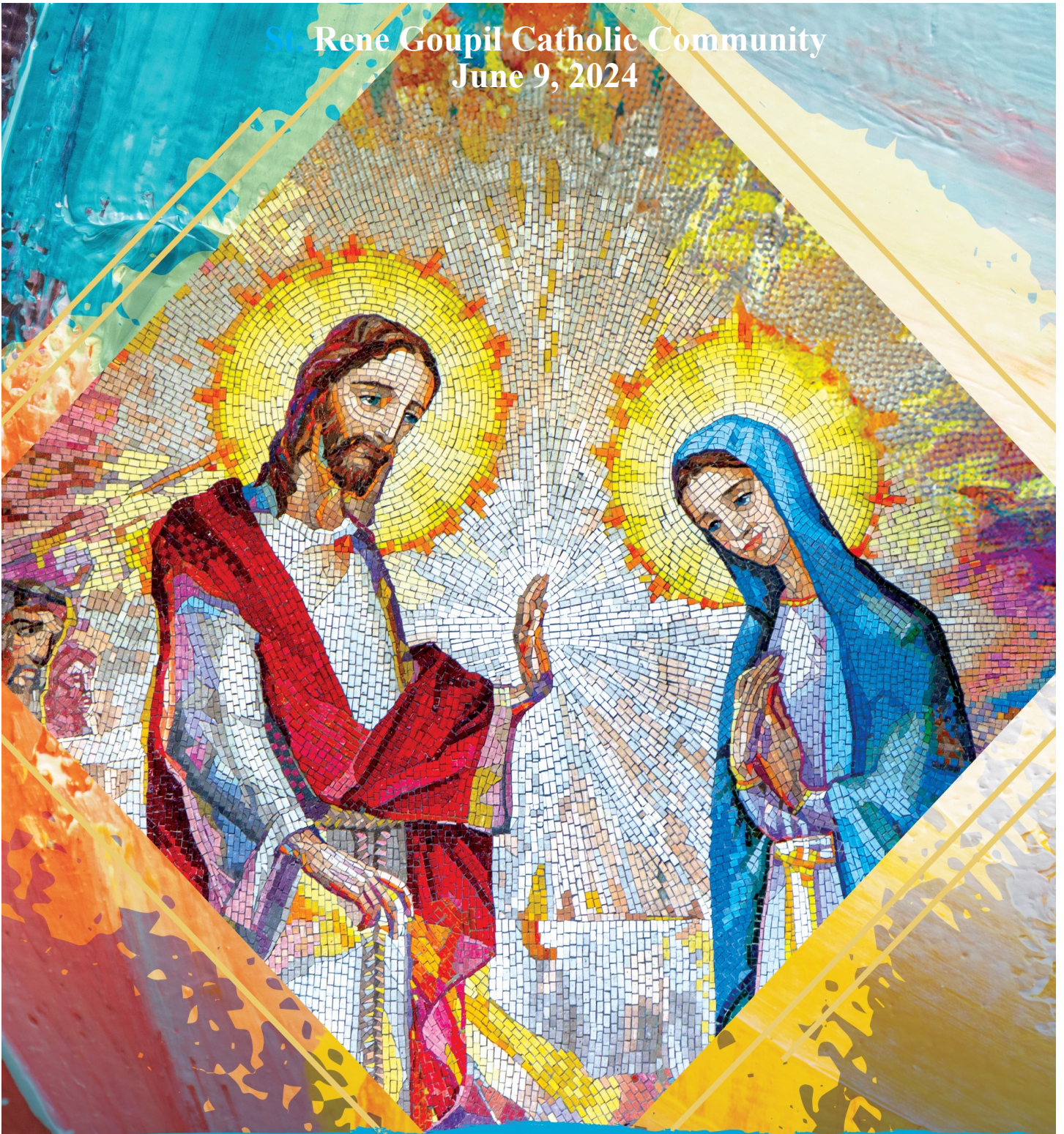


St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
June 9, 2024



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For whoever does the will of God is my
brother and sister and mother.” - Mk 3:35

Notes from Fr. Steve

This week's scripture reflection focuses on 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, (the second reading), a passage where the Apostle Paul eloquently addresses the themes of faith, perseverance, and the promise of eternal life. Let's look into these powerful verses and uncover the profound truths they offer.

