

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community  
December 17, 2023

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



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## Notes from Fr. Steve

As we journey in faith this Advent season, we are reminded of the profound and awe-inspiring event that lies at the heart of our faith—the incarnation of Jesus Christ. The word “incarnation” itself carries immense weight, encapsulating the divine mystery of God taking on human flesh. It is a truth that goes beyond human comprehension yet speaks directly to the core of our salvation and the boundless love of our Creator.

In the Gospel of John, we are greeted with the poetic and powerful words, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14). These words encapsulate the essence of the incarnation—the divine Word, the very essence of God, taking on human form to dwell among humanity. This divine descent is a staggering act of love, a bridge between the infinite Creator and finite creation.

The incarnation is not a distant theological concept but a living reality that brings immense comfort and hope. In Jesus, God chose to experience the human condition—the joys, sorrows, temptations, and triumphs. The Creator of the universe became a vulnerable baby born in humble surroundings, entering our world to fully understand and redeem it.

This act of divine condescension is more than a historical event; it is an ongoing revelation of God’s character. The incarnation teaches us that our God is not a distant deity, indifferent to our struggles, but a compassionate and empathetic Savior who intimately understands our human experience. The birth of Jesus affirms that God is not content to remain aloof from our lives; rather, He desires a personal and transformative relationship with each one of us.

As we light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love during this Advent season, let us reflect on the ultimate manifestation of love—God’s decision to dwell with us. The incarnation brings us hope because it signals that God is present in the midst of our challenges. It brings us peace because it assures us that we are not alone in our journey. It brings us joy because, in Jesus, we find the source of eternal joy. And it brings us love because, through the incarnation, God demonstrates His unfathomable love for us.

As the feast of Christmas draws near, let us marvel at the mystery of the incarnation and embrace the joy of knowing that God is with us. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and worship as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, who came to redeem, restore, and renew all of creation.

Please remember to pray for the parish especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing comfort and peace! One last thought, if you or a loved one has cancer please consider coming or bringing them to the St. Peregrine Shrine (located on Ryan Road, North of the Church) for prayers and healing. As you heard in church a local woman who had cancer, was diagnosed to be cancer free after visiting the shrine. She is not the first healing that has taken place at the St. Peregrine Shrine. We have St. Peregrine Prayer Cards and medals in the parish office if you would like one to use when you visit the shrine.

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As we light the rose-colored candle on Gaudete Sunday, we know that the arrival of Christ is almost upon us. Our hearts are full.

The Gospel acclamation from 1 Thessalonians 5:16 says it simply – Rejoice always.

But how can we rejoice in a world full of sorrow? Amid illness and want, injustice and hate?

St. Dominic found that joy was not only comforting, but life-giving. Walking the fields of France, he was aware of an impending attack by men sent to kill him but continued his songs and prayers. His would-be assassins were so taken aback by his joy that they did not harm him.

Can you find that same life-giving joy in the eyes of someone else, and in the small acts of kindness that surround you?

Remember God is with us. Mary is waiting with us to bring the light of her Son into our darkness. As we light this candle, pray for light and love to come into our hearts.

## Thank You! FOR THE SOCKS!!!

Thank you for your generous donations of socks for the homeless. The final count was 780 pairs. The shelters that these are distributed to every year are extremely appreciative as they can help so many homeless keep their feet warm this winter.

God bless all who gave so generously!

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the “Pay” button. It’s that simple! We thank you for your generosity.



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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don’t feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don’t feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Advent Scripture Reflection Third Sunday in Advent

The theme of “Rejoicing in the Lord” links today’s Scripture passages. In Isaiah’s prophecy he declares, The spirit of the Lord is upon me...I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul. In today’s Gospel from St. John the Baptist witnesses to the Light that is Jesus; that through Christ, all people may believe. The evangelist St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, encourages them, and us, to rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. How do we, as the Lord’s disciples, respond in thanksgiving for this tremendous gift: our life in Christ Jesus? Before retiring to sleep each night, take a few moments to acknowledge in prayerful gratitude to the Lord five blessings bestowed upon you this day.

