



August 23, 2026

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall
be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

Notes from Fr. Steve

One of the deepest concerns a parent or friend can have is watching someone we love drift away from prayer, Sunday Mass, or the community of faith. Perhaps an adult child no longer goes to church. Perhaps a good friend has stopped praying. We may wonder “*What can I do to help bring them back?*”

The first thing we must remember is that **faith cannot be forced**. We cannot argue someone into believing, and we cannot make another person pray. But we can create an atmosphere in which faith can once again become attractive, meaningful, and welcoming.

Our adult children and friends need to know that we love them whether or not they are practicing their faith. Constantly asking, “Why don’t you go to church?” or criticizing their choices may cause them to withdraw even further.

Instead, let them see that our faith has made a difference in our own lives. Let them see our peace, kindness, forgiveness, generosity, and hope. A life lived with genuine faith can sometimes be a more powerful invitation than a hundred words.

Sometimes people leave the practice of their faith because of a painful experience, unanswered questions, disappointment with the Church, or simply because life became so busy and faith gradually disappeared from their routine.

Take time to listen. We don’t always have to have an answer. Sometimes the most loving thing we can say is, “**Tell me about it. I want to understand.**”

When people know they can speak honestly without being judged, the door to faith may begin to open again.

There is a big difference between saying, “You need to go to Mass,” and saying “**I would love to have you come to Mass with me.**”

Invite them to church, a parish dinner, a special celebration, a Bible study, or another parish activity. Make the invitation simple and without pressure. If they say no, don’t give up on them—and don’t give up loving them. Perhaps the most important thing we can do is pray.

We can place our adult children and friends into God’s hands every day: “*Lord, you love this person even more than I do. Help them to know your love. Lead them back to you in your own time and in your own way.*” God is patient. We must be patient too.

People sometimes return to the Church because someone made them feel welcome. A warm greeting, an invitation to coffee, sitting beside someone at Mass, or simply saying, “**It’s good to see you**” can mean more than we realize.

Our parish community should always be a place where people can come home without embarrassment or fear.

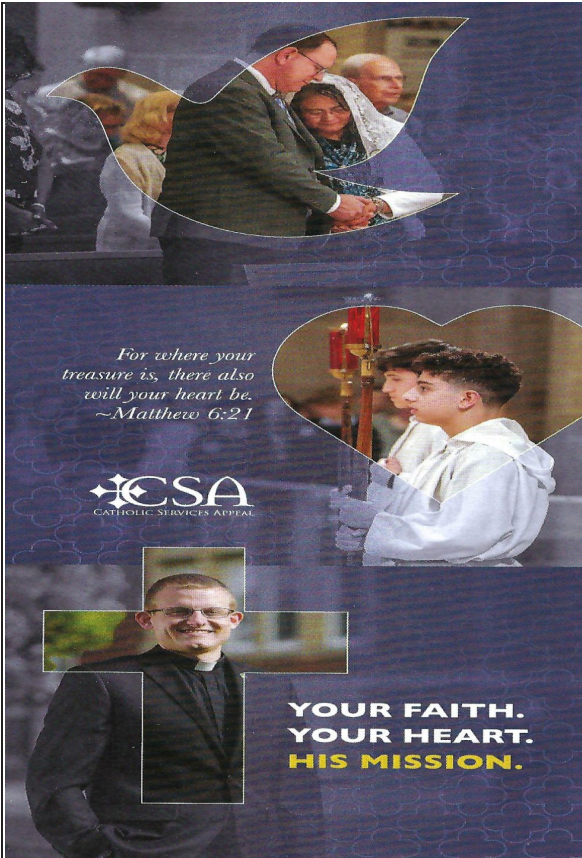
Most importantly, let us remember that **we are not responsible for changing another person’s heart. God is.** Our responsibility is to love, pray, listen, invite, and witness to the joy that comes from knowing Jesus Christ.

Maybe the person we love is only one invitation, one conversation, or one prayer away from beginning the journey home.

And when that day comes, let us be ready to welcome them with the same joy as the father in Jesus’ parable: “**My son was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.**” (Luke 15:24) Let us never stop praying, never stop loving, and never stop leaving the door open.

