

# ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN

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	MASS INTENTIONS	SCRIPTURE READINGS	CALENDAR EVENTS		
Saturday, January 22	<b>Deacon Michael Von Ende</b> Req. by Joe & Peggy Pero	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 11:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation for Faith Formation Students 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass		
Sunday, January 23	9am Mass Susan Chambers Req. by Joe & Peg Dasovic  11am Mass Gordon Johnston Req. by John Johnston	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr St. Marianne Cope, Virgin 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass		
Monday, January 24	Imad Daboul Req. by Sue Hesano & Family	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 9:00am Mass (Rosary after Mass) 5:00-6:15pm K-5th Grade Faith Formation Classes-Center 7:00-8:15pm 6th-8th Grade Faith Formation Classes-Center		
Tuesday, January 25	Genevieve LeVeille Req. by Tim & Colleen Lafferty	Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle 9:00am Mass		
Wednesday, January 26		2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 4:1-20	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 9:30am Knit/Crochet Group-Center 9:30am Scripture Study via Zoom 6:30pm Handbell Carillon Rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Chorale Rehearsal		
Thursday, January 27	John Anticoli Req. by the Steinmetz Family	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25	St. Angela Merici, Virgin 9:00am Mass (Rosary after Mass) 6:00pm Madrigal Chorale 7:30pm AA Meeting-Center		
Friday, January 28	Hayat Daboul Req. by Sue Hesano & Family	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 9:00am Mass		
Saturday, January 29	Richard Jacobs 2nd Anniversary of Death Req. by Diana Jacobs	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass		
Sunday, January 30	9am Mass Jerry Leedom Req. by family 11am Mass Deacon Michael Von Ende Req. by Joe & Peg Dasovic	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31—13 Lk 4:21-30	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass		



# A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

In these few weeks between the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of the Lenten Season we are guided by St. Luke's challenges that we recognize we are called by God to deepen our spiritual knowledge. Some of us respond to this challenge by using a director in our spiritual life; it is the reason we hired Nancy Mason Bordley to be one of those guides. Some of us also use the retreat centers at Manresa and St. Paul of the Cross to at least annually gather with others to challenge our spiritual knowledge.

Spend some time during these weeks between seasons to challenge yourself on how God is calling you to grow and ponder taking up that challenge to retreat or be directed.

Fr. Mike



#### St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aqui-

nas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

#### **ADULT SPIRITUALITY**

Scripture study continues online via ZOOM on **Wednesday**, **January 19 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM**. All are welcome! To request a link to the meeting please email Nancy Mason Bordley at <u>Parishserv@aol.com</u>

Mark your calendar! Our next **Women's Spirituality** gathering will be held **Thursday, February 3 from 10 – 11:30 AM** via ZOOM. We will explore the history and practice of **Spiritual Direction** and discuss how it can be a tool for discernment and deepening our faith. Join us for a morning of friendship and conversation! To register for a ZOOM link for the meeting please send a request to Parishserv@aol.com



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. Gatherings will be set up to meet everyone's needs – morning,

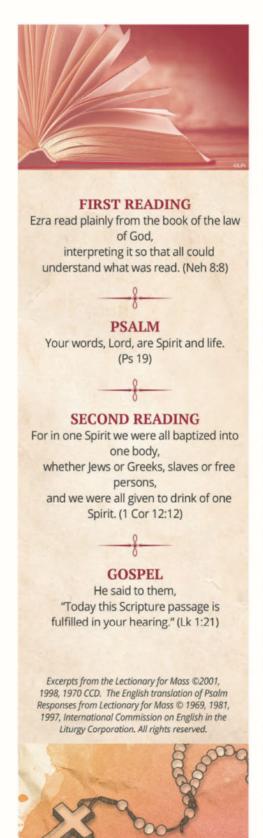
afternoon, evening and several remote opportunities for those who prefer to meet online. EVERYONE is invited and encourage to join the discussion, including those who have been away from the practice of their faith. Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone, even those who have left the Church. NO ONE is left out or not included! And all the feedback that we gather from the discussions will be summarized locally and sent DIRECTLY to Rome.

Consider hosting a mini synod in your home and gather your family members, friends, and neighbors. Spread the word!

#### 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



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

<u>January's Teen Meeting</u> focused on Jesus! Who Is This Man? How do we know Him? Divided into small groups, the teens were each given scripture describing Jesus's works.... John 2:1-11, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 24:13-32, Matthew 20:29-34, Luke 5:17-26, and more.... Who is This Man? The meeting was designed to help teens explore who Jesus is and who He is in their life? We identified names for Jesus through scripture, read about his miracles and discovered Jesus expressed feelings just as we do. The teens were then asked to reflect in writing, how Jesus makes a difference in their lives.



