



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
June 2, 2024

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed for many.” - Mk 14:24

Notes from Fr. Steve

As we celebrate the solemnity of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, we are invited to enter into a profound mystery—the mystery of the Eucharist. This celebration calls us to contemplate the central sacrament of our faith, the source and summit of our Christian life.

At the heart of the Feast of Corpus Christi is the recognition of Jesus Christ's real presence in the consecrated bread and wine. In the Eucharist, we encounter the living Christ, who offers himself to us under the humble appearance of bread and wine. It is a profound encounter with the divine, where heaven meets earth, and the sacred enters into the ordinary.

The Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a commemoration; it is a transformative encounter with the living God. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are united intimately with Jesus and with one another as members of his mystical body, the Church. This communion strengthens us, nourishes us, and sends us forth to be Christ's presence in the world.

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, let us reflect on the profound gift of the Eucharist in our lives. Let us approach the altar with hearts full of gratitude and reverence, recognizing the depth of God's love poured out for us in this sacrament. Let us also commit ourselves to living out the implications of this encounter with Christ in our daily lives, by striving to be instruments of his peace, and mercy in our families, communities, and beyond.

May this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ be a time of deep spiritual renewal and recommitment for each one of us. May we be ever more conscious of the presence of Christ among us and may our participation in the Eucharist empower us to be faithful disciples in the world.

Men and Women who are interested in becoming ushers at mass, please see an usher and ask about joining or call the parish office for further information.

Do you have a green thumb? We have another need in the community, if you have time, any day of the week, we are looking for people to water the flower gardens each day. This job is very easy, and the schedule is very flexible! Again, if you are interested, please call the office to get on the schedule and for further information.

If you have not made your sacrifice to the CSA please do so this week! I thank you in advance!

As always, I ask you to remember the parish in your prayers. This is the most important ministry each of us can do in the parish faith community. Please pray especially for the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them, healing, comfort, and peace. God bless you!

Fr. Steve



Thank you to the parishioners who have already pledged their support. The ministries, programs, and services funded by the Catholic Services Appeal help in our parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. If you are still prayerfully considering your sacrificial gift to this year's CSA, you may send your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope you received in the mail. You are also encouraged to make your pledge and gift to our parish's campaign online at GiveCSA.org or you can scan the QR code and donate to CSA, just make sure to put CSA in the note section when you submit your donation online.

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



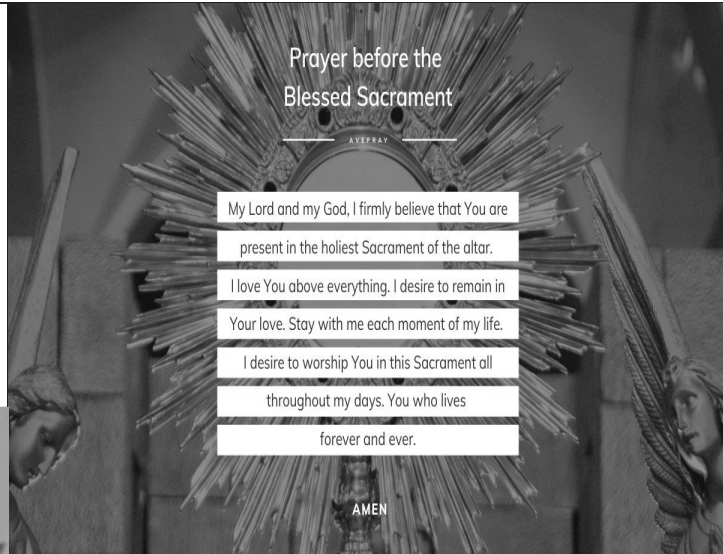
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Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace.

May we never take the gift of your presence for granted. Amen.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

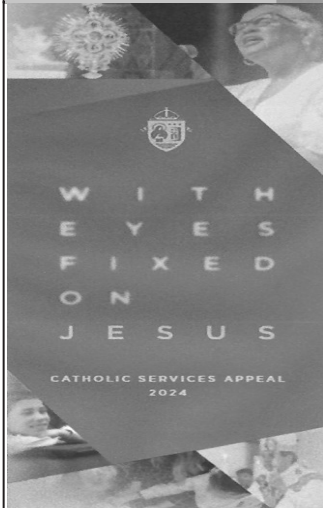
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The best way to understand the Eucharist is to recall God's long, careful teaching process beginning in the Old Testament. This week in Exodus 24, we learn the basic pattern. Moses reads the dictates of God's law to the people, who profess their allegiance to it. Then Moses takes representatives of Israel's twelve tribes and splashes the sacrificed blood of animals in two directions: on the altar and on the people. It's clear and serious business: clear, because the participants are entering a blood-bond with God Himself; serious, because the dead animals symbolize the life-and-death stakes at play.

