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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN

	MASS INTENTIONS	SCRIPTURE READINGS	CALENDAR EVENTS
Saturday, December 25	World Peace	Day: Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18	The Nativity of the Lord 11:00am Mass 
Sunday, December 26	9am Mass Peter & Claire Catcho Req. by Nazar & Tidel Mansoor 11am Mass Hakki & Suad Husaynu Req. by Carol Husaynu	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass <i>*Parish Office closed through Monday, January 3.</i>
Monday, December 27	Marjorie Wruble Req. by Betty J. Bright	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 9:00am Mass (Rosary after Mass)
Tuesday, December 28	Intentions of Gary Lundy Req. by Rick & Tess Aneiros	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 9:00am Mass
Wednesday, December 29		1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 11:00am Funeral Mass: B. Campbell 6:30pm Handbell Carillon Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Chorale Rehearsal
Thursday, December 30	Kathleen Burke Req. by Rich & Patricia O'Brien	1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40	9:00am Mass (Rosary after Mass) 7:30pm AA Meeting-Center
Friday, December 31	Deceased members of the Bjerker-Kelly family. Req. by John & Michelle Kelly	1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18	St. Sylvester I, Pope New Year's Eve 5:00pm Mass
Saturday, January 1	Kevin Whiting Req. by Dee Whiting	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	Mary, The Holy Mother of God New Year's Day World Day of Peace 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, January 2	9am Mass Charles James Ghesquiere Jr. Req. by Peter & Kathy Connolly 11am Mass Hakki Husaynu 48th Anniversary of Death Req. by Carol Husaynu	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass-Teen Liturgy 7:00pm YG Education Mtg.

Welcome
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

St. Owen welcomes you to our Mass celebrating The Holy Family. If you are a visitor, guest or returning member, we are delighted you have joined with our parish family. If you wish to learn more about the Catholic community of St. Owen, call the parish office at 248-626-0840 or visit our website



A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

The calendar this year compartmentalizes our feasts and seasons – as you look around church this morning you may wonder not only what day it is but ask yourself “weren’t we just here?” Yes, just yesterday we celebrated the Feast of Christmas and today we look at Jesus’ Holy Family.

I focus on a reading from Colossians (3: 12-21) because I believe it really sets an agenda for me walking into the new year and searching for resolutions. This passage offers a new set of commandments for the family as we are called to “clothe ourselves” with heartfelt mercy, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. We can’t possibly achieve these new commandments if we have not put on love.

My suggestion to you (and to myself) is to select one of these new commandments and make it your guidepost for the year; it is not unlike what we are doing as a parish with our four mission words of Welcoming, Celebrating, Growing and Serving. For 2022 we are focused on Welcoming and yesterday we passed out a flier on how we intend to be a more welcoming parish this year.

Enjoy your family and pray about how you can better clothe yourself in love this year.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Mike



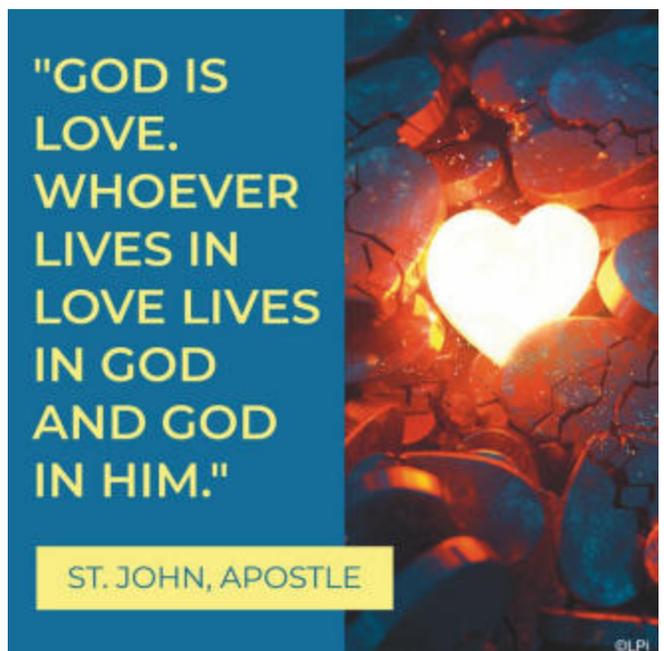
Upcoming Masses at St. Owen

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.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



