

*Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



**ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 19, 2021**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN

	MASS INTENTIONS	SCRIPTURE READINGS	CALENDAR EVENTS
<b>Saturday, December 18</b>	<b>Joe Shaya</b> Req. by Linda Shaya	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25	4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
<b>Sunday, December 19</b>	9am Mass <b>Christopher Thornton</b> <b>1st Anniversary of Death</b> Req. by the Thornton Family  11am Mass <b>Elias &amp; Norma Denha</b> Req. by the Shaya Family	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 7:00pm Christmas Concert-Church
<b>Monday, December 20</b>	<b>Madelyn Damioli</b> Req. by Joe & Peg Dasovic	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	9:00am Mass (Rosary after Mass)
<b>Tuesday, December 21</b>	<b>John Hoban</b> Req. by Joe & Peg Dasovic	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45	<b>St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> 9:00am Mass
<b>Wednesday, December 22</b>		1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56	9:30am Knit/Crochet Group-Center 6:30pm Handbell Carillon Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Chorale Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, December 23</b>	<b>Joseph Tuan Sy Do</b> Req. by the Do family	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	<b>St. John of Kanty, Priest</b> 9:00am Mass (Rosary after Mass) 7:30pm AA Meeting-Center Parish Office Closed
<b>Friday, December 24</b>	<b>4pm Children of the Parish</b> <b>6pm People of the Parish</b> <b>10pm World Peace</b>	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14.	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 4:00pm Mass 6:00pm Mass 10:00pm Mass Parish Office Closed
<b>Saturday, December 25</b>	<b>World Peace</b>	<i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20. <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> 11:00am Mass
<b>Sunday, December 26</b>	9am Mass <b>Peter &amp; Claire Catcho</b> Req. by Nazar & Tidel Mansoor  11am Mass <b>Hakki &amp; Suad Husaynu</b> Req. by Carol Husaynu	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass



## A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Throughout his pontificate (since 2013) Pope Francis has often challenged us in the church to begin our missionary discipleship by looking to the peripheries. This fourth week of Advent offers great scriptural examples of how God models that same mandate; whether it is in the prophet Micah trying to get his message out or Elizabeth and Mary trying to come to grips with why God would choose them for a discipleship that no one would believe.

Readying ourselves to welcome Christ is not an annual celebration but a daily challenge. A couple of weeks ago I attended a board meeting for the Malta Dental and Health clinic located on Woodward in midtown Detroit. This clinic is the epitome of dealing with folks on the periphery; of the 600 served this year 99.21% of the clients are without health insurance, and 42 of the walk ins were homeless. I was so proud of the 8 physicians who donate their time to caring for the poorest of the poor and the medical and dental students who are serving the clinic for their hands on experience. If you are looking for a worthy cause for your end of the year giving why not look at the Malta Dental and Health Clinic and join in the outreach to those on the periphery? ([maltaclinic.org](http://maltaclinic.org))

See you in church for Christmas!

Fr. Mike



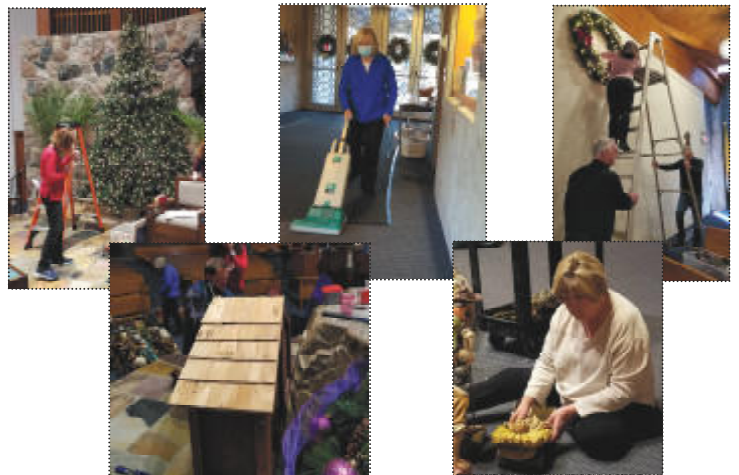
*This Sunday,  
December 19,  
7pm*



Thank you for joining with us in our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Parishioners, families, guests and visitors of all faiths: our doors are open to you and we extend a warm welcome. You give witness to the presence of the new born King: Our Messiah, Redeemer, Wonder Counselor, Prince of Peace. The Eucharistic celebration is more precious for each of us because **you** are here; it is through union with family, friends and strangers that we are in communion with Jesus Christ. "I was a...stranger and you welcomed me (Mt 25:35)." Thank you for being here.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all the parishioners who helped decorate the church. Our church looks beautiful and ready for Christmas.