Many centuries later, God uses the experience at Sinai to teach us something new. At the Last Supper, like a new Moses, Jesus proposes to "pour out" blood as a new covenant. It will land on the altar of the cross and the lips of his disciples. They have promised to be obedient to him who is God's law in flesh. This renews and elevates the breath-taking romance God wants with His people, unfolding from Sinai to this Supper. The Body and Blood of Christ is the sacrificial action whereby this covenant is strengthened.

How hopeful that, like us, the Israelites and the apostles repeatedly fail to live up to their promises and discover that the blood of the covenant continually renews and refreshes them. Today the blood of Christ faithfully flows, to unite and renew, moving us forward toward where our great teacher is taking us. This week, we should say a renewed "amen" to God who so carefully teaches us how to be one with Him in this new covenant.

— Father John Muir




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*The Altar Flowers
this weekend
are in
Loving Memory
of
Walter Broski
as requested
by his wife
Irene*



Prayer of the True Presence

My Lord and my Love —
Bread of Life, nourish me.
Pascal Lamb, restore me.
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, consume me as I
consume you.
Amen.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Can Prepare the Upper Room

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

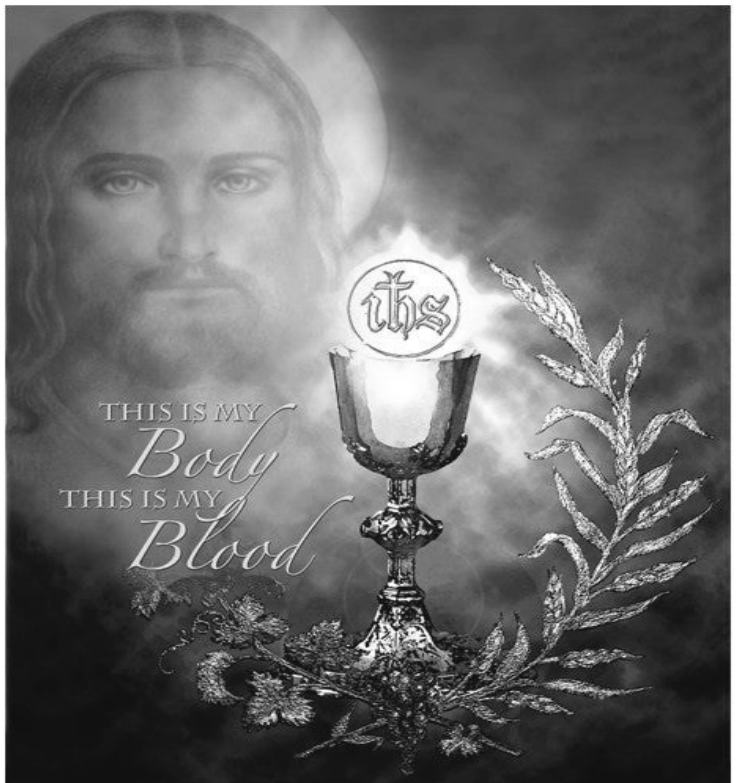
"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two?



Prayer For A Return To Faith

St. Anthony, God chose you for a mission of mercy to those who had fallen away from our Catholic faith. I entrust to you my concerns for (insert name) who does not presently worship at Mass or receive the Sacraments regularly. Speak to their heart, and lead them to want to know God better, to praise God often in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and to offer their time and talents in the dedicated service of a welcoming, holy, faith-filled Catholic parish community. Grant them the joy, the privilege, and the power of a committed personal relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and His Body, the Church. Guide me with patience and wisdom to be a worthy example of faith to all.
Amen.

Readings for The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Reading I *Exodus 24:3-8*

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountains an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocaust and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD. Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made for you in accordance with all these words of his."

Reading II *Hebrews 9:11-15*

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Gospel *Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Whenever, he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, June 2, 2024: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday, June 3, 2024: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday, June 4, 2024: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 5, 2024: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday, June 6, 2024: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday, June 7, 2024: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday, June 8, 2024: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51

Sunday, June 9, 2024: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver
+Makayla Weiland (5th R.A.)