## *Christmas Flower Offerings in Loving Memory and Honor of...*

<i>Facio &amp; Ceding Amarga</i>	<i>Libunado Family</i>
<i>Antonio Andrion</i>	<i>Mary Lou Liptak</i>
<i>Catherine Anhut</i>	<i>The Lohn Family</i>
<i>John W. Anhut</i>	<i>Henrietta Lopinski</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Baczkowski</i>	<i>Frank &amp; Laura Mastracci</i>
<i>Jacob Bayuga</i>	<i>Mark May</i>
<i>Anthony Belkowski</i>	<i>Agnes Montrose</i>
<i>Julia Belkowski</i>	<i>Barbara Montrose</i>
<i>Bellomo Family</i>	<i>Chris Montrose</i>
<i>Racquel Bernardéz</i>	<i>Joe &amp; Herta Moravek</i>
<i>Henry &amp; Virginia Bialy</i>	<i>Alberto Morolli</i>
<i>Deceased Members of the Bonrostro Family</i>	<i>Murray Family</i>
<i>Barbara Borowski</i>	<i>Al Napolitano</i>
<i>Bugnacki Family</i>	<i>Napolitano Family</i>
<i>Mary Carnaghi</i>	<i>Bob Newberry</i>
<i>Antonio &amp; Antonietta Cataldi</i>	<i>Eugene Nosek</i>
<i>Umberto &amp; Lucille Cataldi</i>	<i>William &amp; Lottie Nosek</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. J.J. Chrustowski</i>	<i>Arturo Orzame</i>
<i>Kayla Cunanan</i>	<i>Josue Pasamba</i>
<i>Lahni Ofelia Cunanan</i>	<i>Genoveva Paunan</i>
<i>Marc Cunanan</i>	<i>Jose Paunan</i>
<i>Peter Cunanan</i>	<i>Mike &amp; Mary Peszko</i>
<i>Roger De Vera</i>	<i>Piskor Family</i>
<i>Larry Doyle</i>	<i>Pittiglio Family</i>
<i>Alan Dudek</i>	<i>Pyykkonen Family</i>
<i>Henry Dudek</i>	<i>The Quick Family</i>
<i>Virginia Dudek</i>	<i>Roberti Family</i>
<i>Celia Emmandorfer</i>	<i>Romano Family</i>
<i>Harold Emmandorfer</i>	<i>Roura Family</i>
<i>Martin &amp; Agnes Emmandorfer</i>	<i>John &amp; Julia Rzeppa</i>
<i>Martin W. Emmandorfer</i>	<i>Suzann Rzeppa</i>
<i>Femminineo Family</i>	<i>Ronaldo Sales</i>
<i>Finazzo Family</i>	<i>Robert A. Serocki</i>
<i>Peter Formanczyk</i>	<i>Fred Schulte</i>
<i>Ciriaco Ganir</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Donna Schmidt</i>
<i>Sylvia Gomulinski</i>	<i>The Skibinski Family</i>
<i>Chester P. Gorski</i>	<i>Sopala Family</i>
<i>Gorski Family</i>	<i>John Sopala Jr.</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Zigmund Graczyk</i>	<i>Michael &amp; Angeline Swieczkowski</i>
<i>Deceased Members of the Guerra Family</i>	<i>Anthony, Genevieve &amp; Celeste Szeliga</i>
<i>Joan Herbert</i>	<i>Quirico &amp; Ester Tagalag</i>
<i>Steven Herbert</i>	<i>Adam &amp; Margaret Tallion</i>
<i>Deceased Members of the Hernandez Family</i>	<i>Phillip Tallion</i>
<i>Walter Kalcevic</i>	<i>Chester &amp; Frances Urban</i>
<i>Alberta M. Kusiak</i>	<i>Bob Van Eenoo</i>
<i>Ernest F. Kusiak</i>	<i>Amy &amp; Renato Vila</i>
<i>John &amp; Margaret Kompier</i>	<i>Bernadine Wandzel</i>
<i>Norm Kopaczeski</i>	<i>Makayla Weiland</i>
<i>Raymond LePage</i>	<i>Wilkinski Family</i>
	<i>Sam Zappa</i>
	<i>Rose Zappa</i>
	<i>Deceased Members of the Zieslinski Family</i>