On the fourth Tuesday of every month Pomeroy Senior Living offers a free breakfast here at St. Rene. There is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the Church. Please come, bring a friend and enjoy this gathering.

As always, I ask you to remember the parish in your prayers, especially for the sick and the suffering. Your prayers, bring them healing, comfort and peace. God bless you and those you love!



Almighty ever-living God,

we know that all gifts come from you.

As good stewards we return them to you
with heartfelt charity and gratitude.

May our service of prayer joyfully align
our hearts to follow your will,

so that our talents may bring hope for the
renewal of Christ's mission
in our Archdiocese.

May the Holy Spirit guide us
to generously entrust our financial treasures
for the good of rebuilding the Church,

and to look toward our true treasure
in heaven.

Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Saint Anne, pray for us.

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.



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YOUR HEART.
HIS MISSION.**

*For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.
~Matthew 6:21*



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SCAN CODE

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.



*The altar flowers
this weekend
are for
the 70th
Wedding
Anniversary
of
Sparky & Roxann
Klee*



JWJ Catholic Academy is now accepting online registration

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Next up:



Catechism That ROCKS!



Readings for the Week

Sunday, August 23, 2026: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday, August 24, 2026: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-5

Tuesday, August 25, 2026: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26, 2026: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27, 2026: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 28, 2026: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29, 2026: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

Sunday, August 30, 2026: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 23, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— *Father John Muir*

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Tuesday, August 25, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Thursday, August 27, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Jim Pawlik (Birthday)
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Friday, August 28, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Joyce Clashman
 +Eugene Zielinski
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Saturday, August 29, 2026

4:00 p.m.

+Marie Forman
 +Michael Peterson (6th R.A.)
 +Franklin Langenstein
 +David Baczkowski
 +Generosa Mejia (Birthday)
 Irene Broski
 +Remo Gattari (97th Birthday)
 Jerry & Barb Sobecki

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:30 a.m.

+John Wyrwicz
 +Lucy Jaworski (2nd R.A.)

10:30 a.m.

+Josephine Martineau
 +Michael Peterson (6th R.A.)
 +Leah Bonrostro
 +Dolores Bail
 Noli & Evelyn Bonrostro (Birthdays)
 Healing for Amy Bonrostro Vila
 Ralph Fackler

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish

Breakfast Club

Please Join Pomeroy Living as we Host
St. Rene's Tuesday Breakfast Club

NEXT BREAKFAST: TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

10:00AM-11:30AM

Space is limited to 60 so make sure to reserve your spot today!

RSVP to Kristen in the parish office by: Friday, August 21th



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REMEMBER in your prayers

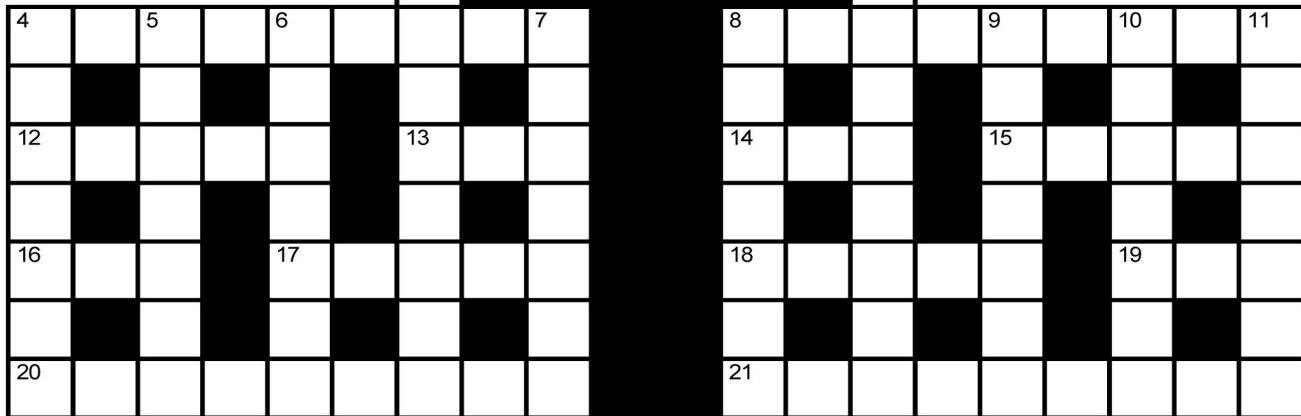
Bible Crossword X

Across

Down

- 1** Donkey (3)
2 Jesus' Father (3)
4 One of the twelve (9)