SECOND READING

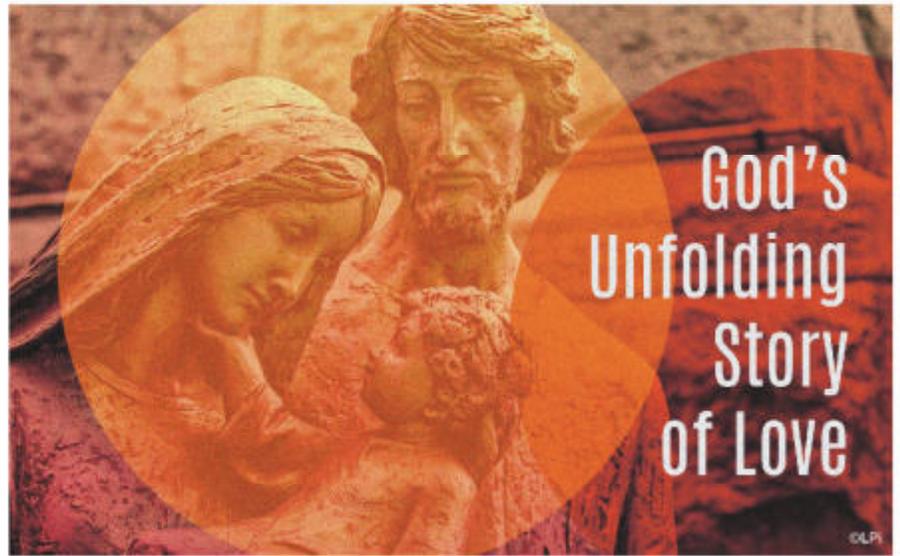
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER...



Merry Christmas! The joy of the season is upon us, may you rest in the accomplishments of your Advent journey and may the light of Christ shine brightly in you and around you always! In this season of awe and wonder, I pray that you will have the time, even a moment, to pause and kneel, sit, or stand, and gaze upon the nativity or manger in your home. Place yourself there at the time of Our Lords' birth, who would you be in His presence? What would you say? What *gift* or *gifts* would you bring? Take some time with this. Know that the very gift or gifts that you would share with the Baby Jesus, are the very same gifts that you can share with others today. We are each blessed with gifts from God, these gifts are meant to be shared! As true disciples, we need to continue the mission that was begun in that very manger, over two thousand years ago.



Also, today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. May they continue to be a model and an inspiration for *your* family, not just during the Christmas season, but each and every day. Be sure to celebrate this feast with *your* family.



A quick note. As we move into the New Year, please know that we refer to our office as that of Faith Formation, because we *continue* to be formed throughout our lives, it is not finite. We look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our parish families in this capacity. If there is some way in which we can assist you or your family, please feel free to contact me.

My continued heartfelt wishes for a joy-filled Christmas season!

Christmas Blessings,
Kathy Susalla Rochon
Faith Formation Director
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Reminder:

January 10 – All Sessions Resume

January 17 – No Sessions-MLK day

January 24 – All Sessions Resume

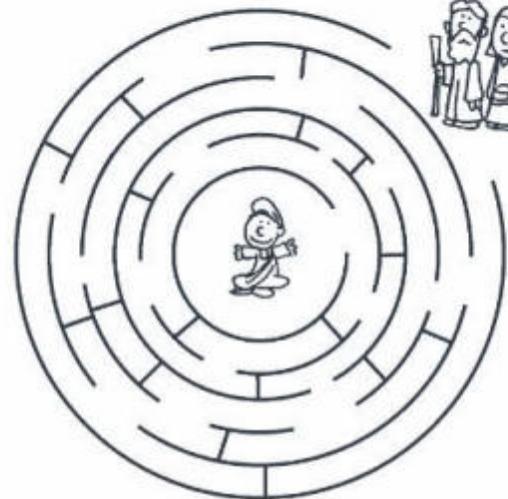


KIDS CORNER



PUZZLE

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



MISSION

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed.
As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors,
asking them to come back.



BECAUSE VIBRANT
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YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all our parishioners who joyously supported our two major fundraisers to help support our mission trip this year. The first weekend in December, Youth Group conducted our annual **Poinsettia/Wreath Sale** and a **Bake Sale**. The teens truly appreciate your support! Our profits from the Poinsettia Sale were \$1,419.00 and the Bake Sale brought in \$900!

An additional fundraiser was from the tree skirts donated by **Howard Biglin**. We sold 6 skirts which brought in \$180.00. Thank you, Howard and the six parishioners who purchased them.