Thursday, June 6, 2024

9:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver

Friday, June 7, 2024

9:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver

Saturday, June 8, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert
+Rosemarie Calmi
+Adrian Gonska
Parishioners of St. Rene
+Franklin Langenstein
+James Reaume Jr.
+James Reaume Sr.
+Ron Tash
+Marian Kobus
+Jane Kudla (28th R.A.)
+Christopher Kudla (2nd R.A.)
+Julia Belkowski
+Shirley Schima
G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver

Sunday, June 9, 2024

8:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver
+Terry Johnson
+Barbara Montrose
+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council & Their families
+Michael Buffmyer

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Today's Scripture readings emphasize the old and new covenants. In the Book of Exodus, Moses brings the ancient Israelites to a covenant with God through the sacrificial blood of young bulls. This action prefigures Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the Cross for our sins, and the opportunity for eternal salvation. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews contrasts Old Testament sacrifices of goats and calves with the new covenant sealed in the very Blood of Christ. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist describes Jesus' of the Eucharist at our Lord's Last Supper. This begins the new covenant with His disciples—a covenant that continues for us today. As faithful stewards, we believe in Christ's true presence, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in Holy Communion. By receiving this tremendous gift, we become what we consume, finding strength to live virtuous and holy lives, deepening our love for God and neighbor in need. Learn when Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction are scheduled in your parish and spend some quiet time with our Lord and Savior.

O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER,

**Grant us the grace to persevere
with our eyes fixed on Jesus.**

**As we share Jesus Christ, the Savior
whom You offer, with every human
being, we recognize evangelization
is a love affair.**

**It is you who invite all to encounter
Jesus and let their hearts be
captured by Him.**

**Help us to be generous in assisting
the Catholic Services Appeal.**

**We ask that the Holy Spirit ignite
the fire of generosity so that the
Church of southeast Michigan might
continue to serve Your mission and
bring Your love to the many in need.**

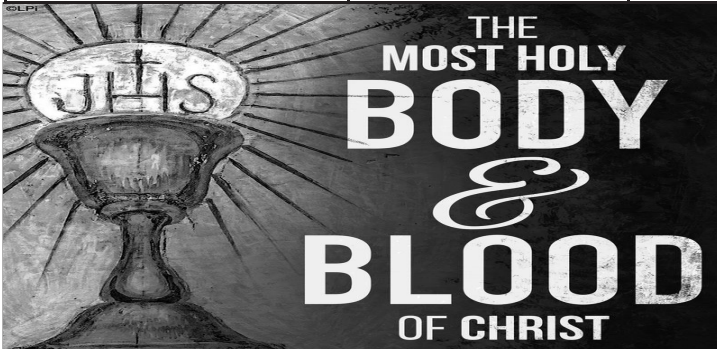
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for June 8 & 9

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Enno
Lector	Barbara Kiernan	Barbara Wyrwicz	Corina Sison	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Helen DeVera	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	G Labinski K Moravek Open	Open Open Open	A Sitchon C Sison Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> 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 Chris Norris	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	R Kranson	K Nieto	G Yeck	V Jennings



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.

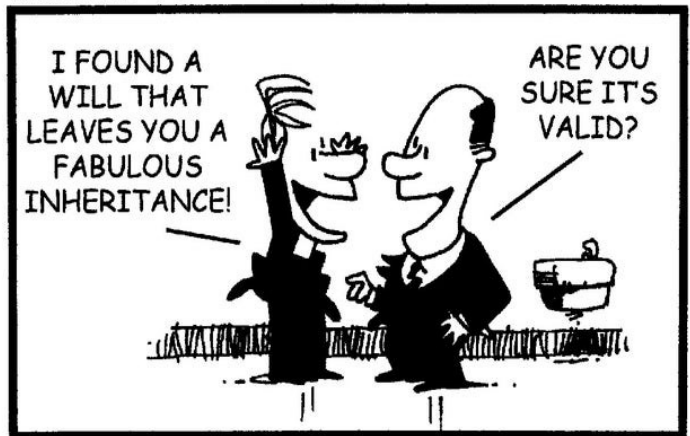


The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

Canned fruit, pancake syrup, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothpaste, green peas, cooking oil and spaghetti sauce in a jar.

