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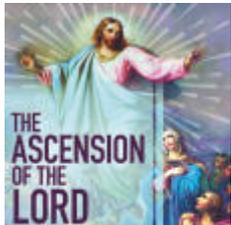
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SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN

	MASS INTENTIONS	SCRIPTURE READINGS	CALENDAR EVENTS
Saturday, May 8	11am For the parents and their children receiving First Holy Communion. 5pm Mass Fran Lafferty Req. by Tim & Colleen Lafferty	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	11:00am First Holy Communion Mass 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass 
Sunday, May 9	9am Mass Tom Gamalski Req. by Sharon Nightingale 11am Mass Suad Husaynu Req. by Carol Husaynu	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17	6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 
Monday, May 10	Terese Cerni Req. by Joe & Peg Pero	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a	St. Damien de Veuster, Priest 9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass.
Tuesday, May 11	Caroline Pierce Req. by John & Anne Pierce	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	9:00am Mass
Wednesday, May 12		Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15	Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr 9:30am Knit/Crochet Group-Center
Thursday, May 13	Patrick Joseph Clor Req. by John & Anne Pierce	Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20	Our Lady of Fatima 9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass.
Friday, May 14	Larry Monnier Req. by the Stefani family	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	St. Matthias, Apostle 9:00am Mass
Saturday, May 15	Edward & Florence Sigler Req. by the Sigler family	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28	St. Isidore Armed Forces Day 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, May 16	9am Mass Donna Higgins Req. by Sharon Nightingale 11am Mass Peter Catcho Req. by Nazar & Tidel Mansoor	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Eph 4:1-13 Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11b-19	The Ascension of the Lord 7th Sunday of Easter 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 



A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

As I mentioned in last weekend's homily, we are focused on three dimensions of discipleship in these last weeks of Easter; last weekend the challenge to us was to be bold in our discipleship and this week the readings challenge us to be loving. The patron saint of living love in our Christian tradition is certainly Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr in his quest to build us up as a beloved community.

Given all the focus of late on the ongoing sin of racism in our culture it behooves us to pause and look into how we might better disciple as a member of a church that is called to be loving. King taught us that there are six steps in developing a community that is focused on nonviolent social change. The first step is information gathering, to understand and articulate an issue, problem or injustice facing a person or a community. The second step is our openness to education on the roots of issues confronting us. Thirdly we need to be willing to personally commit to adapt the changes necessary to end the cycle of violence or hatred in our culture. At this point in our journey, we need to develop the skills and will to negotiate with folks on all sides of the issue. With all that work done we then take direct action to bring about the change we envision, which then leads us to the sixth step which celebrates reconciliation with all parties in the journey. This sixth step is probably the most difficult because so much emotion and hate speech makes all participants reluctant to hold out their hand in a gesture of being reconciled.

Pray about your participation in strengthening our beloved community. Dr. Martin Luther King: pray for us!

Fr. Mike



Congratulations to our First Communicants who received their First Holy Communion. May the Lord bless them and keep them.

They will be recognized by name next week.



SUNDAY'S READING

First Reading:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
(1 Jn 4:7)

Gospel:

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

WELCOME!



Hello!

It is with great excitement that I walk through the doors of St. Owen as your new Director of Religious Education! I have already experienced the kindness of the parish community and anxiously await the opportunity to meet and work with many of you. I am grateful to Fr. Mike and the staff for welcoming me into your faith family.

I bring with me twenty years of parish ministry experience in Catechetics with children in Preschool through Eighth Grade, which has included the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Along with this, I have been involved with the RCIA Program for adults and for children, Scripture Study, Youth Group, and various other aspects of ministry in the church. My background also includes my Bachelor Degree in Religious Education from the Graduate Theological Foundation.

When not working, I love to focus on my *first* vocation, which is my husband, our growing family, and our furry family members! Summer gardening and long walks also top the list at this time of year.

I look forward to the privilege of helping build the Body of Christ, and walking with you on *your* faith journey. With optimism, we begin to emerge from challenging times! If I can be of help, or if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to leave a message for me in the Parish Office. As soon as I have contact information, I will be happy to share it with you!

Abundant Blessings and Peace,

Kathleen Susalla Rochon

Greetings!