Faith and Proclamation (4:13-14)

Paul begins by quoting Psalm 116:10, "I believed; therefore I have spoken." This declaration emphasizes the intrinsic link between faith and proclamation. Our belief compels us to speak out, sharing the gospel and our testimony. Paul reassures us that just as God raised Jesus from the dead, He will also raise us with Jesus and present us together in His presence. This assurance fortifies our faith and encourages us to remain steadfast in our witness.

The Inner Renewal (4:15-18)

Paul acknowledges the trials and tribulations we face, yet he offers a perspective that transforms our suffering. He describes our troubles as "light and momentary," which are achieving for us an "eternal glory that far outweighs them all." Paul urges us to fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, for the seen is temporary, but the unseen is eternal. This call to focus on the eternal promises of God helps us endure hardships, knowing they are preparing us for a greater glory.

The Earthly Tent and Heavenly Dwelling (5:1)

In 5:1, Paul contrasts our earthly bodies to a tent, temporary and fragile, with our future heavenly dwelling, eternal and indestructible. He writes, "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." This metaphor powerfully conveys the temporary nature of our current existence and the performance of our future life with God.

As we navigate our daily lives, these verses remind us to maintain an eternal perspective. Our faith should drive us to speak boldly about Christ, our trials should be viewed as temporary steps towards eternal glory, and our focus should remain on the unseen promises of God. Let these truths encourage you to persevere, knowing that our current struggles are preparing us for an eternal, glorious future with our Lord.

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace.

Also, if you have not made your CSA sacrifice please do so!

Fr. Steve

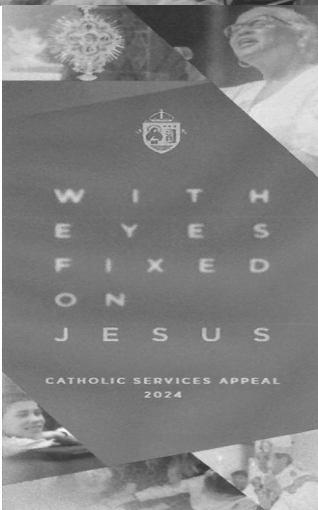


Thank you to the parishioners who have already pledged their support. The ministries, programs, and services funded by the Catholic Services Appeal help in our parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. If you are still prayerfully considering your sacrificial gift to this year's CSA, you may 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 generosity.



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BULLETIN UPDATE

With the cost of postage on the rise, if you have returned to Mass and no longer need the Church bulletin mailed to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it.

You can find our bulletin online each week at strene.org our parish website.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: “**How can Satan cast out Satan?**” To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we’re honest, our response to some degree is: “How *else* can we cast him out? Satan is *precisely* how we cast out Satan!” But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here’s what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. “I’ll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy.” “She’s already trying to get ahead of me.” “That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs.” And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind’s sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus’ cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of “casting out Satan by Satan” and ushers in a new one he calls “the Kingdom of God.” He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the “**stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house.**” This week let’s notice the ways we “**cast out Satan by Satan,**” and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— *Father John Muir*



Father God, Creator of Heaven and Earth,
You are holy.

Thank you, Lord, for the United States of America and the abundant natural resources with which you have blessed this land. Forgive us, Lord, for the failures of our national morality, public policy, and selfish ambition. Lead us to a renewal of the values on which this great nation was founded and to a deeper relationship with You.

Thank you for those who serve and protect us in the military, police departments, and emergency services. Please keep them safe and guard their families from the stress they surely endure.

Thank you for our allies, especially Israel and Great Britain. Bless their leaders and citizens and draw them closer to you.

Please be with our President and guide the decisions of our government. Lead responsible, wise believers into public office and guide the citizens of the US as they choose those who will serve.

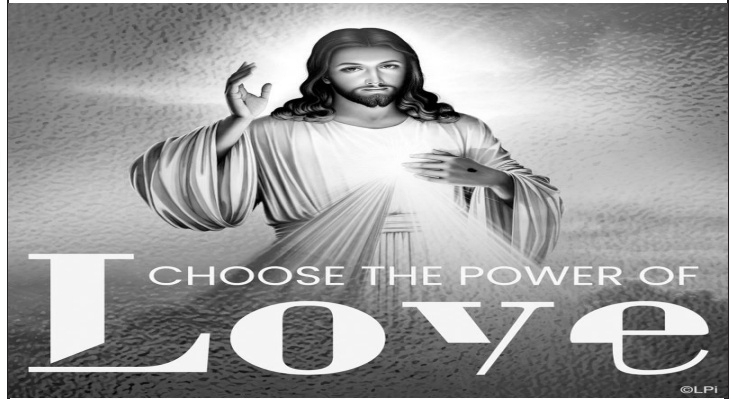
Help us, Father, to humble our selves, turn from our evil ways, and seek Your face. I boldly request these things in Jesus name. Amen.



