

Notes from Fr. Steve

June holds a special place in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church as the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion, rich in history and spiritual significance, invites the faithful to contemplate the immense love and compassion embodied in the heart of Christ.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart has roots in the early centuries of Christianity but gained prominence in the Middle Ages through the mystical visions like St. Gertrude the Great and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. St. Margaret Mary, a 17th-century French nun, is often credited with popularizing this devotion. Her visions revealed Christ's desire for a special feast to honor His Sacred Heart, emphasizing His profound love for humanity and His sorrow over human indifference and sin.

In 1856, Pope Pius IX officially established the Feast of the Sacred Heart, to be celebrated on the Friday following the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast and the entire month of June now serve as a time for Catholics to deepen their love and gratitude for the heart of Jesus, the source of divine mercy and compassion.

The Sacred Heart symbolizes the boundless and unconditional love of Jesus Christ for all people. It represents His willingness to suffer and sacrifice for the salvation of humanity. The image of the Sacred Heart, often depicted with a crown of thorns and a cross, serves as a powerful reminder of Christ's passion and His triumph over sin and death.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart calls believers to respond to Christ's love with their own hearts. This includes acts of reparation for sins, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession, and practicing virtues like charity, humility, and patience. It is a call to reflect Christ's love in daily life, fostering a deeper personal relationship with Him.

Practices and Prayers

During June, many Catholics engage in specific practices to honor the Sacred Heart. These can include:

- 1. **Novenas and Litanies:** Prayers that specifically invoke the Sacred Heart, asking for Jesus' mercy and expressing love and devotion.
- 2. **First Fridays:** Attending Mass and receiving Communion on the first Friday of each month, a practice linked to the promises Christ made to St. Margaret Mary for those devoted to His Sacred Heart.
- 3. **Enthronement:** A tradition where families consecrate their homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, recognizing Him as the King and center of their lives.
- 4. **Holy Hour:** Spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration, reflecting on Christ's love and offering prayers of reparation.
- 5. **Acts of Reparation:** Engaging in sacrifices, prayers, and acts of kindness to make amends for sins against the Sacred Heart.

In today's world, the message of the Sacred Heart remains profoundly relevant. It speaks to the deep human need for love, forgiveness, and hope. In a time marked by division, suffering, and uncertainty, the Sacred Heart of Jesus stands as a beacon of mercy and compassion.

Pope Francis has often highlighted the importance of mercy and compassion in his papacy, aligning closely with the devotion to the Sacred Heart. He calls the faithful to be instruments of Christ's love in the world, caring for the marginalized and fostering a culture of encounter and solidarity.

June, as the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, offers a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal of faith. It encourages Catholics to immerse themselves in the love of Christ, to seek His mercy, and to extend that love to others. Through this devotion, believers are reminded that the heart of Jesus is always open, inviting them to a deeper, transformative relationship with Him.

If you have not yet made your CSA donation, please do so! Every donation helps us reach our target! Also, please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and hope. 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 out parish's campaign online at <u>GiveCSA.org</u> 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.



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.

Everyday Stewardship St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth—okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



GOSPEL MEDITATION

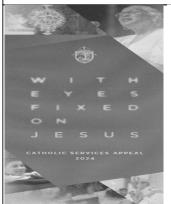
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long-awaited messiahking, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

– Father John Muir





SCAN CODE

Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father.

When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,

ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world

as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.

Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Everyday Stewardship

You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit.

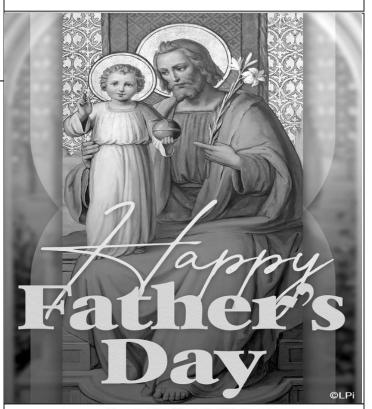
If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed-infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor.

In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, than the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism. You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Scripture reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, God tends to the trees to provide protection and a dwelling place for the birds. This Old Testament passage is connected to the story of the mustard seed proclaimed in St. Mark's Gospel. Jesus describes how the smallest of seeds on earth produces a plant large enough for birds to dwell in it. At our Baptism, Jesus invites us to be His disciples. The seed is planted. If we open our hearts to this invitation, we can develop a personal relationship with Christ—He becomes the center of our lives. Discipleship increases our faith in Jesus and grows abundantly when nurtured through the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer, the Word of God, and love of neighbor. In a spirit of evangelization, our joy in Jesus overflows when we share it with those we meet. To learn more about how to evangelize, consider joining a local chapter of St. Paul Street Evangelization.



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

Readings for The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the treed of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Reading II 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Readings for the Meek

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

Monday, June 17, 2024: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 18, 2024: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 19, 2024: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 20, 2024: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 21, 2024: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 22, 2024:2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Sunday, June 23, 2024: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family

A. & A. Seaver

Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family A. & A. Seaver

Friday, June 21, 2024 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 22, 2024 4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert

Funeral

+Walter Broski

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Jerry Nowakowski

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Virgencita Andrion (4th R.A.)

+Franklin Langenstein

+James Reaume Jr.

+James Reaume Sr.

+Maybelle Koehler

+Diane LePage

Sunday, June 23, 2024 8:30 a.m.

G. Santoro Family

A. & A. Seaver

+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

+Michael Buffmyer

+Emmanuel Raphael

+Monina Diones (2nd R.A.)

+Fred Schulte

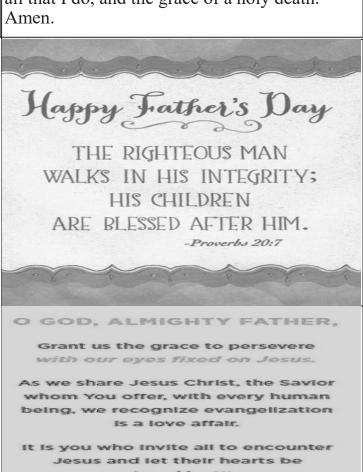
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Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger, comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.



captured by Him.

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

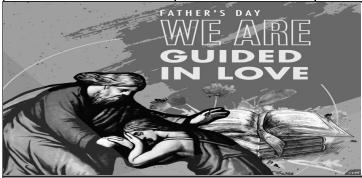
We ask that the Holy Spirit Ignite the fire of generosity so that the church of southeast Michigan might continue to serve Your mission and bring Your love to the many in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Weekend Liturgy Schedule for June 22 & 23				
	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	Pat Pluta	Ricky Yulo	Jovita Engalan	Virginia Jennings
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	K Moravek M Passalacqua Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio T Monterio 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	L Youkhana	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:

Pancake syrup, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothpaste, green peas, cooking oil, spaghetti sauce in a jar, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner.

*Please do not donate restaurant condiments.

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STAY CONNECTED

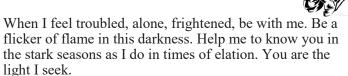
I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

- 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.



PLEASE
REMEMBER
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Prayer in Times of Darkness Dear Jesus,



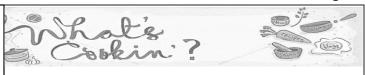
Amen.



Our Sunday Offering June 8 & 9 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.



Lemon Raspberry Jello

1 c. milk

16 lg. marshmallows

3 oz. pkg. lemon Jello

1 lg. pkg. cream cheese

1 c. boiling water

1 c. crushed pineapple, drained

1/2 c. nuts (optional)

1 pkg. Dream Whip

2 pkgs. Red frozen raspberries

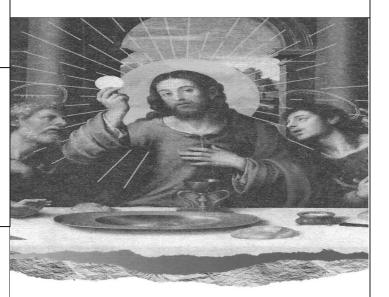
2 pkgs. Red raspberry Jello

3 c. boiling water

Scald milk and add marshmallows; stir until dissolved and set aside. Soften cream cheese. Mix in dry lemon Jello. Slowly add 1 cup boiling water to Jello mixture. Stir well, then add to marshmallow mixture; chill. Add pineapple and nuts. Fold in Dream Whip. Pour into 9x13 inch pan. Let sit.

TOPPING:

Dissolve Jello in 3 cups boiling water. Pour over first mixture; chill.





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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.



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!

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 Libecki 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.



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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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 Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon Michael Novak, Director of Evangelization & Education Alexander Sunga Director of Worship & Music

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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.