My name is Nancy Mason Bordley, and I am delighted to be invited to St. Owen. Thank you, to Fr. Mike and the staff for the warm welcome!



Fanjeaux France, 2019, Nancy and Bob

By way of introduction, allow me to share a little bit about myself. I have ministered professionally in the areas of Religious Education and Adult Education, Worship, and Music for over 40 years. I am a spiritual director and I facilitate retreats. I received a Doctor of Ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation, in South Bend, IN, a M.A. in Pastoral Studies, from Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, MI, and a B.A. in Religious Education from St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, MI. I also hold a Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Dominican Center for Religious Development where I was on staff for two years; teaching and mentoring spiritual direction interns.

My ministry experience includes teaching: Elementary Music, Adult Education, RCIA, and Catechist Formation and my background includes many years of Music Ministry, Directing Religious Education Programs, Worship/Liturgy, Spirituality and Pastoral Care. I've been employed at several parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and I was, most recently, on staff at St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish in Auburn Hills where I worked as a pastoral associate. I am also currently an adjunct professor of theology and applied ministry at Siena Heights University.

I'm an associate and partner in mission with the Adrian Dominican Sisters. I reside in Troy with my husband Bob. And, in my spare time, I enjoy golfing, cooking, and spending time with my nieces and nephews.

I am looking forward to getting to know many of you in the coming months. I will be busy during the next several weeks planning programs and events for the late summer and early fall. As I plan, I would love to hear from you. What ideas or suggestions do you have for me? What types of programs, presentations, retreats, gatherings would interest you? I welcome your thoughts and I will respond to each person. Email me at Parishserv@aol.com.

Nancy Mason Bordley

YOUTH GROUP



Time to thank **Katie Lane** & her dad, **Jon**, for their all help with the St. Vincent de Paul truck during the 5PM Saturday mass, & **John Abraham** who helped before and after the morning masses. When we arrived back at the church property Sunday evening, there was another huge pile of bags under the tent, so **all the teens** pitched in and got the job done! The semi-truck you saw in the parking lot was full by the end of the weekend!!! So, thank you to all the **parishioners** who donated their goods and to all the teens who helped fill the truck! And, of course, Michelle Novaco, for arranging for the truck to be there. It appears that everyone had been doing a spring cleaning!



Unable to host a graduation brunch this year for the **St. Owen graduates**, we were able to honor them during mass last week. We had twelve seniors join us for the Teen Liturgy, assist with ushering and Eucharistic Minister, & lector. This is a great group of teens and they will be missed very much as they have helped keep our group alive during this past year of change. May God bless them in their future endeavors and may they each keep God always in their hearts. As we have discussed throughout this past year, let your light shine!



Calendar of Events

May 23 Field Day, 3PM, St Owen

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive this past weekend. As evident in the photos, the drive was a success, and the truck was filled to the brim with donated clothing. I have a great deal of gratitude to several individuals; Alex Brown assisted greatly with the set up/take down on Friday & Monday, Mary and Jack Mills who I could count on throughout the weekend and the youth group students for lending a hand, transferring bag after bag into the container boxes in the truck. Thank you so much!



answering phones, and assisting our staff and guests. Our main headquarters are located at 3000 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48027, (313) 393-2930

In addition, we have volunteer work available at our Processing Center. Duties include sorting donated clothing items and household goods. Our warehouse is located at our Westland store – 6613 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185



Lighthouse is continuously in need of volunteers with a variety of opportunities to choose from- you can look on their website at <https://lighthousemi.org/how-to-help/volunteer-opportunities> or contact me at Christianservice@stowen.org-- the opportunities include Pack Emergency Good Boxes, Emergency Food Distribution (Waterford) or Distribute Produce Boxes (Ferndale) now through the end of June.

Food Pantry



Thank you for you continued donations in keeping our pantry well stocked. As of this week, thanks to your continued generosity we our shelves are well stocked. All donations are welcome. ~



Are you interested in doing more for St. Vincent de Paul? You can help them help others by volunteering your time.

St. Vincent de Paul has wonderful office volunteer opportunities at our main headquarters. Assignments include completing administrative tasks such as filing,

Catholic Charities of South Eastern Michigan



Items for the on-going collection for (CCSEM) Catholic Charities of South Eastern Michigan (Men’s L/ XL/XXL new undergarments), socks, diapers (Sizes 4/5/6), baby wipes and diaper cream can be dropped off at the Parish Center daily or in the Church Narthex.