## Readings for The Third Sunday of Advent

### Reading I

*Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

### Reading II

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Jesus Christ. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, but preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

### Gospel

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests, and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'* as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

## *Readings for the Week*

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**Sunday, December 17, 2023:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday, December 18, 2023:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday, December 21, 2023:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Friday, December 22, 2023:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday, December 23, 2023:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday, December 24, 2023:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Celi Esmana  
+Delores Mullaney

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Alex Fragnoli  
+Agapito Bayoneto Sr.

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Jane Pomper DeHart

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Felix & Rita Gatt  
+Walter & Diane Broski  
+Joan Herbert  
+Mary Jean Calmi  
+Jerry Nowakowski  
+Mark Weatherwax  
+Franklin Langenstein

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Robert Labinski  
David Boni  
+Antonio Andrion  
+Ronaldo Sales

**10:30 a.m.**

+Jim Pawlik  
+Clarence Samelko  
+Ernesto Cabagay  
+Manuel Yatooma

**4:00 p.m.**

+Felix & Rita Gatt  
+Joan Herbert  
+Mark May  
+Gerald, Dorothy & Michael Hurley  
+Connie & Loue Raona  
+Mark Douglas Risvold  
+Christine Lysagt  
+Julia Rzeppa, birthday remembrance  
+John & Margaret Kompieer  
+Barbara Borowski  
+Robert Newberry  
+Virginia Bialy  
+Donald Wyniemko  
+Sam Zappa  
+Rose Zappa  
+Walt Kalcevic  
+Terry Koehler  
+Sharon Murawski  
Healing of Dylan Ventimiglia  
+Eugene & Priscilla Zieslinski  
Deceased Members of the Zielinski Family  
Deceased Members of the Wilinski Family

**4:00 p.m. cont.**

+Richard & Nadine Koehler  
+Ted & Fern Russman  
+Gail Ebert  
+James Koelher  
+Al Napolitano  
+Marlene Breaz  
+Robert Serocki  
+Rosalie Barrett  
+Marian Kobus  
+Ron Tash  
+Josephine & Peter Kudla  
+Jane Kudla  
+Joseph Kudla  
+Sister Mary Joanette  
+Mitchell Kudla  
+Edward Kudla  
+Christopher Kudla  
+Ralph A. Basile  
+Theresa & Charles MacDonald  
+Tom Waller  
Special Intention of Brittany Hicks  
+Stanley & Bernice Barc  
+David Willick  
+Shelly Ronne  
+Dale Kennedy  
+Daniel Schilkey  
+Lynn & John Morgan  
+Anthony & Genevieve Szeliga  
+Regina Czerwicz Szeliga  
+Mitch Roszko  
+Fred & Kathy Southers

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Dolores Volchoff  
+Joseph & Mary Wyrwicz  
Living & Deceased Members of the Martineau Family  
+Philip Roberti  
+Ronaldo Sales  
+Delphine Wolk  
+Gloria Dilao

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

+Joan Droz  
+Mom & Dad Stanaitis  
+Jim Pawlik  
+Rudy Pomper Jr.  
+Helen Pomper  
+Jane Pomper DeHart  
+Emmanuel Raphael  
Fr. Chris Alar & Family  
Fr. Steve Wertnan & Family  
+Walter Cecile & Roberta Babbish  
The Schanta, Gavrilek & Pudelko Families  
+Tom Waller  
+Danilo Maribbay  
+Theodoros Vergos  
+Sandy Kratt  
+Michael Pastue  
+Cezar Cabrera  
Living & Deceased Members of the Cabrera & Hernandez Family



