

ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
JANUARY 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN

	MASS INTENTIONS	SCRIPTURE READINGS	CALENDAR EVENTS
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
Monday, January 3	Kathy Loch Req. by Dee Whiting	1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 9:00am Mass (Rosary after Mass)
Tuesday, January 4	Imad Daboul Req. by Sue Hesano & Family	1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 9:00am Mass
Wednesday, January 5		1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52	St. John Neumann, Bishop 9:30am Knit/Crochet Group-Center 6:30pm Handbell Carillon Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Chorale Rehearsal
Thursday, January 6	Hayat Daboul Req. by Sue Hesano & Family	1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14-22a	St. André Bessette, Religious 9:00am Mass (Rosary after Mass) 10:00am Women's Spirituality Series-Center 6:00pm Madrigal Chorale 7:30pm AA Meeting-Center
Friday, January 7	Michael & Gurgia Sheena Req. by the Sheena Family	1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 9:00am Mass
Saturday, January 8	Joe Shaya Req. by Linda Shaya	1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30	4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, January 9	9am Mass Madelyn Damioli Req. by Brian & Kathy Murphy 11am Mass Patricia Hagerty Req. by Denise & Pat Martin	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	The Baptism of the Lord 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass



A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

What are epiphanies' in our life time? What stands us up and gets our attention? We can just imagine the moments in our life that grab our attention and remind us that life is precious and fragile. Our prayer this week needs to be one of thanksgiving for all the ways in which God has broken into our daily existence and pulled us to a deeper sense of existence.

Thank you to all for the many kindnesses you have offered me and the team who serve our parish; may God be a blessing upon all of us in this new year.

Fr. Mike

Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.

ADULT SPIRITUALITY



There will be **no scripture study meeting on 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 Parish 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.

What can YOU Do Now?

To prepare together we have some questions for you to reflect and pray upon. Questions like these will be used in our conversation together:

- How are we announcing the Gospel (Good News) today at St. Owen?
- Who else do we need to reach out to, listen to and learn from?
- Whose voices are currently not being heard? Who is absent from our gatherings?
- What do you think would make our parish better? What am I willing to do to make it better?
- How do we see our parishioners becoming more aware of how much their insights and ideas count – and need to be heard?
- What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a faith community?

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light
has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
(Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
(Ps 72)



SECOND READING

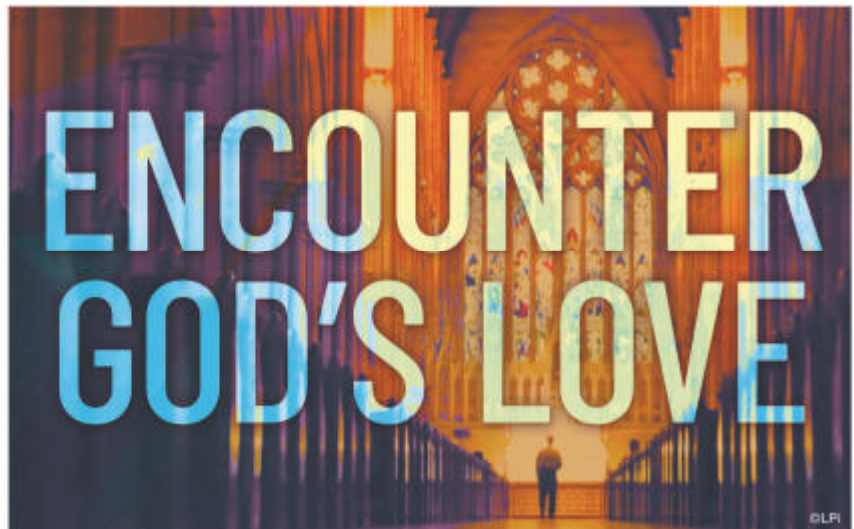
It was not made known to people in
other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by
the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members
of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

YOUTH GROUP

"See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you." Isaiah 60:2



It's simple to get caught up in the darkness. There is plenty of it around us, just watch the news. Economic disaster, health crises, crime, environmental crises, and more. Don't get caught up in the darkness. Take five minutes a day and imagine yourself standing in the light of the Lord. God shines on you and in you and His glory surrounds you! It's the spirit of Epiphany. Let His light shine through you!

During our Leadership Meeting, the leaders helped make our Teen Room look a little festive with decorations last month in preparation for our annual Christmas Party.



Parent/Teen Mission Trip Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 7pm in the Teen Room. The mission trip this year is scheduled for **June 19-25**. Necessary information for the trip will be provided, criteria for trip discussed, forms to be completed, along with costs and requirements for teens. If both parent and teen are unable to attend, send one to gather the information.



