A vibrant photograph of a sunflower field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, white and orange clouds. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers. The foreground is dominated by large, green leaves and several sunflowers in sharp focus. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
July 14, 2024

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Notes from Fr. Steve

As the sun shines brighter and days grow longer, presents a unique opportunity to deepen our spiritual practices and strengthen our connection with the divine. One powerful way to do this is through daily prayer.

Why Pray Every Day?

Prayer is the cornerstone of many spiritual traditions, offering a moment of pause, reflection, and communication with a higher power. During the summer, when routines may be more relaxed and nature is in full bloom, incorporating daily prayer can bring numerous benefits:

1. **Inner Peace:** Daily prayer provides a sense of calm and serenity. It allows us to start our end of the day with a peaceful heart, helping to reduce stress and anxiety.
2. **Gratitude:** Summer is a season of abundance. By praying every day, we can cultivate a spirit of gratitude for the beauty around us and the blessings we receive.
3. **Reflection:** Longer days offer more time for introspection. Prayer helps us reflect on our actions, seek forgiveness, and make amends, fostering personal growth.
4. **Connection:** Prayer strengthens our connection with the divine, ourselves, and others. It reminds us of our place in the larger tapestry of life and encourages compassion and empathy.

How to Incorporate Daily Prayer into Your Summer Routine

1. **Set a Specific Time:** Choose a consistent time each day for prayer. Early mornings or late evenings can be particularly peaceful.
2. **Create a Sacred Space:** Designate a quiet spot in your home or garden where you can pray without distractions. Decorate it with items that inspire you, like candles, flowers, or spiritual symbols.
3. **Be Intentional:** Approach prayer with a clear mind and open heart. Begin with a moment of silence to center yourself.
4. **Use Nature as Inspiration:** Let the beauty of summer inspire your prayers. Whether it's the sunrise, a blooming flower, or a gentle breeze, find elements in nature that help you feel connected to the divine.
5. **Incorporate Movement:** If sitting still is challenging, consider incorporating movement into your prayer. Walking meditation or yoga can be beautiful ways to connect physically and spiritually.
6. **Pray with others:** If possible, join a prayer group or invite family and friends to pray with you. Collective prayer can be a powerful experience.

Sample Summer Prayer

Here's a simple prayer you can use to start your day:

"Dear Lord Jesus, Thank you for the gift of this beautiful summer day. As the sun rises, may your light shine upon me and guide my steps. Help me to see the beauty in every moment and to appreciate the blessings you have bestowed upon me. Grant me peace, wisdom, and strength as I go through this day. May I spread love and kindness to all I meet. Amen."

Embrace the season of warmth and light by committing to daily prayer. Let it be a time of renewal and spiritual growth, bringing you closer to the divine and enriching your summer together to celebrate the season and the spirit of prayer.

Please take time to pray this summer, at home or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel here at Church. We have many new members of the community, for your assistance, the Chapel is located on the west side of the church, and marked with a sign: "Blessed Sacrament Chapel"

If you have not made your CSA sacrifice, please do so! Your participation is needed to make the campaign a success!

Please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace! God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve

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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GOSPEL MEDITATION

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, “He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself.” It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, “**two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.**” **Two-by-two:** they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. **Power over demons:** they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. **Without money belts:** they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let’s pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus’ communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

— *Father John Muir*



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.



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

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Joh

Everyday Stewardship

What We Carry from Town to Town

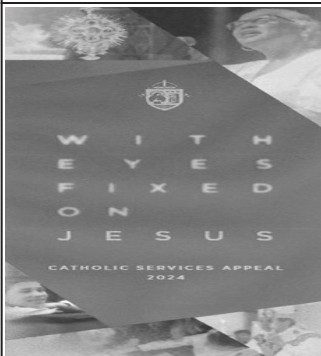
In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don’t.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we’ve been — whether it’s a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we’re tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the “town” God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don’t let a past disappointment constrain you. Don’t allow yesterday’s failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today’s witness, whatever form it might take.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



Help support our World Youth Jubilee trip!



Ticket Price
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FIRST PITCH 7:05 PM
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\$10 per ticket will be donated back to Macomb Unito!