**Weekend Liturgy Schedule for December 23 & 24**

	<b>Saturday 4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Kiernan	Ricky Yulo	Dori Fooy	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Owen Brink	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	J Dzuris M Passalacqua Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio T Monterio Open	
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Pluta Bill Broaddus Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish	
<b>Sacristan</b>	R Kranson	K Nieto	T Monterio	

**Weekend Liturgy Schedule for December 24 & 25**

	<b>Sunday 4:00PM Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Monday 8:30 AM Christmas Day</b>	<b>Monday 10:30 AM Christmas Day</b>	
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	
<b>Lector</b>	Dorothy Arche	Rob Wilson	Marv Laubach	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Isabella Gonzalez Nathan Gonzalez	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	G Labinski L Youkhana L Nosek	Open Open Open	E Monterio T Monterio H DeVera	
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<b>Sacristan</b>	L Youkhana	K Nieto	T Monterio	

**STAY CONNECTED**

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

1. Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click “Sign up.”
2. Click “I belong to a Parish or Organization.”
3. Type “Faith at Home Detroit” in the center box under Create New Account. (You’ll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click “Next.”
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you’re registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at [www.help.formed.org](http://www.help.formed.org) or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

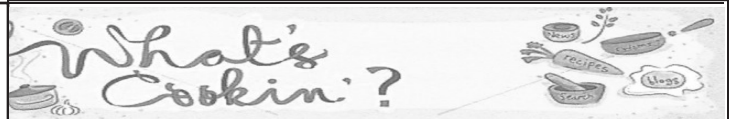


St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.

**The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:**

**Sugar, vegetable oil, crackers, canned fruit, small ketchup, small mustard and small syrup.**

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Breakfast Casserole**

- 16-18 oz. pkg. hash brown potatoes
- 12-18 eggs (varies by egg size)
- Onion
- Green pepper
- 1 pkg. sausage—rolled, links or patties
- 1-2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- Mushrooms
- Bacon Pieces
- 2-3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Fry hash brown potatoes to desired taste. Press to bottom of ungreased 9x12 pan. Scramble eggs and add desired items (salt, pepper, sauteed onions, mushrooms, green pepper). Cook eggs until lightly set (semi-runny). Place evenly over hash browns. Press lightly. Add sausage evenly on top of the casserole. (Rolled sausage cooked like loose hamburger works best!) Add undiluted soup evenly over the sausage. Add additional mushrooms, if desired, over casserole. Add shredded cheese evenly over casserole. Add crumbled bacon evenly over the cheese on the casserole (West Virginia/Oscar Mayer brand canned bacon “pieces” work best!) Bake at 350 F uncovered for 60 minutes, add additional 30 minutes if refrigerated.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It’s nothing new, of course. In Jesus’ day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you’re free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark’s gospel, “**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**” It’s not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word “gospel” was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God’s son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It’s time to follow him and be truly free. This week let’s refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let’s rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.  
— *Father John Muir*



**Our Sunday Offering  
December 9 & 10  
Thank you for your  
generous response.**

**God Bless you!**

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](http://Parishesonline.com) then search by zip code. You can go online to the [aod.org/live masses](http://aod.org/live masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.





**We are in need of Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone is interested, please contact Gordon Yeck at (810)343-2954.**

**We are in need of Ushers at the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in Ushering, please see one of the Ushers.**

**Altar Server training  
Anyone young or adult who would like to serve at the altar is invited to a training session. Please come serve at the altar!  
Date & Time to be announced!**

The names for the prayer list for the sick is now done by personal intercession. Please drop the names of those needing prayers for healing in the petition box in the gathering area. We are asking that you take 2 names from the basket and pray for those people by name every day for four weeks. If an emergency comes up please call the parish office and we will get members of the community to pray and offer intercessions for them at daily mass.