Who do YOU say that I am? Mk 4:29

This is the most important question of all. Who is Jesus to **me**? What difference does it make to me that the man Jesus is the Son of God? What impact do the life and teachings of Jesus have on my life?

They were asked to look deeply into their own heart and see Jesus there, loving them, smiling into their eyes, asking: Who do **you** say that I am? Who am I to you?

They were asked to tell Jesus the truth about your relationship with him. Is he your best friend? Is he a stranger? Is he your coach in the game of life? Is he a distant shadow that you seldom even notice? Is he your healer? Is he your helper? Is he a friend-of-the-family that you have never really gotten to know very well? Would you like to know him better? Adapted from CMD, 2011

#### **Calendar**

January 23 Roller Skating
February 6 Youth Liturgy, 11am, need ushers.
Education Meeting, 7PM

#### LOVING--SERVING—GROWING!

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

#### **FAITH FORMATION CORNER...**

It's hard to believe that almost one month has passed since we celebrated the beginning of the Christmas season. This weekend, we pause to recall Roe vs Wade. A tremendous tug at our hearts, the joy we feel upon the news of a newborn child, and the struggle for some to choose life. We are called to protect all life, regardless of age. What can we do? Once again, we can pray. We can act with kindness towards those who feel that their life is unimportant. Pray for those that do not have a voice, not only on these days of remembrance, but each and every day.

We continue to face challenges in regards to Covid-19, and we recognize that families are extremely stretched with their daily agendas. Know that we are here to walk with you, and aid you in your child's faith journey. We pray for your wisdom, strength and enlightenment. If you find that you are able to volunteer in the program, please contact me!

Also, once again included in this week's bulletin, is a call for Altar Servers, if you know someone interested that has served in the past, or is new to the ministry, please have them complete and return the form, or contact Brian and Kathy Murphy.

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



#### Reminder:

January 24 – All Sessions Resume

January 31 – All Sessions Meet

# KIDS CORNER



Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT LORD FREEDOM **JESUS** CHOSEN SIGHT SUFFERS TRUE POOR Н E Α Ε 0 M E E S S Н Ε



Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



# Attention: Calling all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders! We need you!

St Owen will begin to have altar servers at mass once again, and we need volunteers to assist Fr Mike!

Altar Servers are children or teens who assist the priest at the Altar during mass. It can involve anything from carrying candles, helping to set the altar, etc.

Families who are interested in having their children become altar servers can use the form on the bottom of this page.

A training session will take place in early 2022!



The liturgy is the work of all the people. Servers add a dimension to the liturgy that enhances it as they assist the presider with the celebration.

Please detach, complete and return the following to Faith Formation or to the Parish Office!

Child's Name:_		Child's Grade:	
Child's Name: _		Child's Grade:	
Parent's Name:		I would like to volunteer to help: yes	no
Email Address:	Phone #:		

#### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Dear Friends in Christ,

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21. The notes of appreciation from the various groups we assisted over the Christmas season continue to arrive, I feel it is so important to share each one with each of you.

Dear St. Owen,

Thank you so much for contributing to Pope Francis Center's Christmas backpack project. Your generosity truly makes a difference in our guests lives. Sincerely, Pope Francis Center

Dear St. Owen Catholic Church,

The Rosa Parks Children/Youth Program would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for We are so grateful to have been your support. recipients of your "Sharing with a Family" Program. Our families truly appreciated the generous and thoughtful gifts provided by your congregation for Christmas. You have not only shown your love for children but also for the continued fight in helping restore the city of Detroit by providing positive opportunities for the children, youth, and their families. The generous support of groups like yours makes it possible for our organization to exist and provide as much support to our families as possible. We truly appreciate all you do for our program at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. We would like to wish you many blessings. ~ Rose Parks Children/Youth Program Staff

Throughout the year, we receive calls from people in need of assistance with car repairs, medical expenses, rent, utility bills and more. We do our due diligence to track all aspects of the requests before some financial aid is rendered. A call was made shortly before Christmas about a Pontiac resident that literally had NO heat; it had been turned off. Today, that is no longer the case, and this family has heat!!! Together, St. Owen, two other agencies and a couple assorted private donations secured payment and their heat was turned back on. The family is so very grateful. Donations that come to Christian Service were responsible for our ability to assist, those donations

come from you, and I am so grateful and blessed to be the channel of change or help on behalf of St. Owen.

As previously stated in the bulletin at the very beginning of the year, I am hopeful that together we can continue to care for the less fortunate and neglected throughout the year, being the channel of change and help with various drives. I am currently working on a plan to contact several groups so we may continue to support others and their basic needs. Stay tuned, more information will follow in the coming weeks.

#### RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CHRIST



If anyone has medical supplies they would like to clear out of their home, let me know I will be taking a carload of items in early February. In the event you

did not know, just in our backyard in Southfield, there is an organization that accepts all types of medical supplies, equipment, personal hygiene items and even some prescriptions. A list of acceptable donations can be found on their website at <a href="https://www.worldmedicalrelief.org">www.worldmedicalrelief.org</a> I hope this is helpful if you have anything to donate.

#### **PANTRY NEEDS**



Just prior to writing this article, I did an inventory and noted our pantry was nicely stocked. Then, in one day's time, I had four calls for pantry needs: families of various

sizes, 2-3-4-12! As you might imagine, that quickly cleared some of our surplus. All items must be new, unopened, and not expired. The following items are currently needed: pasta sauce, pasta, canned tuna/chicken, canned fruit, paper towel, toilet paper, dish soap, deodorant, and toothpaste.

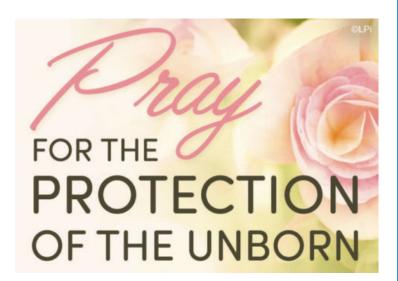
A total of fourteen full grocery bags went out in total to these families: with another additional twelve taken to another pantry serving people in immediate need. St Owen can do this because of your generosity~ Thank you!

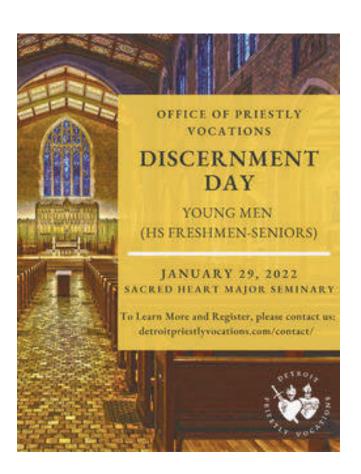
God Bless! Michelle Novaco



At each St. Owen Mass, one special intention is offered. We are scheduling throughout 2022. AOD's suggested donation is \$10.

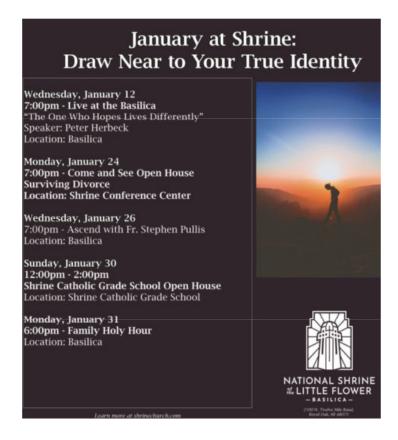
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Detroit's Assumption Grotto Church, located at 13770 Gratiot Ave., along with welcoming members of the North American Lourdes Volunteers, will be hosting an all-day pilgrimage of prayer on Friday, February 11, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, from 7 AM to 9 PM. A plenary indulgence, as granted by Pope Leo XIII, can be obtained by all participants. Day highlights include Holy Masses at 7:30 AM & 7 PM each followed by Veneration of St. Bernadette Relic & Holy Rosary, 5 PM Lourdes Virtual Experience with Candlelight Procession to Outdoor Grotto and an opportunity to obtain Lourdes Water, Noon Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Anointing of the Sick, 3 PM Stations of the Cross followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Rosary. Private Confession will also be available a half hour before each Mass and upon request. A luncheon bar of vegetarian chili, soups, salads, potluck items will be available from 12:30 PM until 5 PM. For more information, including a complete day schedule of events, please visit www.assumptiongrotto.com or call (313) 372-0762.



#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Offertory for the week of January 16: \$5,438.

YTD Budgeted Contributions: \$428,430.\*

YTD Actual Contributions: \$438,197.\*

Over Budget \$ 9,767.

\*Includes WeShare online giving.

## Thank you!!

#### **Year End Contribution Statements**

Contribution statements for 2021 will be sent out by the end of January to registered parishioners who have donated \$250 or more. Thank you for your generosity.





Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Owen Parish. Please consider giving online. To do so, scan this QR code with your smartphone and you will be directed to WeShare online giving.

#### Liturgical Minister Schedule January 29-30, 2022

\*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

Ushers: A&B	Lectors*	
Saturday, January 29	K. DeRonne	
5:00 p.m.	R. Hawkins	
Sunday, January 30	A. Antone	
9:00 a.m.	B. Murphy	
Sunday, January 30	R. Gumbleton	
11:00 a.m.	J. Kelly	

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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) lan 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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<u>WEEKEND MASS</u> 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

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