Also thank you to Tess Aneiros, Carla Nervo, Liz Stanley, Rita Lou Campbell, Cecilia Yee, and Denise Martin for helping with our parish Christmas cards. We are blessed with the best parishioners.



Merry Christmas from  
Father Mike and the  
Staff of St. Owen



## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation Corner...



The fourth candle of our Advent Wreath is now lit. Christmas is only days away! Are you ready? Has your journey been what you had hoped it would be? Whether we are ready or not, Christmas will arrive. May you embrace it with joy! Our gift is that even if we have not had a perfect Advent, it is ok. God loves us unconditionally and revels at our efforts to grow in our faith, not only at this time, but year-round. With the same grace of God, we will be afforded another opportunity next Advent to continue to grow in our faith, and journey further in our relationship with God. We are blessed!

Once again, our sessions will resume on January 10, 2022. The intention of this time away from formal Faith Formation is to provide extra time to gather, prepare, and celebrate Christmas as a family. There is much to do, enjoy this holy season of growing in faith together!

My sincere and heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas!

Christmas Blessings,  
Kathy Susalla Rochon  
Faith Formation Director  
[krochonstowen@gmail.com](mailto:krochonstowen@gmail.com)

Reminder:  
December 20 – Christmas Break  
January 10 – All Sessions Resume



## ADULT SPIRITUALITY



There will be **no scripture study meetings on December 22 or 29 or January 5**. Scripture study will resume on Wednesday, January 12 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are welcome!



Mark your calendar for our next **Women's Spirituality** gathering which will be held on **Thursday, January 6 from 10 – 11:30 AM** in the activities center. We will explore the history and practice of Spiritual Direction and discuss how it can be a tool for discernment and deepening our faith.



We are excited to announce that we will be hosting several opportunities for the St. Owen community to participate in the Synod process that Pope Francis has initiated. Dates and times of our gatherings will be announced early in 2022. We will schedule gatherings to meet everyone's needs – morning, afternoon, evening and even a few remote opportunities for those who prefer to not gather in person. Stay tuned! Please pray for Pope Francis and for this wonderful opportunity for our church.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## YOUTH GROUP



December's Meeting focused on the magi. Not Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar who brought **gold, frankincense, and myrrh** to the baby Jesus but, rather the short story titled *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry. The characters, a married couple, Jim and Della, make a great sacrifice and sell their most cherished possessions in order to purchase a Christmas gift for each other. Della sells her long hair to buy Jim a watch chain for his prized pocket watch while Jim sells the watch to buy Della hair combs.

After listening to the story, the teens discussed the lessons found within the story? One of the lessons clearly obvious of "The Gift of the Magi" is that we often don't value what we truly should. Jim loves Della, and he doesn't need a fancy watch chain for Christmas to make him happy--he already has a wife he adores. Another point discussed is that happiness does not depend on money, but on love.

The true gift in the story is the sacrifice that Jim and Della are each willing to make for one another in order to purchase a gift worthy and beautiful enough to be owned by the other.

This sacrifice illustrates their love and generosity they have for each other. They may have been foolish to think they needed to sell their possessions, but wise in expressing their love.

The teens' nametags also symbolized something that evening. They were each given a 'gift name tag,' symbolizing each teen is a gift, with unique gifts and talents. A gift from God, a gift to give to each other and to encourage each other to share their gifts. We prayed that they remember their unique gifts and to share them not only this month but throughout the year and to always show their light & be the link to spread truth and peace.

**Wishing you a Blessed Christmas as we truly realize our gifts to be shared.**



**Thanks to the 93 Households** have used their Kroger IDs when shopping! Through your efforts, Kroger has donated **\$230.40** this past quarter to the St. Owen Youth Group! That's free money!! As always, if anyone would like to sign-up for the program, directions can be found on the kiosk in the back of the church. If you need assistance, please call and I will walk you through the process. You need a Kroger Community Rewards Card & an email!