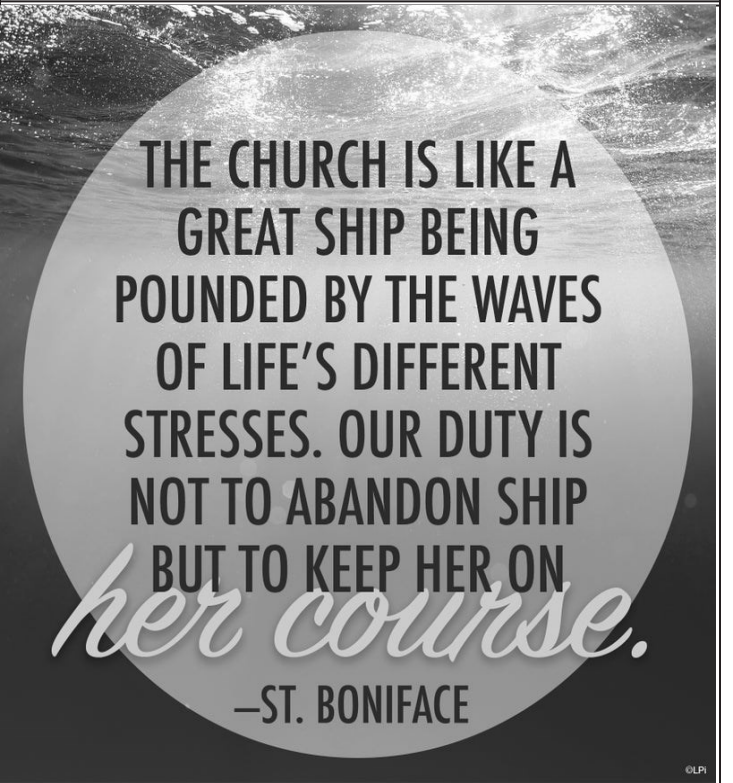
Each \$38 Ticket includes:

- Game seating in party patio area
- Group photo on the field
- Welcome message on scoreboard
- Kids run the bases after the game
- Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog
- Meet & Greet with a team mascot
- Free Parking
- Fireworks Spectacular postgame!
- PLUS an All American BBQ Buffet!
- Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ
- Pulled Chicken, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw,
- Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies.
- Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes. Each guest will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.

To purchase tickets visit stlyouthgroups.com/jubilee

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Scripture readings, those called forth to accomplish God's work experience difficulty completing their mission. God directs the prophet Amos, a lowly shepherd, to prophesy to the Israelites in spite of the priest Amaziah's opposition. In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus sends forth the Twelve Apostles, in the spirit of evangelization, to preach repentance, cure the sick, and drive out demons. He forewarns that they will encounter and even rejection. In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us of the Father *Who blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens*, and to be His adopted heirs. As faithful stewards, we know the cost and sacrifice of discipleship. Our efforts to do God's will may be resisted or rejected. However, the Lord's gift of grace strengthens us to carry out His work regardless of the obstacles we may face. To help discover God's will, set aside a few minutes of quiet time each day to listen to the Lord.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I recently got into an Uber car for a ride to the airport. I like talking with drivers if I sense they are open to it. On this particular day, the driver was very talkative and told me about how he was an inventor. He had several patents and was about to sell one of his inventions for a ton of money. We had a wonderful conversation, and he was such a warm and interesting person. I asked him why, with his good fortune with inventions and all the work he was doing aside from Uber, he was still driving. He smiled and said, "There are still some people I haven't met yet. I never know who is going to get into my car next."

What an amazing answer! Too often we live our lives in semi-solitude, walking around with blinders on so we don't make eye contact. We have our family and friends, but we don't get up each day wondering with excitement who we will meet that day.

God puts people into our path all the time. Maybe we need them or they need us. But we do not walk through this world alone. If we choose to not be mindful of who is in our midst, we miss the chance to receive whatever gifts they may have to give. In the same vein, they miss out on what we have to share with them if we stay closed and quiet. Pay attention to those around you. God may come to you in the words of a friend, the request of a homeless man, or in the wisdom of an Uber driver.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I *Amos 7:12-15*

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, “Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

Reading II *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel *Mark 6:7-13*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, July 14, 2024: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday, July 15, 2024: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 16, 2024: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 17, 2024: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 18, 2024: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 19, 2024: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 20, 2024: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 21, 2024: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Joyce Clashman
+Sophie Wojcik

Thursday, July 18, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Leonard & Rose Marie Shaner
+Fernando Hernandez

Friday, July 19, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Ann McCloy
+Annette Bachiu

Saturday, July 20, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert
+Walter Broski
+Rosemarie Calmi
+David Gronson
Parishioners of St. Rene
+Franklin Langenstein
+James Reaume Jr.
+James Reaume Sr.
+Maybelle Koehler
+Marlene Breaz

Sunday, July 21, 2024

8:30 a.m.