Many hands make a job easier so it is fitting to thank the teen chairs of both events. **John Abraham** was extremely helpful with the poinsettia sale as well as **James Hermann** and **Garrett Dudlar**. **Mairin Mott** and **Max Angel** were in charge of the bake sale and helped gather all the goods before the 5pm Mass. Helpers were many including **Reese & Ella Kizy, Jordyn Adams, James Hermann, and Marisa Nafso**.



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR



Dear God,

May my life be of use to You this year.

May my talents and intelligence
help heal the world.

May I remember how much I have
by remembering how much I have to give.

May I not be tempted by smaller things
but serve my larger mission of forgiveness and love.

Thus shall I be lifted, God,
and know joy this coming year and beyond.

Bless me and work through me
to bless the entire world.

Amen

By Marianne Williamson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 2** Teen Liturgy, 11am Mass, need ushers!
- January 10** Parent/Teen Mission trip Meeting,
7PM in the Teen Room
- January 23** Winter Social Activity

LOVING--SERVING—GROWING!

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

ADULT SPIRITUALITY



There will be no scripture study meetings on December 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.

Happy New Year!



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.



Charitable End-of-Year Giving Christmas Collection

If you have yet to donate to the Christmas collection or make an end-of-year gift to St. Owen, it can still be accomplished.

Give a contribution between now and December 31st with Christmas written on memo line of check payable to St. Owen or write Christmas on any envelope with your offering.

or

Submit an online donation by December 31st . Visit our website at www.stowen.org. The WeShare online giving prompts will guide you through the steps to donate to the Christmas collection or scan the QR code.



Thank you to those who have remembered St. Owen this Christmas.

The year-to-date offertory contributions and Christmas collection will be reported in the January 9 bulletin.

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.

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.

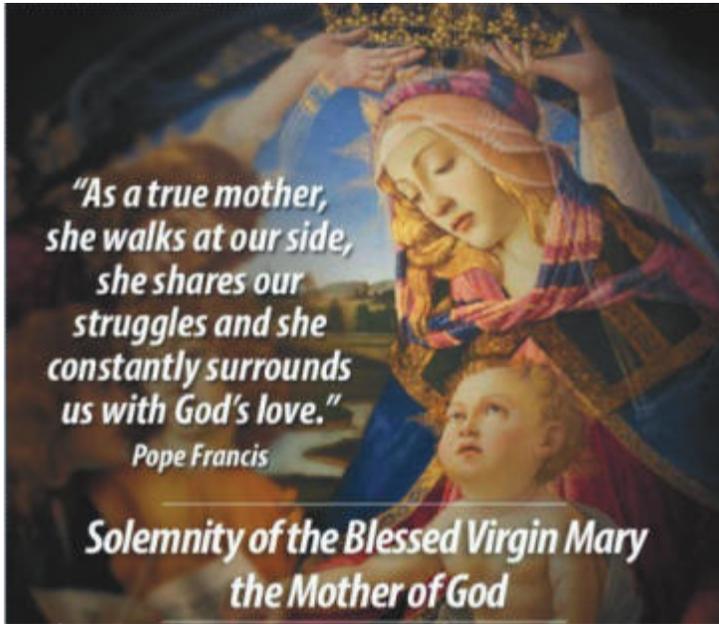


We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of

Patricia O’Callaghan

Buried from St. Owen on December 16, 2021.

O LORD, Bring this soul to eternal life.



Parish Registration

You’ve heard that *membership has its privileges*. A corollary to that is *registration has its benefits*.

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. Click on the REGISTER HERE icon as seen below. Registration just takes a few minutes.



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Presents under the Christmas tree are nice, but they can't heal a hurting marriage. Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, or those considering separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples attend during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time and encountered trouble. *This is the BEST Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!*

Do you know someone whose marriage is in trouble? WE CAN HELP

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2022 Calendar

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MASS INTENTIONS

At each St. Owen Mass, one special intention is offered. We are scheduling throughout 2022. 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.



Prayer to the Holy Family

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.
Amen.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Diane McShane (Dec 2021) | George Fenton (Dec 2019) |
| 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 |

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
THURSDAY: 9:00 AM
FRIDAY: 9:00 AM

Liturgical Minister Schedule
December 31 - January 2, 2022

*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

Friday, December 31 5:00 p.m.	N. Samona
Saturday, January 1 5:00 p.m.	T. Martin
Sunday, January 2 9:00 a.m.	M. Leedom B. Babcock
Sunday, January 2 11:00 a.m.	Youth Mass

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