- 1** One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8** Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
12 One of David's warriors (5)
13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
15 Wish harm upon (5)
16 Hole in the ground (3)
17 Adversary (5)
18 Saviour (5)
19 First woman (3)
20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
21 Family of priests (9)
22 Third son of Jacob (4)
23 Hates (8)
26 Assurances (8)
30 Endured pain (8)
31 Return from the dead (4)
32 Intercessor (8)
35 Decorating (8)
39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
42 A wise insect (3)
44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
45 Make bigger (8)

- 4** Tread down (7)
5 Father of Jonah (7)
6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
7 Defensive structures (11)
8 Refuges (11)
9 Dirty (7)
10 Devout (7)
11 Pieces of money (7)
24 Used to listen (3)
25 Used to see (3)
26 Positions (5)
27 Made available (7)
28 Snake (7)
29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
33 Finish (3)
34 Possess (3)
35 King of the Amalekites (4)
36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
38 Present (4)
41 Unfasten (4)
43 Fish traps (4)

Everyday Stewardship

The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

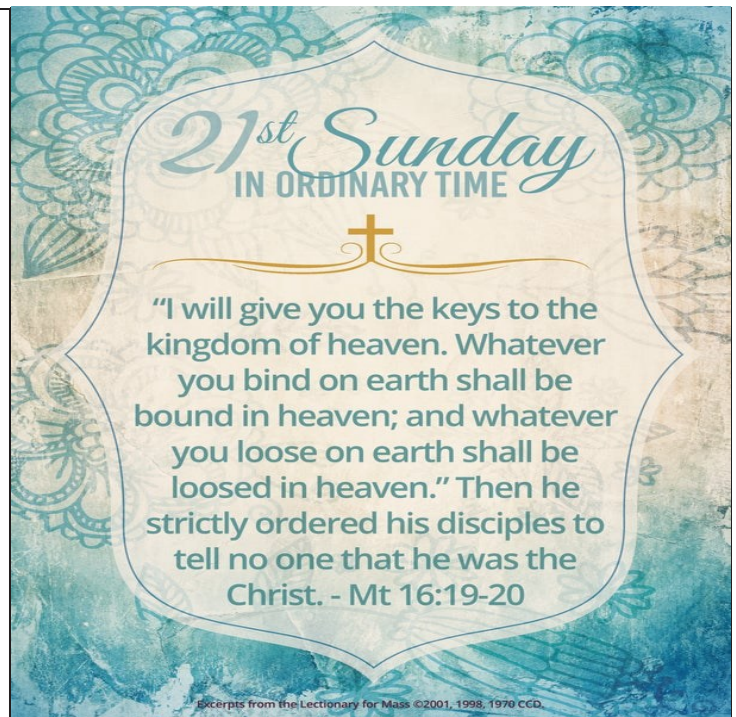
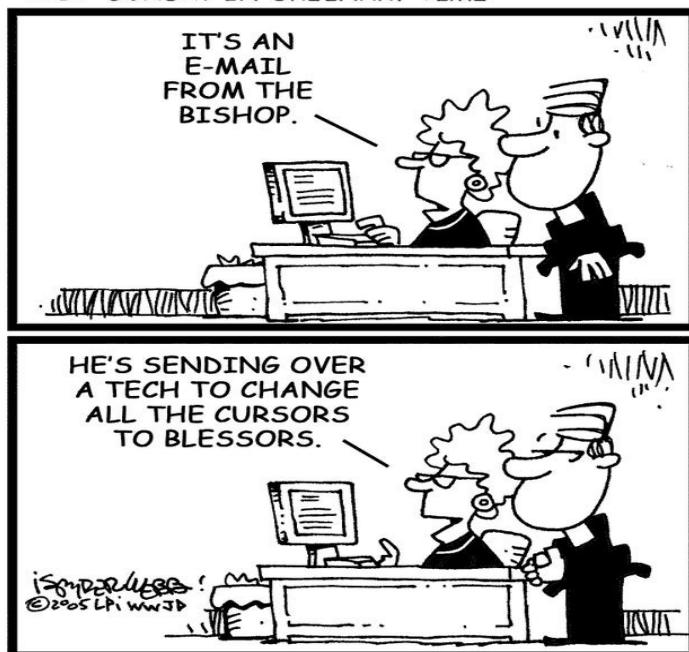
The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

