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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."

- Jn 6:48-50

THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN

	MASS INTENTIONS	SCRIPTURE READINGS	CALENDAR EVENTS
Saturday, August 7	Kathy Damioli-Hughes 30th Anniversary of Death Req. by family	Dn 6:4-13 Mk 17:14-20	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, August 8	9am Mass Sammy Denha Req. by Linda Shaya 11am Mass John Kevin Drumm 1st Anniversary of Death Req. by Carol Husaynu	1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass
Monday, August 9	Intentions of Lauren Palazzolo Req. by parishioner	Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr 9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass.
Tuesday, August 10	Peter Catcho Req. by Nazar & Tidel Mansoor	2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 9:00am Mass
Wednesday, August 11		Dt 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20	St. Clare, Virgin 9:30am Knit/Crochet Group-Center
Thursday, August 12	St. Owen Parish Family	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Mt 18:21—19:1	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious 9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass.
Friday, August 13	Beatrice Karakashian 10th Anniversary of Death Req. by family	Jos 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs 9:00am Mass
Saturday, August 14	Michael & Gurgia Sheena Req. by family	Jos 24:14-29 Mt 19:13-15	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, August 15	9am Mass Robert Nightingale Req. by Sharon Nightingale 11am Mass Hakki & Suad Husaynu Req. by Carol Husaynu	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 



At each St. Owen Mass, one special intention is offered. We are scheduling throughout 2021. 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.



A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Come, believe and eat are the challenges of this weekend's scriptures; do we have the faith to embrace each of these invitations?

These past fifteen months have challenged us at each level of embracing our Eucharistic faith – dare we come to Mass and celebrate with our faith community? Do I really believe that I will be safe amidst people that might not yet be vaccinated? Can I take in the Body of Christ and not worry that I might be contaminated?

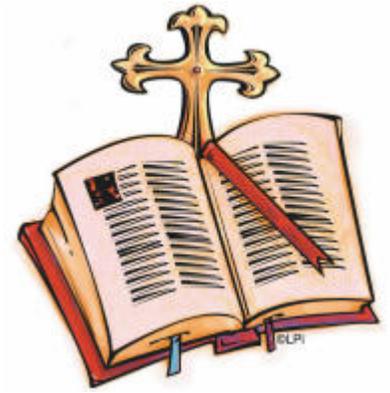
My hope and prayer is that each of you come to appreciate the grace that is extended to you in our Eucharistic liturgies. Even if you are not comfortable with our weekend liturgies, come during the week with a smaller community; don't deprive yourself or your family from the gift of God's Real Presence.

Help us as a parish staff to prepare for this next catechetical season by enlisting your children in the programs that are offered and by offering your own personal witness as a catechist. We will also need your ministry as lectors. Young people are also invited to reconnect with the community as altar servers – just sign in the sacristy and join us at the altar!

We cannot "come, believe, and eat" without your ministry; so, look over the opportunities and step forward.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Mike



FIRST READING:

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that
food,
he walked forty days and forty
nights to the mountain of God,
Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of
the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING:

So be imitators of God, as
beloved children, and live in
love,
as Christ loved us and handed
himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God
for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)

GOSPEL:

"No one can come to me unless
the Father who sent me draw
him,
and I will raise him on the last
day." (Jn 6:44)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only



true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes

and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Friends in Christ,

The St. Owen community is filled with such generosity and kindness, “thank you” for your response for the Back-to-School Uniform and Backpack Drive as we partnered with CCRT to assist our Pontiac neighbors. To date, we have already collected over 40 backpacks, (I anticipate well reaching our goal of 50 after this weekend), a large variety of uniform pieces, several gift cards, and multiple financial donations to assist in purchasing additional items. This weekend in the last weekend for this specific drive for CCRT. These intended donations will be presented to CCRT next week as they prepare all donations for a mid-August distribution to Pontiac families. THANK YOU!

Can you envision the squeals of excitement when the children get to pick from an array of backpacks and uniforms? How about the relief for the parents knowing some of their most basic supplies for a successful school year have been donated for their children? Both beautiful sights indeed!



If you are concerned you may have missed on this opportunity. Never fear, the need is always great! Just this week I received information from another ministry, Jail and Outreach Ministry of Oakland County. They have a specific need for teen backpacks and supplies. Specifically, binders/dividers, pocket folders, highlighters, and mechanical pencils. These items will be collected until Sunday, August 22nd in the Church Narthex. Monetary donations always welcome. Check payable to St. Owen, memo/CS school supplies. Thank you!

