Lord, we pray for all the members of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be his branches. Help us we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Discernment Group

Thursday, January 21, 2021
7:00 - 8:30pm

Please contact our office for more info:
detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/



Marriage Coaching – Help for Your Marriage

Are you struggling in your marriage or in need of a marriage refresher and not sure where to turn for help?

The Marriage Support Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is pleased to offer the Marriage Coaching program – a couple-to-couple mentoring opportunity designed to assist couples live out God's plan for their marriage.

When differences begin dividing, hurt is hardening the heart, “growing pains” are becoming “regular pains”, and the passion and affection is lacking, then your marriage needs help. Like our vehicles that need preventative care, tune-ups or repairs to prevent major damage, so do our marriages.

Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples restore and realize the fullness they desire for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions that are strictly confidential and provided at no cost.

To learn more and get started with the help you need for your marriage contact: 313-237-4680 | www.aod.org/marriagecoaching | familyministry@aod.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Whether you are wanting a marriage tune-up, feeling stalled, or experiencing a downward spiral, you need not settle for anything less than the fullness that God intends for your marriage relationship.

No need to delay, there is help for your marriage ... contact us today!

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, Office for Marriage Support.





Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is going to be starting soon. Because of the Covid restrictions, we are going to start our meetings online. If you are interested in joining this class, please contact Jarrod at 248-626-2300. Currently we are flexible with dates and times. We can accommodate your schedule.



At each St. Owen Mass, one special intention is offered. We are scheduling throughout 2020. AOD's suggested donation is \$10. Call us at 248-626-0840 or email parishoffice@stowen.org to reserve a Mass intention. We have a selection of cards for occasions to express your sympathy or intention and communicate that a Mass will be offered.

52 Sundays 2021



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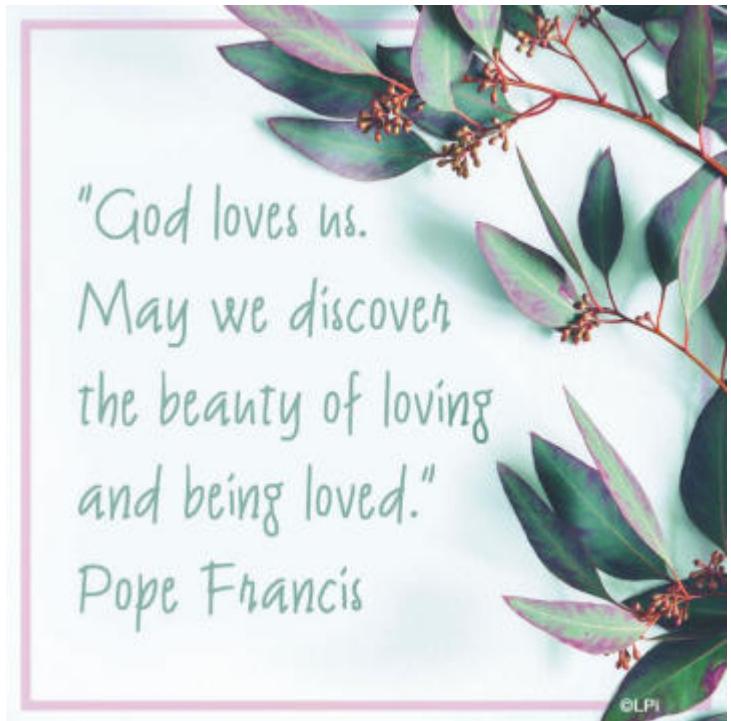
To help people get the physical, mental and spiritual support they need to get through this pandemic, the AOD team of missionaries has launched a new spiritual outreach and support initiative.

Anyone who needs assistance may pursue help:

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Offertory Contribution for week of January 10: \$7,815

YTD Actual Contributions: \$387,044.*

YTD Budgeted Contributions: \$398,946.*

NEGATIVE Variance (\$ 11,902.)

*Includes WeShare online donations and all Christmas giving.

PLEASE 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.

Liturgical Minister Schedule January 23-24, 2021

*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

Ushers: A&B	Altar Servers*	Lectors*
January 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m.		T. Martin
January 24 Sunday 9:00 a.m.		M. Leedom
January 24 Sunday 11:00 a.m.		S. Angel



Barbara Forte (Jan 2021)
Paul Krass (Dec 2020)
Harry Samuel (Dec 2020)
Peter Najar (Nov 2020)
Mary Lou Schmidt (Nov 2020)
Joseph Madden (Nov 2020)
Mike and Bev VonEnde (Oct 2020)
Father James Cronk (Sept 2020)
Mike Donovan (Sept 2020)
Ashley Colestock (Sept 2020)
Joe Mastromatteo (Aug 2020)
Eileen Poth (Aug 2020)
Pam Biglin (Feb 2020)
Jozef Wyszynski (Jan 2020)
George Fenton (Dec 2019)
Jalila Kainaya (Nov 2019)
Betty Bright (Nov 2019)
Lila Fenech (Nov 2019)
Mary Lu Bennethum (Nov 2019)

Pat Devine (Oct 2019)
Sheila Callahan (Oct 2019)
Margaret Fuchs (Sept 2019)
Mark Crawford (August 2019)
Elizabeth Ebisawa (July 2019)
Polly Brennan (July 2019)
Norma Tioran (May 2019)
Fred Hillard (Feb 2019)
Jim Holden (Feb 2019)
Donna Kelly (Sept 2018)
Joann Holden (Aug 2018)
Sawyer Ziegelman (June 2018)
Armed Forces & Veterans
First Responders
Missionaries
Healthcare Personnel



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.

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WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY: 9:00 AM

TUESDAY: 9:00 AM

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FRIDAY: 9:00 AM

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