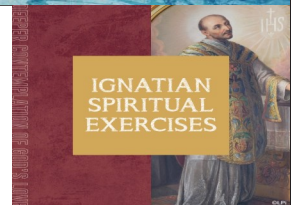
– Tracy Earl Welliver

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Devotions, Explained! Ignatian Spiritual Exercises



Mini Explanation

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations which are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of his call to discipleship.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, Explained!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (commonly referred to as the Jesuits).

St. Ignatius of Loyola (1492-1556) was born to a noble Basque family. In his youth, he spent time at the Royal Court of Castile and fought in the Spanish army. He experienced a profound religious conversion during a long period of convalescence following a battle injury. Living in a cave outside of Manresa, he began to keep the journal that became the basis of the famous Spiritual Exercises.

The Spiritual Exercises are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of his call to discipleship in the life of each person. Divided into four stages, or "weeks," the exercises focus on the interior movements of the heart to unveil the will of God.

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PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry.
Bless, anoint, and protect him in his com-
ings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his
interactions, guide his prayer.
Amen.

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**Virtues, Explained!
Valor****Mini Explanation**

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means “strength,” we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

Valor, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means “strength,” we often associate it with the gift of fortitude. Specifically, it conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

When Christ presides at the Last Supper in the Gospel of John, he speaks to his Apostles of the persecutions that will soon be suffered by him and by them. He also speaks of the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) who will “guide you to all truth” — a significant choice, since fortitude is not only a virtue, but a gift of the Holy Spirit.

“Behold, the hour is coming...when each of you will be scattered...and you will leave me alone,” Christ tells them. “But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.”

In the world, he concludes, there will be pain and suffering. “But take courage, I have conquered the world.” (John 16:13-33).

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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Only Peter Has the Answer

“What do you think of the Pope?”

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority that stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don’t know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn’t really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of him, and why?”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus doesn’t ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn’t try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

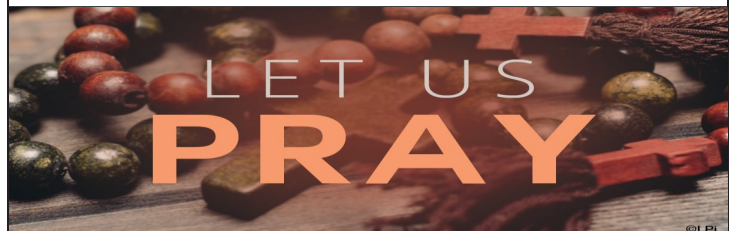
He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

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Detroit Catholic

Because we no longer have the Michigan Catholic, the archdiocese has an on-line web news resource. It is called the “**Detroit Catholic**” please go to Detroit Catholic online and subscribe free of charge! The archbishop prints his thoughts, and records homilies so that they can be shared with all of the people in the archdiocese! Go to <https://www.detroitcatholic.com>



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.



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Everyday Stewardship

Sometimes when I ask one of my children about who they were with or about a classmate at school they answer me with, "You don't know them." Apparently, since I do not know him or her personally, I do not need to know the person's name. I may not know this person but I do know that he or she exists in the everyday life of one of my children. If my children don't share with me anything about their friend or classmate, I can only assume he or she has no great impact on my sons' or daughter's daily lives. Of course, sometimes the response I get is simply my teen being a typical teen.

Has Jesus had a significant impact on your life? Do you know Jesus personally? If someone asked you about him what would you say?