***Please do not donate restaurant condiments.**

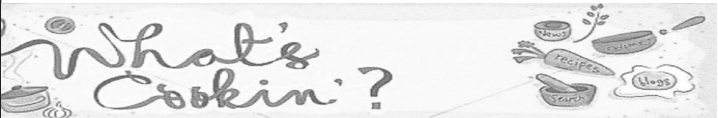
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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 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 or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



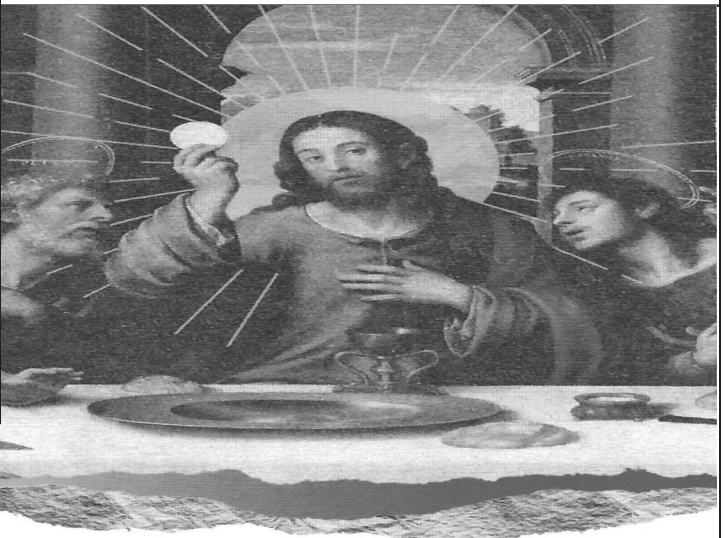
Peaches and Apple Crisp

An easy fruit dessert, best served warm from the oven. The use of canned peaches makes it a year round treat.

- 2 (15 oz.) cans sliced peaches in extra light syrup, drained
- 3 c. diced baking apples (about 3 med.)
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 40 vanilla wafers, coarsely crushed (about 1 1/2 c. crumbs)
- 3/4 c. Planter’s walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 c. margarine or butter, melted

Mix peaches and apples in large bowl. Mix sugar and cornstarch; toss with fruit. Spread into lightly greased 9x9x2 inch baking pan. Mix wafer crumbs, walnuts and margarine or butter; sprinkle over fruit mixture.

Bake at 400 F for 35 minutes or until topping is brown and fruit is bubbly. Cool slightly; serve warm. Makes 6 servings. Ready in 1 hour and 5 minutes. Preparation time: 15 minutes. Cooking time: 35 minutes. Cooling time: 15 minutes.



**PLEASE
REMEMBER
ST. RENE
GOUPIL
PARISH
IN YOUR WILL**

Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus,



When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek.

Amen.



**Our Sunday Offering
May 18 & 19
Thank you for your
generous response.**

God Bless you!

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at Parishesonline.com then search by zip code. You can go online to the 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 a 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
Wednesday 1pm & 2pm,
Friday 9am & 4pm
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor
Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
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Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
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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:

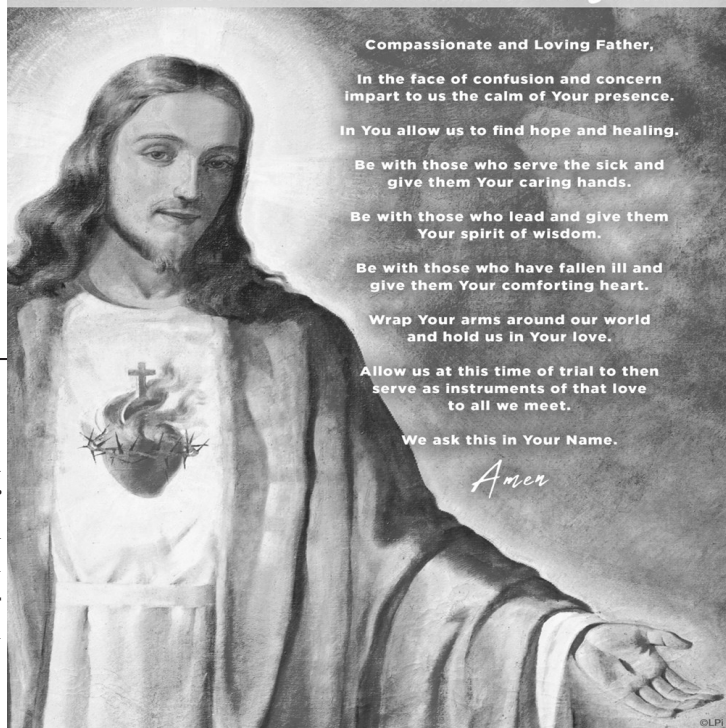
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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