St. Rene Goupil would like to welcome the newest members of our Parish family!

Mr & Mrs Rodel Encabo & Family

Micahh Joy Gallardo



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Everyday Stewardship

I have coached all three of my children in soccer at some time in their lives. I loved teaching them and their teammates the importance of functioning as one unit. If we were not all moving together toward victory, we would all find ourselves together in defeat. We used to go through one drill I called the "human foosball." We would scrimmage with players in lines like on a foosball table. If you ever got too far behind or too far ahead of those in your line, play would stop and the ball would go to the other team. The goal was to help build an awareness of where your teammates were on the pitch and to teach the lesson that no one player is a team onto themselves.

As disciples and stewards, we sometimes find ourselves far behind or maybe even too far ahead. As a consequence, our actions either hinder the ability of the Body of Christ to evangelize and pass on the faith to a new generation or present the Church as an entity that sees itself as judgmental or too holy to be in the world. We are called to community, and in that community, we must be aware of our brothers and sisters in the faith. At times, we need to help them grow in their faith. Other times, we need to slow down and realize that we cannot change the world on our own. We all have unique gifts we are called to share, and we can only bear true witness to the power of the Body of Christ when we are all moving together and making each other strong.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I *Genesis 3:9-15*

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put there with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

Reading II *2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1*

Brothers and sisters: Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *I believe, therefore I spoke*, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

Gospel *Mark 3:20-35*

Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons." Summoning then, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder the house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 10, 2024: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 11, 2024: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 12, 2024: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 13, 2024: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 14, 2024: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, June 15, 2024: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Sunday, June 16, 2024: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

9:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver

Thursday, June 13, 2024

9:30 a.m.

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Friday, June 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver
+Kathy Wojas (3rd R.A.)

Saturday, June 15, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Steven Herbert
+Walter Broski
+Rosemarie Calmi
+Carolyn Bette
+John & Margaret Kompier
+Franklin Langenstein
+Anthony Belkowski
+Robert Newberry
G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver
+Maybelle Koehler

Sunday, June 16, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+Joseph Schultz
+John Wyrwicz
G. Santoro Family
A. & A. Seaver
+Benito Llemit
+Maria Llemit
+Sharon Murawski
Thanksgiving for Brendo Cochiasue
+Benito Capajo
+Antonio & Franklin Cochiasue
+Placido & Cecilio
+Lorenzo & John
Thanksgiving for Roko
+Jim Allen Brandon

10:30 a.m.

+Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano
+Frank Mastracci
+Albert Morolli
+Sam Zappa
+Rose Zappa
+Walt Kalcevic
+Roberto Palmero (29th R.A.)
+Michael Buffmyer (1st R.A.)
+Theodoros Vergos
+Joseph Pastue
+Benito Delfin
+Danilo Maribbay
+Federico Mangayayam

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture passages speak of darkness in the world. In the Book of Genesis, Adam and Eve fall from grace. The devil-serpent tricks them into partaking of the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Life. Their fall is the basis for Catholic teaching on original sin, which stains all of us at birth. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist retells the reaction of the scribes (lawyers, in Jesus' day) when they realize that Christ is driving out demons. They boldly state, *He is possessed by Beelzebul*. Jesus wisely refuted their claim—a divided kingdom cannot last. As faithful stewards, we are aware of the darkness of evil in the world that leads to temptation, yet this evil does not master us. Sin and death result from Adam and Eve's fall. Still, the Good News of Jesus encourages us. He humbled Himself to live among us; He died for our sins on Good Friday; He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday; He ascended to heaven and sends the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In other words, evil, sin, and death do not triumph. We have the victory in Christ! To strengthen us to "fight the good fight," participate regularly in the sacrament of Reconciliation and partake of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass.

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.