My children respond the way they do to me because they are still young and immature. However, some adults are immature as well: immature in faith. We shy away from any discussion of God in our lives and we rarely share our faith. Most days we will not be asked the question, "Who is Jesus?" But we will be in situations where we are being called to share a little bit about ourselves. If Jesus has truly changed our lives and we never seem to want to share something about him with others, they may as well assume that he has had no real impact on us. On the other hand, if we are mature disciples in Jesus Christ, I suspect that others can't help but know about the great friend we have in him.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, (Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass) Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (both Youth and

Adults for the Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass). We are also looking for Lectors, Sacristans for our weekday Masses. Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). Volunteers to help vacuum the Church on Friday's after Mass. If you're interested in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please contact the parish office and we will gladly pass your information on to the person in charge of the assignments and have them contact you.

Thank you in advance for volunteering!

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for August 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. Tim
Lector	P. Pluta	B. Wyrwicz	C. Sison	R. Yulo
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Rom Beltran	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Labinski L. Youkhana	Open Open	C. Sison P. Yeck	Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Don Sundstrom Christian Baca	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti Rom Beltran Vicki Beltran	Terry Shaughnessy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	R. Kranson	R. Beltran	C. Sison	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for August				
Altar Care Team: Friday, August 28th Team 2 Team 2 is unable to take care of the altar cleaning. If anyone is available for altar cleaning, please contact the parish office.	Week	Tuesday, August 25, 2026	Thursday, August 27, 2026	Friday, August 28, 2026
	Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Church Vacuuming : Friday, August 28th OPEN	Lector	L. Youkhana	D. Monterosso	M. Peterson
	Sacristan	R. Beltran	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
August Denise Link	Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	L. Youkhana

Due to licensing through the USCCB, we are no longer able to print the readings each week.

If you wish to access the readings, you may do so at the following web-site.

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

NOTHING
is far from
GOD

-St Monica^{CLPI}

Our St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul conference is a small group, always looking for new members. The meetings are open to interested visitors on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7PM at the parish. Please join us. We believe in the intrinsic value of every person – to serve and be served. Please join us in fostering the common bond of humanity to bring wholeness and healing for all. Contact George Downey at (586)904-5171 for information on how to attend the meeting or for more information.



Our conference helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know if 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.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: COOKING OIL, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, RICE, CANNED CHICKEN, RAMEN NOODLES, SOUP, FRUIT JUICE AND SHAMPOO.

Deluxe Lemon Cheese Cake



3/4 c. graham cracker crumbs
1 tbsp. sugar
2 tbsp. butter, melted
1 can lemon pudding and pie filling
3/4 c. sugar
1 1/3 c. milk
3 (8 oz.) pkgs. Cream cheese
3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt

Mix graham cracker crumbs, 1 tablespoon sugar and 2 tablespoons melted butter. Press on sides and bottom of greased 9 inch springform pan. In saucepan, place contents of lemon pudding, 3/4 cup sugar and 1 1/3 cups milk. Bring to a full boil (curdling will disappear). Remove from heat; cover and set aside.

Beat 3 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, 3 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/4 teaspoon salt. Add to pudding mixture. Pour on top of crust. Bake at 425 F for 30 minutes. Turn off oven and open door. Leave cheesecake in oven for 30 minutes; cool. May garnish with 1 can cherry or blueberry pie filling; refrigerate.



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**Our Sunday Offering
August 15 & 16
Thank you for your
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God Bless you!**

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WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

You can find St. Rene's bulletin on our website at strene.org

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.

Archdiocesan Restructuring QR Code Link
Strengthening the Church for the Next Generation
<https://www.restructuring.aod.org>



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.



Lord, I put my family in your hands today.

I can't control everything that happens to them but I can remember to cover them in prayer. Please keep them safe and healthy always.



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

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force
Josey Blades (Air Force)
Captain Curtis Bradley (Army)
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
Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday @ 7:00 a.m. & Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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Sterling Heights, MI 48310
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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

Director of Music

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

Legion of Mary
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
Divine Mercy

Ushers
Karen Messineo (248) 808-8502
Perpetual Adoration
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
**Catholic Social Services
of Macomb**
Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300
St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)
(586) 718-4523
Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C
(586) 556-2122

Weekend Liturgy Schedule

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

Weekday Mass

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

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

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

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.



Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known
as we restructure the parishes and ministries
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice
in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others,
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us
in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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