God Bless, Michelle

MUSIC MINISTRY

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well! Things are starting to stabilize a bit and because of that I find a bit more spring in my step so to speak. I hope the same is for you!

Just a few thoughts this week. First of all, a hearty thank you to the folks who have acknowledged my request for a new piano over the last few weeks and reached out in support. This purchase is something that would benefit all of us and change our worship and worship space for the better. I have not heard what sort of money is available either from donors or from the annual budget plans. So, I am going to set aside a few hours each week to begin working with the Steinway gallery to see what sort of deals are available to us at this time as well as what the specific needs are for our worship space. I mean, grand pianos are grand and all, but there's a great deal more that goes into choosing the right instrument for our space. It has to do with the acoustics and amplification, brightness of the sound, etc. Back in 2014 I worked for a parish in Ohio that was building a new worship site and I did all of comparison shopping and leg work for the parish's new piano at that

time. Steinway gallery of Detroit (Commerce) did the most for us and they provided the piano for the Madonna concert back in April. So if you'd like to donate for a new set of keys, there just might be an opportunity in the near future. I'm sure we could always use more donations. Thanks in advance for considering!

Also - each year around this time, as schools are beginning to wrap up for the year, us music director folk start to get ideas about what the next steps are. With the success of the Madonna concert in our space back in April, I'm just going to say that I see a lot of music making on the horizon and am excited to welcome both old and new friends back to the coming season I'm planning. YES - I miss the choirs too (probably most of all) and want them back like yesterday, but we have to continue safety precautions until we get the go ahead. I am signing up for the vaccine soon. I hope you are too and we will do our part to make this crazy virus end.

Until next time,
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Annual Collection in the Month of May: Diocesan Priest Retirement



To support the **Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund**, a designated envelope is in your envelope packet.

We draw your attention to this special need throughout the month of May. St. Owen gratefully accepts the assistance of senior and retired diocesan priests!



2021 CSA KICKOFF NEXT WEEKEND



Next weekend is CSA Weekend! Our Catholic Services Appeal funds more than 170 ministries, programs, and services that ensure we Fuel the Mission to witness Christ. Archbishop Vigneron recently mailed to those who have given to the CSA in the past four years information about the 2021 CSA for you to review before prayerfully considering your pledge. Please mail your pledge in the pre-addressed envelope that was provided you. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's CSA campaign online, using your debit or credit card, at givecsa.org. If you did not receive the CSA mailing, or if you have questions about the Catholic Services Appeal, please call the parish office or Archdiocese Donor Services at (313) 237-5768.

A Mother's Day Blessing



During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,

you give to each the ability to share your generative love.

Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world.

Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.

May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.

With deepest sympathy, we extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of

Rev. John H. Howard, CJM

Sonja Fischer

May they rest in the hands of the Lord.

Kids Corner

**READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR**



I would be really happy, if only I was ? rich ? popular ? better looking ? the boss. Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to his complete happiness: (1) Jesus obeyed God; (2) Jesus knew God loved him; (3) Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. Wow. Jesus was completely happy, but he was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told his friends if they followed his loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.

PRAYER

God, on my own I am selfish. Thank you for loving me. Help me to obey you. Help me to love other people as much as Jesus does.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Offertory for the week of May 2: \$8,264.

YTD Budgeted Contributions: \$604,742.

YTD Actual Contributions: \$592,252.*

NEGATIVE Variance (\$ 12,490.)

*Includes WeShare online giving.



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

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.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule
May 15 – 16, 2021**

*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

Ushers: A&B	Altar Servers*	Lectors*
May 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.		B. Lampertius R. Gumbleton
May 16 Sunday 9:00 a.m.		B. Murphy M. Leedom
May 16 Sunday 11:00 a.m.		T. Martin S. Angel



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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ALL Mass attendees must wear a mask/face covering.

**NO EXCEPTIONS
REQUIRED FOR DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS**

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<u>WEEKEND MASS</u>
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<u>WEEKDAY MASS</u>
MONDAY: 9:00 AM
TUESDAY: 9:00 AM
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