### Calendar

- January 2 Teen Liturgy, 11am mass, need ushers!
- January 10 Parent/Teen Mission Trip Meeting, 7PM Teen Room
- January 23 Winter Social Event....check email

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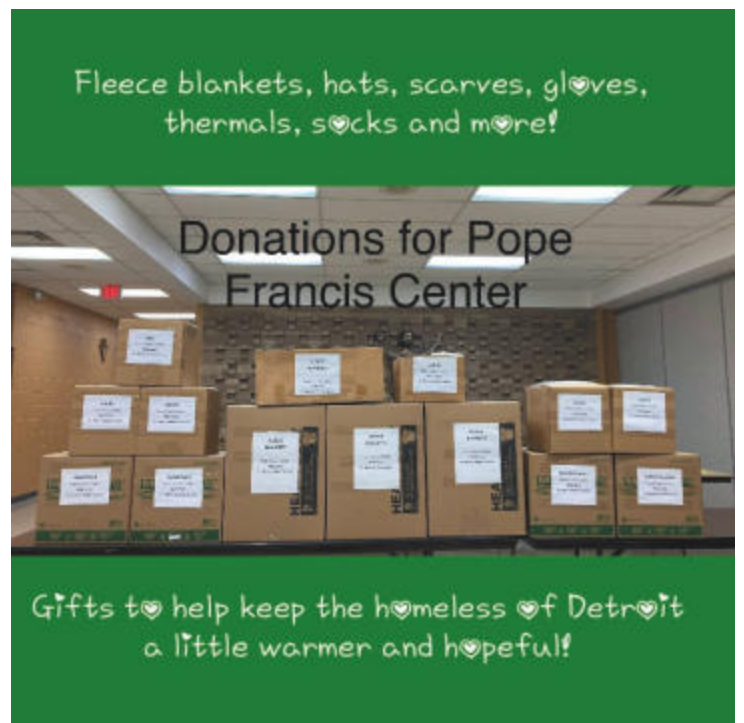
Let each of these actions be seen in everything we do!



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas friends! The past couple of weeks, the parish center and church narthex were all abuzz with activity. With an abundance of donations for both our Promise Tree neighbors and our Sharing with a Family neighbors; gifts were dropped off daily, donations came in through the collection basket, online and in the mail. All gifts were so thoughtfully and generously provided for by our caring, loving parishioners. My co-chair, Gail Kearney and I are personally in complete awe of the generosity and selflessness of so many wonderful people. I am so grateful for Gail, her friendship, and her attention to detail as we maneuvered through the last couple of weeks matching parishioners with families and organizing it all to get everything to the final destinations. To visually see the generosity and bounty that was shared with others is utterly breathtaking. When the representative for each Church and agency came to claim the gifts, they too were in utter disbelief of the extensive generosity of St. Owen. I have often heard; we are a small parish with a BIG heart!!!! This I KNOW is so true. I know the recipients will be deeply moved by the love shown by our parish and count their blessing this Christmas morning.



**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**, continued from previous page.

Our **Sharing with a Family** program that was fully sponsored by parishioners provided for 192 individuals from 47 families with gift cards for each family member and gift cards for a Christmas dinner, along with some extra surprises. Our **Promise Tree** program supporting St. Rose's Seniors, Freedom House and Pope Francis Center was a sight to behold. In addition to your generosity, our remarkable knitting ministry donated 12 lap blankets and 2 shawls that crocheted to 14 lucky seniors of St. Rose. Each stitch is a stitch of love!!!! An additional 16 blankets were purchased with donations for the remaining seniors; for many this may be the only gift they receive this Christmas. Close to 200 gifts were distributed from the **Promise Tree** and another several hundred items were collected for the Pope Francis Center to support their filling of 200 backpacks for the homeless men of Detroit. Items collected included long underwear sets, warm socks & cotton socks, fleece blankets (to serve as another barrier to the cold), hats, scarves, and warm winter gloves. Thank you, dear friends of St. Owen, every gift, every donation has a huge impact on those less fortunate each gift bringing them a ray of hope and the sense the others care for them.



Thank you, Liz Stanley, Gerri Lampertius and Barb Forte, co-chairs of the Promise Tree. All 200 gifts from the agencies sponsored were received by the representative. The agencies include **St. Rose Senior Center** (serving low-income seniors), **Freedom House** (temporary home for refugees and asylum seekers), **Pope Francis Center** (provides vital services to the city's homeless). Thank you, Liz, Gerri and Barb, for all your work to coordinate and fulfill these requests and make Christmas a little brighter for these gift recipients in need!



Shared from a former writing of Karen Heuer, "The Christ Child Jesus, in the midst of being born in earthly poverty to poor parents shows us how to be a servant, how to love, how to be humble and vulnerable, and finally he brings eternal life in and through death. He shows us truth and the divine way and how to get there. Being born in poverty

himself, Jesus is telling us where He dwells, not in majesty and glamor, but among the poor and the downtrodden, the sick, the dying, the hungry, the homeless, with those forgotten and hurting, and those we love and even those we hate."