**Please Pray for the Family Members of our Parishioners serving in the Military:**

Josey Blades (Air Force)  
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon  
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)  
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano  
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)  
P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)  
Lt Col David Fries  
Maj. Laura Geldhof  
Joe Gill, Navy  
Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon  
Christopher Grubby (Navy)

Pfc. Kevin Heath  
Lt. Christopher Kerr  
Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)  
Lt. Joseph Kraft  
Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)  
Sgt. Chris Libeck  
Mark Locricchio (Army)  
Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)  
LCPL Miguel Menzer  
SPC Matthew Muellenhagen  
Maj. Eric Olson  
Chief Daniel Przybylinski

(Navy)  
Justin Quinn (Marines)  
Anthony Roszko (Army)  
Lt. Greg Siuta  
Maj. Allison Stewart  
Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.  
ISG Robert Sutton  
Sgt. Matthew Sweetman  
Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

**Prayer for Those Serving in the Military**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.  
Amen.

**Adoration Chapel**



In the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Church Fathers describe the Eucharist as: "The source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates in the Greek word Eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving.

"Take; this is my body" Mark 14:22

1. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true and substantial.
2. "It is called the Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC. No. 1328)
3. "Jesus awaits us in the sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, Dominicae cene, no. 3)
4. Eucharist makes the one present sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

If you would like to take the opportunity to be still and listen to God (without worldly interruptions), we have need for almost every hour to have a second adorer, thereby making less the need for a substitute. It is a sacrifice being Catholic in our world today, you need contemplation and the grace to make you holy. Please call Mary Peterson to sign up at (586)979-1469 or (586)738-1154.

**Uncommitted Hours  
Tuesday 1pm & 2pm  
Friday 4pm  
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

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Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor  
Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate  
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon  
Michael Novak,  
Director of Evangelization & Education  
Alexander Sunga  
Director of Worship & Music

**ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES**

**Legion of Mary**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Divine Mercy**  
*Diane Broaddus (586) 977-1978*  
**Ushers**  
*Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128*  
**Perpetual Adoration**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Catholic Social Services  
of Macomb**  
*Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300*  
**St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)**  
*(586) 718-4523*  
**Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C**  
*(586) 556-2122*

**Weekend Liturgy Schedule**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.

**Weekday Mass**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.

**Confessions**

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

**WELCOME**

If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500.

**St. Rene Mission Statement**

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

**Parish Registration:**

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

**Baptism:**

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

**Penance:** Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

**Marriage:**

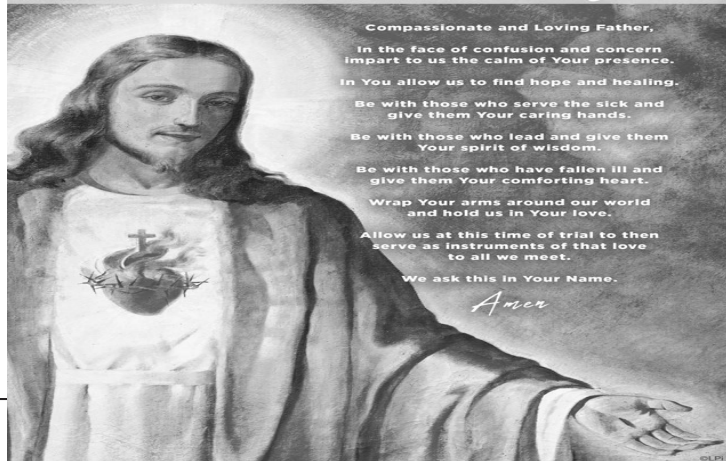
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.

*Remember in Your Prayers*

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.

*Amen*



Please Remember  
St. Rene Goupil Parish  
In Your Will