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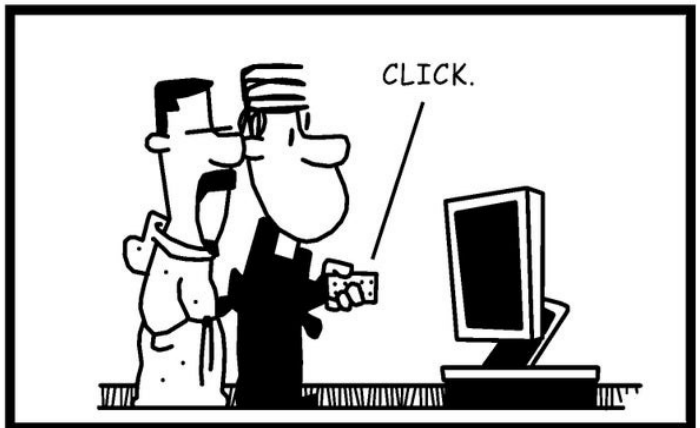
Weekend Liturgy Schedule for June 15 & 16

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Lorraine Doyle	Louis Youkhana	Alex Sitchon	Thess Monteiro
Altar Servers		Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Nosek G Labinski Open	Open Open Open	T McWilliams M Laubach Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	R Kranson	G Wiklanski	T McWilliams	V Jennings

Prayer for Family Unity

O holy St. Anthony, I fervently ask for your heavenly intercession on behalf of my family. Fill our hearts with mutual love, compassion, and understanding. Help us to be forgiving of each other's mistakes and failures, so that our family may reflect God's presence in our homes and in our lives. Grant us family harmony, unity and peace. Amen

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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:

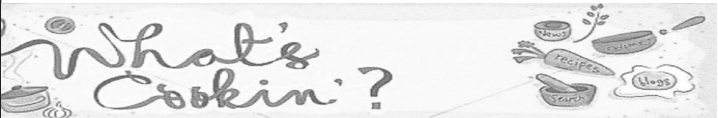
Canned fruit, pancake syrup, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothpaste, green peas, cooking oil and spaghetti sauce in a jar.

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

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.



Stuffed Cabbage

Mix:

- 1 head of cabbage
- 3 lb. raw ground beef
- 1 1/2 cups raw rice
- 2 eggs
- 1 can tomato soup (undiluted)
- Dash of garlic powder
- Dash of onion salt
- Dash of pepper

Boil salted water, put in cabbage and simmer about 15 minutes. Drain and cool cabbage. Separate leaves and stuff mixture. Roll and put in roasting pan.

Mix:

- 1 large can stewed tomatoes
- 1 can whole tomatoes
- 1 can tomato soup (undiluted)

Pour liquid mixture over cabbage rolls. Cover and bake about 2 hours at 350 F.



**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
June 1 & 2
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](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 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
Friday 4pm
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

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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:

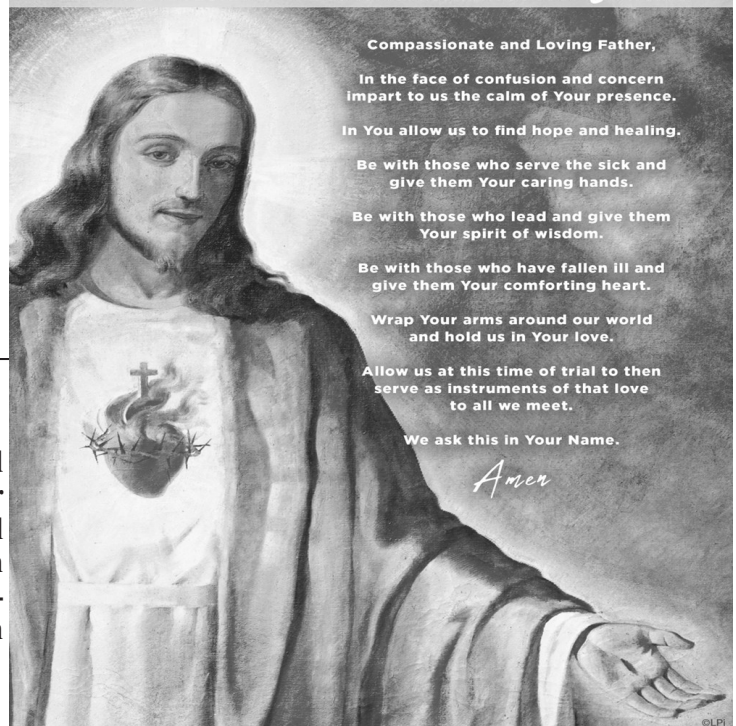
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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