**St. Owen Food Pantry**

*Thank you* for your continued support to keep our pantry very well stocked. With food donations and gift cards from Kroger & Meijer, we are able to often gift the recipients with a great variety of food and a gift card to supplement for perishable items. The pantry recipients are always so incredibly grateful for your assistance to help provide for their families. Some items that are always well received and we could use to reload some of our shelf space are Ziploc bags (all sizes), and snack foods such as crackers, pretzels & jerky.

**Stamp Donations**

Over Christmas when you are receiving more personal cards and notes than usual. Please continue to save and donate your cancelled stamps, you can place them in an envelope, labelled cancelled stamps and leave them in a container labelled in the narthex or drop them in the collection basket. The stamps are sent to the Franciscan Missions in Wisconsin who sell the stamps to stamp collectors and use the money to help those in need!

May the Lord continue to help us all to see Him in the face of every person we meet this week.



God Bless you, your family and loved ones!  
Merry Christmas! xo Michelle





## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### *Christmas Eve*

*Friday, December 24*

*4:00 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. / 10:00 p.m.*

### *Christmas Day*

*Saturday, December 25*

*11:00 a.m.*

*There is no 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass on Christmas Day.*

### *Feast of the Holy Family*

*Sunday, December 26*

*9:00 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.*

### *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.*

*New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31*

*5:00 p.m.*

*No morning Mass.*

*New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1*

*5:00 p.m.*

*Parish office will be closed Thursday,  
December 23, through Sunday, January 2.*

*Regular Mass schedule and normal office hours  
will resume on Monday, January 3.*

## Charitable End-of-Year Giving ~Christmas Collection~



All of these options below are available to support St. Owen's annual Christmas collection. **All Christmas collection contributions are exempt from the archdiocesan assessment and 100% of Christmas contributions will remain with the parish.**

### How to contribute to St. Owen's Christmas collection:

*Let us count the ways....*

- ◆ Envelope for a Christmas offering is in your packet.
- ◆ Give a contribution with Christmas written on memo line of check payable to St. Owen.
- ◆ Write Christmas on any envelope with your offering.
- ◆ Donate online. Visit our website at [www.stowen.org](http://www.stowen.org). The prompts will guide you through the steps to donate to the Christmas collection.
- ◆ Direct your Required Minimum Withdrawal from your IRA to St. Owen Christmas offering. (Consult your financial advisor.)
- ◆ Make a Qualified Charitable Donation to St. Owen. (Consult your financial advisor.)
- ◆ Contribute to the offertory collection during one of the four Christmas Masses celebrated on December 24th and December 25th.

If you have questions or need assistance with Christmas giving, please call the parish office at 248-626-0840.

### 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All offertory contributions to St. Owen that are dated December 31, 2021 or earlier and received in the parish office by 3p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022 will be included in the 2021 record of contributions.

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Do we have your correct address? We will mail your 2021 contribution statement to the address on file. If you want it mailed to a new address or a "winter" address, please notify us. Thank you.



## *Dedication of Christmas Flowers*

### *Contributors*

*Joan Belle*  
*Robert and Rita Lou Campbell*  
*Mark and Josette Charboneau*  
*Jean-Philippe and Jill Ghiardi Coignet*  
  
*Jim Consiglio and Jan Mordenski*  
  
*Steven and Renea Dallo*  
*Kathleen Gaskin*  
*Robert and Barbara Heilala*  
  
*Donald and Maureen Huldin*  
*Diana Jacobs*  
*Ray Kamoo and Cathy Heller*  
*Anthony and Marian Klemmer*  
*Sue Leich*  
*Rose Mida*  
*Dorothy Nagy*  
*Joan Olson*  
*Madeline O'Neill*  
*Robert and Susuan Smith*  
*Rose Mary Roy*  
*Allen Wall and Mary Cafferty*

### *Dedicated in Memory or Honor*

*Frank, Bernice, and Ronald Belle*  
*Elaine Leigh, Lynn Tomlinson*  
*Nicholas Charboneau*  
*Bernard Coignet, Harland & Geraldine Robare,*  
*Martin & Vera Ghiardi*  
  
*Stanley & Gertrude Mordenski, Joe & Grace Consiglio,*  
*Sr. Lorraine Mordenski, Janet Melford, Lois Tobin*  
  
*Gabriel Dallo, Najiba Naimi*  
*Tom Gaskin and Helen Arthur*  
*Ralph Heilala, Lorraine Heilala, Joseph MacDonald,*  
*and Loretto MacDonald*  
  
*Terry Farrar*  
*Richard Jacobs, Fr. Cliff Ruskowski, Honor of Fr. James Cronk,*  
*Louis Kamoo, Ginny Heller*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ebner, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Klemmer*  
  