Roller Skating is scheduled for January 29. Dust off your roller skates (if you have some) or rent some and join us for a fun evening.

Permission slips due Monday, January 17 can be found in your email.

Calendar

January 23 Roller Skating

February 5 Youth Liturgy, 11am.

Education Meeting, 7PM

LOVING--SERVING—GROWING!

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

FAITH FORMATION CORNER...



The Christmas Season continues. Happy Feast of the Epiphany! Throughout the world, this particular feast is celebrated in many different ways. We are familiar with the story, where the Magi are inspired by the star. The Star of Bethlehem, also called the Christmas Star, appears only in the nativity story of the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12, it eventually leads the Magi to Jesus, where they worship him and give him gifts. The star is a major symbol of Christmas across the globe, and if you recall, was the subject of many Astronomy reports last year of it appearing for the first time in over eight-hundred years!



We focused on the star during our Christmas session, and I share the same opportunity for reflection with you today. Do you follow a star in your life today? Is your star bright? Does it ever grow dim? Do you sometimes lose sight of your star? What helps you to refocus? We spent the Advent season searching for light in the darkness, now our hearts should be drawn to The Star, a symbol of faith, hope, and love, throughout the year!



While we return to formal formation next week, it is my hope that our Confirmation Candidates continue to work on their Christian Service hours and Saint Reflection paper, and those preparing for First Reconciliation, continue to have conversations about the gift of this sacrament and the meaning of forgiveness in our lives.

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

Christmas Blessings,
Kathy Susalla Rochon
Faith Formation Director
krochonstowen@gmail.com

Reminder:

January 10 – All Sessions Resume
January 17 – No Sessions-MLK Day
January 24 – All Sessions Resume



**READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!**

SHARING THE GOSPEL
 Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

PRAYER
 Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK
 Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men	king	Mary
child	star	gifts
born	worship	dream

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derma _ _ _ _ _

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year Friends~2022 has arrived! As we continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us be reminded. *Our God is a "with us" God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Immanuel, God with us. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.*

God, thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Help us to keep our focus first on you this season. Please forgive us for giving too much time and attention to other things, for looking to other people before coming to you first. Help us to reflect again, on what Christmas is really all about. Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy. Thank you that your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Immanuel, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you are still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in your care.

We choose to press in close to you today and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store. In Jesus' name, Amen. (Prayer from Debbie McDaniel)

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CHRIST

This past year was certainly filled with trials, tribulations, joys and sorrows for all; for us within the parish and well as everyone else in the world. Those friends with the added challenges of poverty, health issues, secure living arrangements, lack of utilities and basic needs and more are the ones we have reached out to with our various drives and donations. Thank you for your extension of love and generosity for all we serve, through the holidays and all year long.

Once the tree is down, decorations are packed up; the need is still great. With our new year, comes new resolutions to keep improving. Perhaps a resolution of yours could be how can I continue to care for the less fortunate and neglected, ask yourself, what can I do? Might it be calling an elderly neighbor to say hello, drop a few pantry items, gas card or gift card in the collection basket to use for others needs or simply keep those in need in your daily prayers. Every little bit helps those we serve!

Pantry Needs



Our pantry helped several families over the holidays, over 25 bags of groceries were shared with those in need. Our surplus of pancake mix and syrup (reg. size), rice (1 or 2lb bag), and healthy cereals needs some assistance. Thank you!



Stay tuned, this New Year will surely bring many opportunities for St. Owen to continue to shine through our Christian Service Ministry. I encourage you all to follow St. Owen Catholic Church on Facebook!

Peace and blessings in the New Year,
Michelle Novaco

Christmas Flower Dedications

in memory of

Ray Family

Forte Family

Karakashian Family

Imad Daboul

Hyatt Daboul

Barbara Campbell

Deacon Ron Rohlman

Contributors

Richard and Christine Graham

James and Sandra Donovan

Discernment Group

Wednesday, January 19, 2022
7:00 - 8:30pm

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

Special Collection Next Weekend



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give generously to the upcoming collection.



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Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

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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!!*

Marriage Saving Weekend
Jan. 14-16, 2022
Metro Detroit Area

Do you know someone whose marriage is in trouble?
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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.



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.



2022 Calendar

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**Liturgical Minister Schedule
January 8-9, 2022**

*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

Ushers: A&B	Lectors*
Saturday, January 8 5:00 p.m.	R. Gumbleton B. Lampertius
Sunday, January 9 9:00 a.m.	S. Peters B. Murphy
Sunday, January 9 11:00 a.m.	P. Plopa J. Kelly

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) |
| 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

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