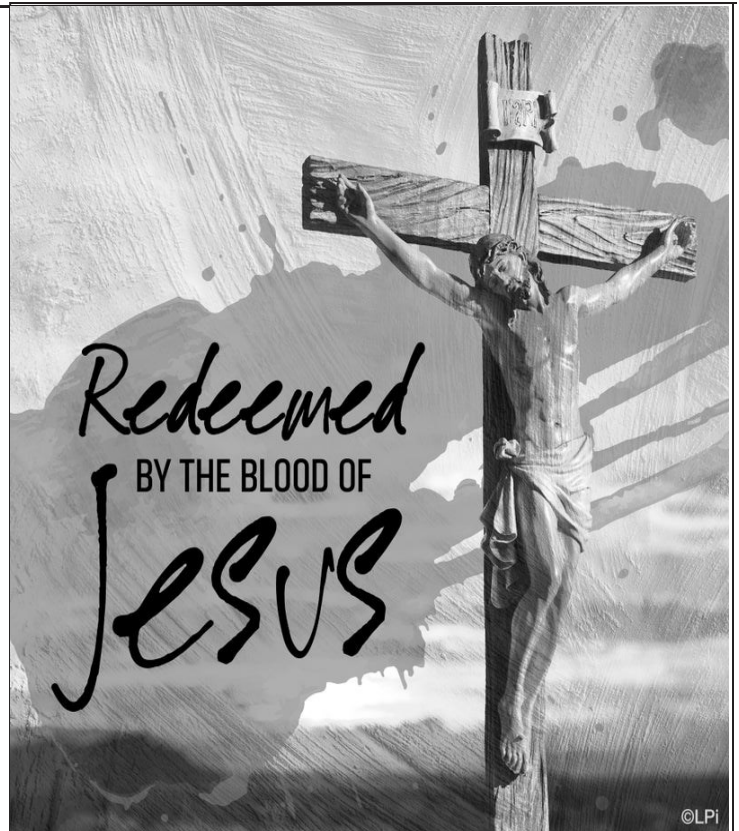
+Marialuz Sales (4th R.A.)
+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

+Alex Fragnoli
+Walt Kalcevic
+Rose Zappa
+Sam Zappa
+Kristen Cattini

5:30 p.m.

Dylan Ventimiglia (Healing)



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.

 *Pray For...*


CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
givecsa.org

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for July 20 & 21

	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	Barbara Kiernan	Alex Sitchon	Thess Monterio	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers		Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Nosek G Labinski Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio 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 Frank Iannotti	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	T Monterio	V Jennings

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.

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 mix, white rice, toilet paper and spaghetti.

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

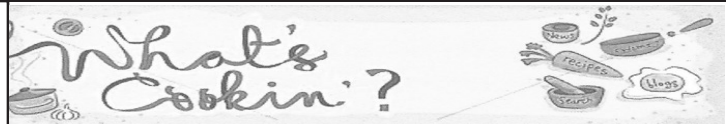
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STAY CONNECTED

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.



Perfect Peach Cobbler

- 3 c. sliced peaches
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 c. flour
- 1 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 beaten egg
- 6 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

Place peaches on bottom of 10x6x1 1/2 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Mix dry ingredients; add egg, tossing with fork until crumbly. Sprinkle over peaches and drizzle butter on top. Bake at 375 F for 35 to 40 minutes. Serve with ice cream.



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

SEEK FELLOWSHIP

LIVE SIMPLY

ACT BOLDY

July
Month of the
Precious Blood

**Our Sunday Offering
July 6 & 7
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:

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force
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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Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

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

Weekday Mass

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

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

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

St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

Penance: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

Marriage:

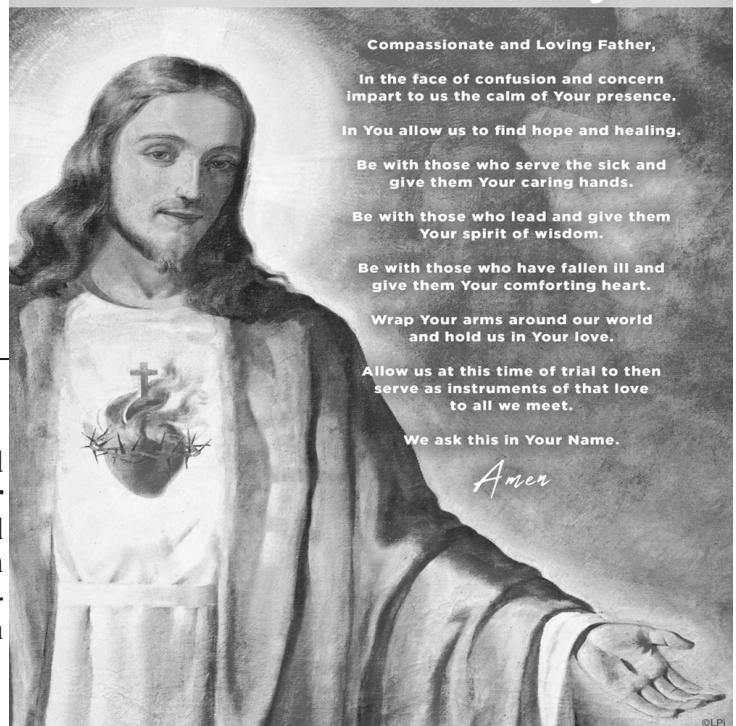
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen