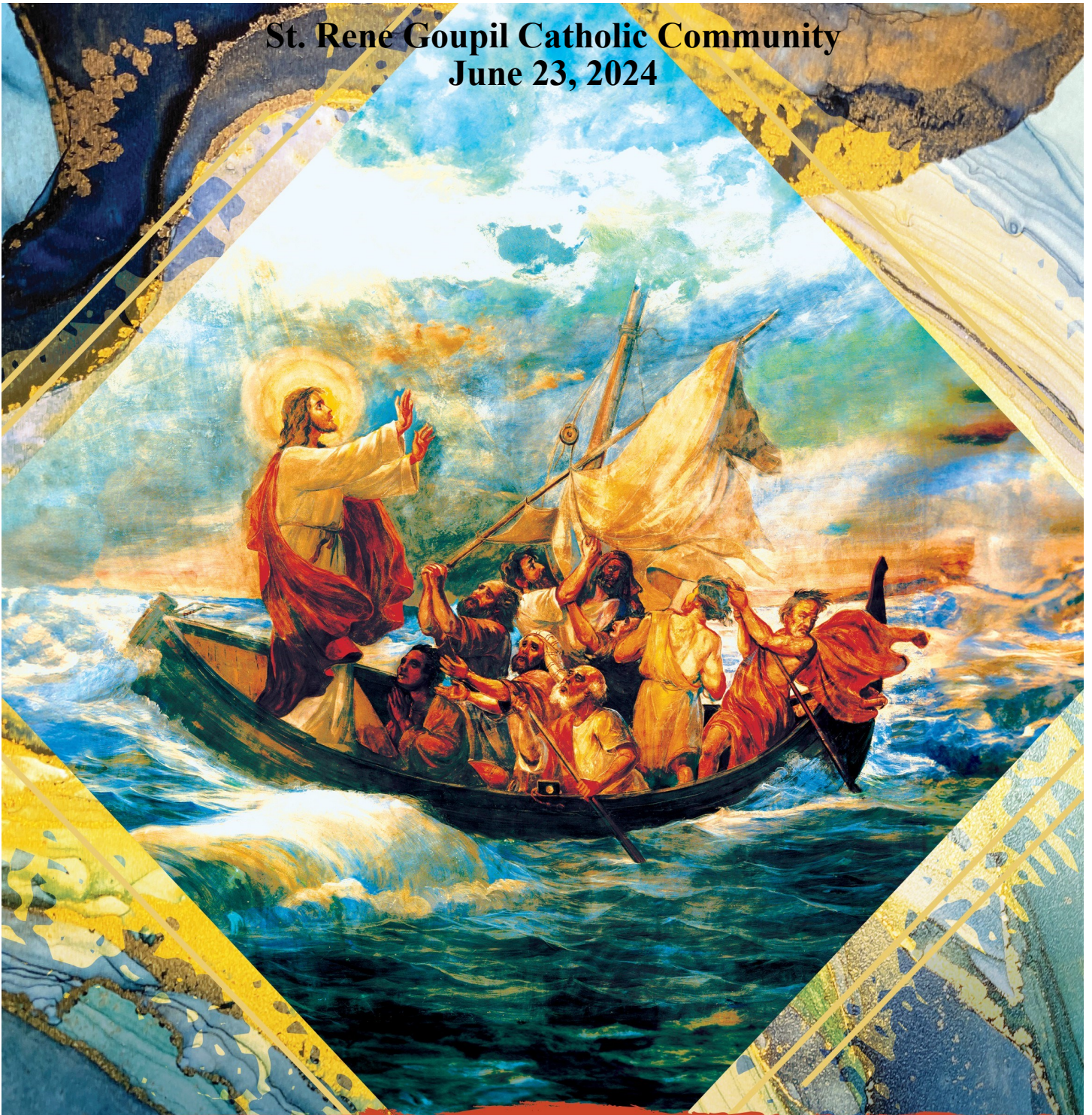


St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
June 23, 2024



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
“Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was
great calm. - Mk 4:39

Notes from Fr. Steve

The Church makes saints because the person elevated to sainthood, is a person of virtue. Then it is the hope of the Church that by reading about the saint, the faithful would be inspired by the saint's life and story, and that then they would be so inspired to live a similar life. Today, I would like to present a biography of our patron saint, St. Rene Goupil. I hope you find him inspiring, and can draw from his spirituality graces that would enhance your own spiritual life.

St. Rene Goupil, born on May 15, 1608, in Saint-Martin-du-Bois, France, is celebrated as one of the first martyrs of North America and holds a significant place in the history of early Jesuit missions. The son of a devout Catholic family, Goupil showed a strong inclination towards faith and service from an early age. His path to sainthood began with a medical condition, as he trained to be a surgeon in a period when medical knowledge was a blend of burgeoning scientific understanding and traditional practices.

Drawn by a deep sense of mission, Goupil decided to join the Jesuit novitiate in Paris in 1639. However, his tenure was short-lived due to health issues, which forced him to leave the order. Undeterred, he sought another way to serve and applied his medical skills to missionary work. He offered his services to the Jesuit missions in New France (present-day Canada), arriving in Quebec in 1640. His commitment to both his faith and the well-being of others was unwavering, and he quickly integrated into the challenging life of a missionary.

Goupil's dedication saw him working closely with the Huron people, providing medical care and sharing his faith. His journey took a perilous turn when he accompanied the renowned Jesuit missionary, Father Isaac Jogues, on a mission to the Huron county. In 1642, during one of their journeys, Goupil, Jogues, and several Huron Christians were captured by a Mohawk war party. The captives were subjected to severe torture, a common fate for those taken in such conflict, as they were perceived as enemies or intruders.

Despite the relentless suffering, Goupil's faith did not waver. He continued to minister to his fellow captives and even attempted to teach the Mohawks about Christianity. His efforts, however, were met with suspicion and hostility. On September 29, 1642, while Goupil was showing a child how to make the sign of the cross, he was brutally killed by a Mohawk warrior, an act which cemented his status as a martyr. His final words were reportedly an invocation of Jesus' name, a testament to his deep and enduring faith.

Rene Goupil was canonized by Pope Pius XI on June 29, 1930, and is venerated as one of the North American Martyrs. His feast day is celebrated on September 26. Goupil's legacy is one of profound faith, resilience, and dedication to the services of others, embodying the spirit of the early missionaries who played a crucial role in the history of the Catholic Church in North America. His life and martyrdom continue to inspire countless individuals in their own journeys of faith and service.

Please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. St. Rene, Pray for us!

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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Everyday Stewardship

Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you’re not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn’t ask how your day went?

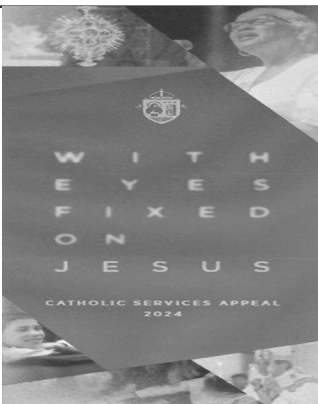
But sadly, love doesn’t give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It’s the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn’t He? “I’m feeling scared of this.” “I’m really worried about that.” “God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please.”

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. “Why were you sleeping?” they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn’t woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn’t even know it.

God doesn’t desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He’s not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that’s what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, “**rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, ‘Quiet, be still!’**” He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much “wind” is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much “water” is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

— Father John Muir



THE YOUTH OF ST. LAWRENCE, ST. RENE GOUPIL, AND ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL (MACOMB UNITED) WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION TRIP, INCLUDING OUR BLUE, WHITE AND BLACK SPONSORS:

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The theme of stormy seas links today's readings from the Book of Job, Psalm 107, and St. Mark's Gospel. God addresses Job through a storm. The psalmist proclaims God's command over the stormy seas. The evangelist, St. Mark, retells the story of Jesus scolding His disciples for their lack of faith after He quiets the sea. In turn,, they are in great awe of Jesus' power over the wind and the water. St. Paul in his Second Letter to the Corinthians preaches that in Christ, we are a new creation, that *the old things have passed away*. As Christian stewards, we find comfort in the assurance that the Lord is always there to calm the storm during challenging times and to bring peace to our lives.

Help support our World Youth Jubilee trip!

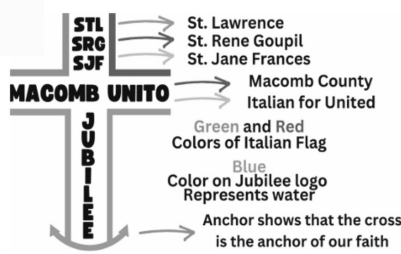


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 - PLUS an All American BBQ Buffet!
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Ticket purchases support all three parishes:
St. Lawrence
St. Rene Goupil
St. Jane Frances

To purchase tickets visit: stlyouthgroups.com/jubilee



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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Job 38:1, 8-11

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

Reading II

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one did for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who might live no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake dies and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 24, 2024: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 26, 2024: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 27, 2024: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday, June 28, 2024: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, June 29, 2024: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Sunday, June 30, 2024: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Delphine Wolk
+Edward Wolk

Thursday, June 27, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Leonard Shaner
+Rose Marie Shaner

Friday, June 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Joyce Clashman
+Sophie Wojcik

Saturday, June 29, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Thomas Lilla (7th R.A.)
+Steven Herbert
+Rosemarie Calmi
+Edwin Wagner
+Franklin Langenstein
+Stanley Kulczycki
+Paul Rachon
+Maybelle Koehler
+Diane LePage

Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+Josephine Martineau
+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

+Linda Tittjung
Emily Austria (birthday)
+Roberto & Aurora Palmero

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish



Pray For...

SVDP Statistics

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul would like to give parishioners information about the scope of assistance provided by our organization with the following statistics:

1. For fiscal year 2023 ending in September 2023, St. Rene SVDP visited 21 families in their homes helping a total of 65 people with various needs.
2. The St. Rene food pantry was visited 96 times totaling assistance for 362 people for fiscal year 2023.
3. Assisted 10 families for Thanksgiving in 2023 and 10 families for Christmas in 2023.
4. Assisted 15 families with evictions in fiscal year 2023.
5. So far in 2024 SVDP has assisted 81 adults and 23 children with the food pantry. And seven families for Easter. Six families have been assisted with evictions.

Any questions can be referred to Mario Angelo (president) at amgelmm01@att.net. If you are interested in joining St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul, please contact Mario Angelo.

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 29 & 30

	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	Louis Youkhana	Rob Wilson	Dorothy Arche	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	H DeVera	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	M Passalacqua L Youkhana	Open Open Open	E Monterio T Monterio	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	K Moravek	G Wiklanski	H DeVera	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.

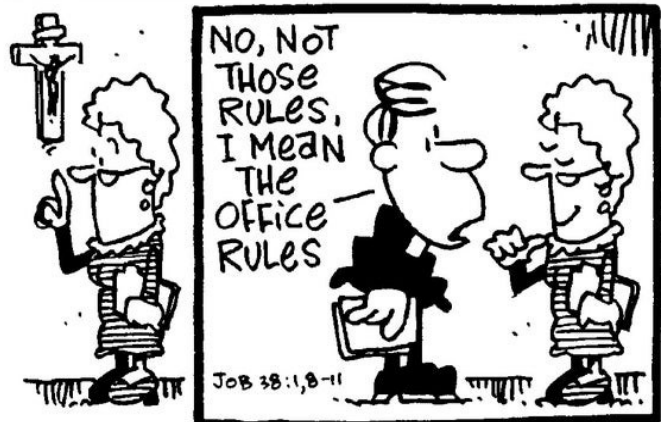


The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

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.

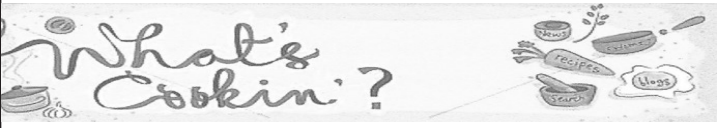
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STAY CONNECTED

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.



Fruited Chicken

- 4 chicken breasts
- 1 (20 oz.) can pineapple chunks, drained (reserve juice)
- 1/4 c. flour
- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1/3 c. raisins
- 1 stick margarine
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Dash of cloves
- 3/4 c. apple juice
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Rinse chicken and pat dry. Coat chicken with mixture of flour, salt, cayenne pepper and cloves. Melt margarine in fry pan and brown chicken. When brown, stir in reserved pineapple juice, apple juice, cinnamon and raisins. Reduce heat to medium low and cover. Simmer for approximately 25 minutes or until tender. Add pineapple chunks and heat through, about 5 minutes. Serve over rice.



**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 15 & 16
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.



eucharisticrevival.org



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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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

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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:

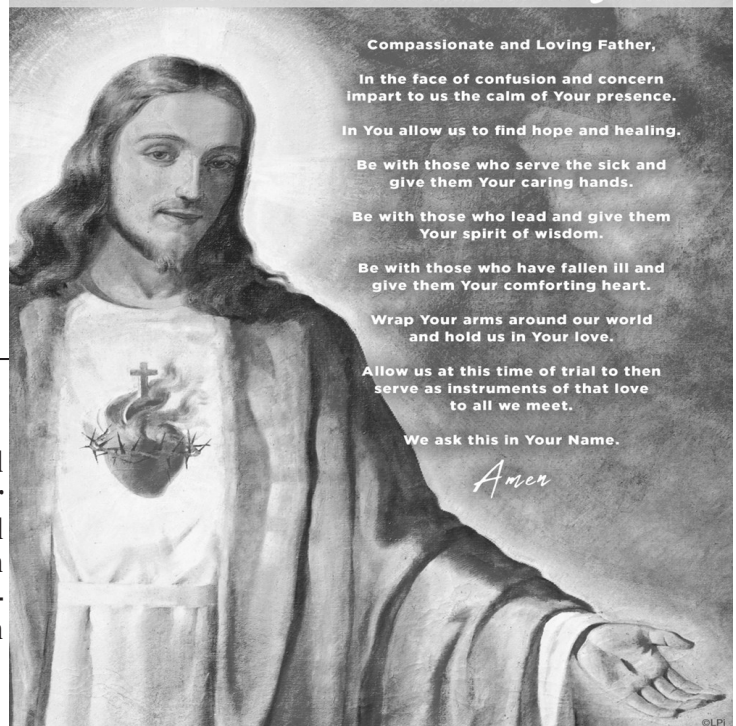
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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