*Gene Leich*  
*Sam & Mamie Saputo*  
  
*James Nagy*  
*Frank & Ken Olson*  
  
*John, Katy and Jim O'Neill*  
  
*Peter and Clara Miller, Frederick and Gerd Smith*  
  
*Joseph E. Roy*  
  
*Wall and Cafferty Families*

### *Contributors*

<i>Ricardo and Theresa Aneiros</i>	<i>Paul and Colleen Flancabaum</i>	<i>Mary Ledermann</i>
<i>Howard and Pamela Biglin</i>	<i>Flora Devault</i>	<i>Andrew &amp; Priscilla Marino</i>
<i>Inge Bricio</i>	<i>Gary and Susan Devine</i>	<i>Sharon Nightingale</i>
<i>Dale and Leslie Buras</i>	<i>Richard and Sousan Hesano</i>	<i>Gregory and Ann Seraydarian</i>
<i>Russell and Shelia Callahan</i>	<i>David and Gail Kearney</i>	
<i>John and Sharyn Charnas</i>	<i>Thomas and Kathy Knasel</i>	

*Thank you to all!*



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Barbara Campbell**

Funeral Mass: Wednesday, December 29, 11am

*O LORD, Bring this soul to eternal life.*

**Parish Registration**



Registering is a statement that you are a part of this Catholic community and have made a commitment to the vitality of our parish. Also, being a registered parishioner is a significant factor when it is time for baptisms, religious education classes, when asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, marriage and even funerals.

If you would like to register as a member of St. Owen, please call the parish office at 248-626-0840 or visit the St. Owen website at [www.stowen.org](http://www.stowen.org). Click on the REGISTER HERE icon on the home page. Registration just takes a few minutes.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule  
December 24 - January 2, 2022**

\*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

<b>Friday, December 24</b> 4:00 p.m.	S. Angel M. Angel
<b>Friday, December 24</b> 6:00 p.m.	A. Antone J. Kelly
<b>Friday, December 24</b> 10:00 p.m.	P. Plopa T. Martin
<b>Saturday, December 25</b> 11:00 a.m.	S. Peters J. Pero
<b>Sunday, December 26</b> 9:00 a.m.	J. Pero
<b>Sunday, December 26</b> 11:00 a.m.	M. Leedom
<b>Friday, December 31</b> 5:00 p.m.	N. Samona
<b>Saturday, January 1</b> 5:00 p.m.	T. Martin
<b>Sunday, January 2</b> 9:00 a.m.	M. Leedom B. Babcock
<b>Sunday, January 2</b> 11:00 a.m.	Youth Mass



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Peter Grantz (Nov 2021)         | Jalila Kainaya (Nov 2019)     |
| Marian Klemer (Nov 2021)        | Betty Bright (Nov 2019)       |
| Rose Dalton (Nov 2021)          | Lila Fenech (Nov 2019)        |
| Ian Carmichael (Oct 2021)       | Pat Devine (Oct 2019)         |
| Megan Mabee (Oct 2021)          | Sheila Callahan (Oct 2019)    |
| Msgr. Monticello (June 2021)    | Margaret Fuchs (Sept 2019)    |
| Pam Healy Hurley (June 2021)    | Mark Crawford (August 2019)   |
| John Burlingame (May 2021)      | Elisabeth Ebisawa (July 2019) |
| Steve Whiting (May 2021)        | Polly Brennan (July 2019)     |
| Mark Kelly (May 2021)           | Norma Tioran (May 2019)       |
| Kenneth Roy (Feb 2021)          | Fred Hillard (Feb 2019)       |
| Paul Krass (Dec 2020)           | Jim Holden (Feb 2019)         |
| Mary Lou Schmidt (Nov 2020)     | Donna Kelly (Sept 2018)       |
| Joseph Madden (Nov 2020)        | Joann Holden (Aug 2018)       |
| Mike and Bev VonEnde (Oct 2020) | Sawyer Ziegelman (June 2018)  |
| Father James Cronk (Sept 2020)  | Armed Forces & Veterans       |
| Mike Donovan (Sept 2020)        | First Responders              |
| Eileen Poth (Aug 2020)          | Missionaries                  |
| Pam Biglin (Feb 2020)           | Healthcare Personnel          |
| George Fenton (Dec 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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| <b>Youth Ministry, Mary Mills</b>  | Ext. 5       |
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| <b>Religious Formation, Kathy Susalla Rochon</b>                             | Ext. 8       |
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| <b>Adult Faith Formation, Nancy Mason Bordley</b>                            | Ext. 6       |
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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**  
**THURSDAY: 9:00 AM**  
**FRIDAY: 9:00 AM**

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