Lord, help us to open our hearts to others and to serve those who are most vulnerable. Pope Francis

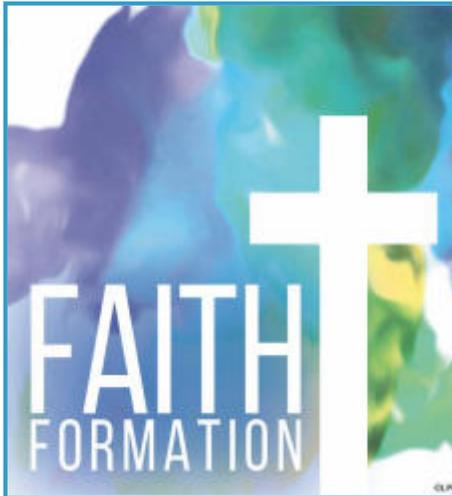


Thank you for your continued support of our St. Owen food pantry, it is always well stocked and ready to assist those in need. Some current needs are smaller bottles of laundry detergent, basic household cleaning supplies, paper towel and dish soap. A friendly reminder all donations must be new, unopened, and not expired.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity to all we serve!

God Bless~
Michelle

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation News...

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Formation Program is underway! Registration has been mailed, and is also available to print our website. If you have not received information, please feel free to email me at kgsrochon@stowen.org and we will place one in the mail for you! Please know that any mailing from Faith Formation will have a blue label on the envelope this year to help you identify this information. We are looking forward to welcoming your family!

Continued Summer Blessings,
Kathy Susalla Rochon



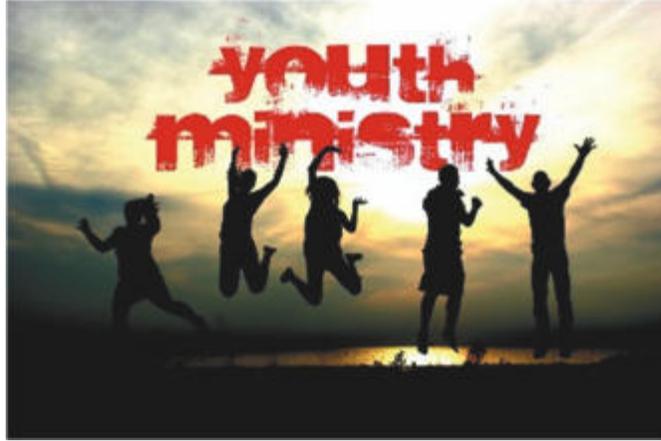
How Do I Join the Catholic Church? What is the RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that allows us, as a parish community, to welcome new members into our community. Participants come from all walks of life, but have a common desire for a closer relationship with God. Candidates commit themselves to a period of discernment, prayer, study, and dialogue as they begin their spiritual journey.

The RCIA process will formally begin again at St. Owen in the fall. We will begin with a period of Inquiry for those who have questions about what it means to be Catholic and whom seriously wish to consider whether they may be called to full initiation into the Catholic community. Following the Inquiry period, participants are invited to enter a period of ongoing discernment leading to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Baptized Catholics who have not celebrated Confirmation and/or Eucharist, and wish to complete their initiation, may do so by entering the RCIA process.

If you are being called to the Sacraments, or you know of someone who wishes to take a closer look at becoming Catholic, please contact me at 248-626-0840, ext 6 or email me at kgsrochon@stowen.org.

God's Blessings,
Kathy Susalla Rochon
Director of Faith Formation

YOUTH GROUP

The Parent/Teen Kick-off Meeting is WEDNESDAY, September 8, 7PM in the Teen Room. Join us for a quick meeting, pick up this year's calendars & September's permission slip. Discover what youth group is all about! Questions? Give me a call!

We believe in the 10 commandments of effective youth ministry.

1. We must meet the needs of the youth.
2. We must make the best use of "peer pressure."
3. We must remember teens aren't finished yet...what you see isn't what you get.
4. We must have the support of parents if teens are to attend.
5. We must spend time with the group for it to grow.
6. We must have social time for teens.
7. We must allow the Holy Spirit to work in you and our teens.
8. We must do lots of advertising to let parents and teens know upcoming events.
9. We must allow teens to have a sense of ownership of the group.
10. We must be willing to experiment or try new things.

"God never asks about our ability or our inability, just our availability."

Much excitement about this upcoming year with our teens and hopeful most activities can return to normal. Many activities are planned to help teens grow both socially and spiritually. With your help, we can assist the teens to discover themselves and to further develop their relationship with God. Encourage your teen to try us out!

If you would like to register before the meeting so I can add you to the email list, please find the registration form on the stowen.org website. [Youth Group Registration Form | Welcome to St. Owen \(stowen.org\)](#)

Thank you in advance!

Mary Mills
Director of Youth Group
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MUSIC MINISTRY



Hi folks!

I wanted to take a moment and share some thoughts and feelings about our work together at the parish. First, as you know we've been raising money for a new piano. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who have helped in this process and given the project wings. I believe we are close to our goal and may be able to welcome the new piano to our worship space soon. I'm practically giddy about it and want to express a deep sense of gratitude. It sort of goes without saying, many concerts and musical events are being planned. I will keep you updated on what is when, but I have an exciting year underfoot in the music department and ministry. More details will be forthcoming!

On that note - we are going to begin gearing up for a great year of music making soon. I don't know about you, but I've missed our singing together a great deal. So at this moment I want to welcome you back to the song as you feel ready. Because we are in transition from books to screens, I have been choosing a mixture of some old favorites as well as some new song literature for us. You are absolutely welcome to sing or hum along masked or unmasked the choice is yours. I was told the screens are on their way so in the meantime sing what you know and we can develop from there.

Also I will begin to work with our various musical ensembles soon. More details on all the groups currently housed in our liturgy schedule will be forthcoming. A great deal of things happen on Wednesdays in our music ministry. If you would like to join us - all are welcome.

Finally - while you see me on the weekends - I have been away from the parish a bit teaching some camps and classes throughout the last bit of the summer. This weekend after masses I will be boarding a plane to Italia for some vacation in Sicilia. An old musical friend will be in my place next weekend and I should return the following week. Keep me in your prayers and I will certainly keep you in mine.

And I believe that's all for now!

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FUEL THE MISSION

CSA 2021



YTD Pledges: 100,934

CSA Goal: \$98,688

Parish Target: \$120,688

Number of Pledges: 116 (of 875)

Thank you!!

St. Owen has reached 100% of our goal for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal!

Thank you to the 116 parishioners who have made gifts and pledges totaling \$100,934. Even though we made our CSA goal, the family participation is very low.

If you are still prayerfully considering your CSA pledge, please know that our parish will now receive 100 percent of the gifts we receive. We plan to use our CSA refund to offset the cost of many church improvements.

You may mail your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope that was provided to you. Please make checks out to **Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA**.

Also you may make your gift to our parish campaign online at stowen.org. Thank you again for helping to *Fuel the Mission* to witness Christ.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Greetings fellow parishioners of St. Owen. I want to thank you very much for your generous donations for my project. Your support enabled me to expand my original project to include more plants. I enjoyed making the church grounds look more beautiful. The project turned out better than I hoped. Thank you again for your support.

James Hermann

BEFORE



AFTER



SACRED HEART
MAJOR SEMINARY



Diaconate Vocation Awareness Information Night

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for all who are discerning a call to the Diaconate. Please pass along the following information if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know.

In-person at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Wives are HIGHLY encouraged to attend

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Offertory contribution for week of August 1: \$4,365

Thank you for your continued support!

Online Giving



Summer collections often drop significantly in our parish because of vacation travel, sports schedules and other activities that cause parishioners to attend Mass in other parishes. If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent this summer, please consider our electronic giving option. Currently over a 100 parish families are using this simple and secure way to make and track their parish giving. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact Eva Ashor (eashor@stowen.org), scan the QR code, call at 248-626-0840 or check out our website at www.stowen.org.



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**Liturgical Minister Schedule
August 14-15, 2021**

*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

Ushers: A&B	Altar Servers*	Lectors*
August 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m.		B. Lampertius R. Gumbleton
August 15 Sunday 9:00 a.m.		T. Busch M. Leedom
August 15 Sunday 11:00 a.m.		R. Hawkins S. Angel



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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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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