

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Notes from Fr. Steve Welcome Bishop James Thoppil of Kohima, Nagaland!

We are honored and delighted to welcome Bishop James Thoppil, the esteemed Bishop of Kohima, Nagaland, to our parish this Sunday. Bishop Thoppil is renowned for his tireless dedication to his diocese and his unwavering commitment to serving those in need.

As part of his visit, Bishop Thoppil will preach at the Sunday service, sharing his profound insights and inspiring message of faith, hope, and charity. He will also speak about the critical missions and initiatives underway in the Diocese of Kohima, with a special focus on supporting orphaned children.

In Kohima, many children face the harsh reality of life without parents or guardians. Bishop Thoppil's diocese has established several orphanages and support programs aimed at providing these vulnerable children with shelter, education, healthcare, and most importantly, a loving environment where they can grow and thrive.

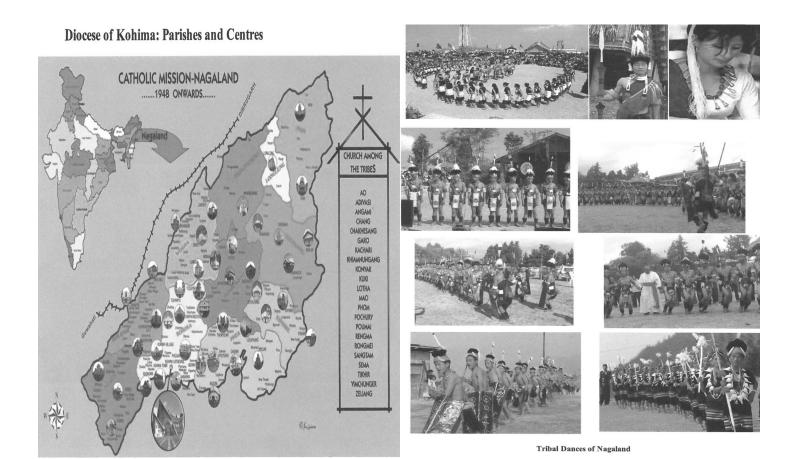
These missions rely heavily on the generosity and support of people like us. As part of his visit, Bishop Thoppil will appeal for funds to continue and expand these vital programs. We encourage everyone to open their hearts and give generously to his noble case.

Your contributions, no matter how big or small, will make a significant difference in the lives of these children, offering them hope and a brighter future. Together, we can support Bishop Thoppil's mission and help transform the lives of those in dire need.

Let us come together as a community of faith, united in our commitment to living out the Gospel through acts of compassion and generosity. We extend our warmest welcome to Bishop James Thoppil and look forward to his inspiring words and the opportunity to support the invaluable work being done in the diocese of Kohima. Please be generous to the appeal!

Please remember the parish in your prayers, 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.





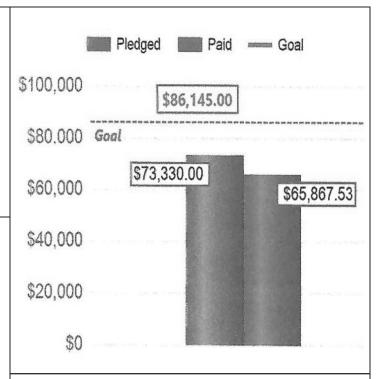
Thank you to the parishioners who have already pledged their support. The ministries, programs, and services funded by the Catholic Services Appeal help in our parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. If you are still prayerfully considering your sacrificial gift to this year's CSA, you may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



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

Mrs. Filomena Mullins Mr. & Mrs. Michael Moceri Mrs. Maria Franca Bastainelli





GOSPEL MEDITATION **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

— Father John Muir



If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (both Youth and Adult), Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). 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! God Bless!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

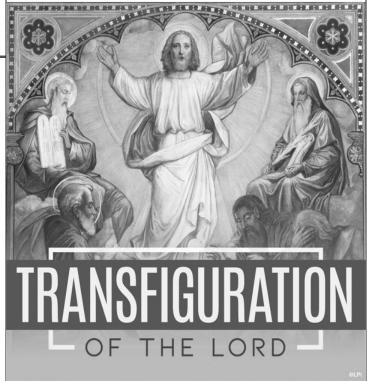
But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's in St. John's Gospel, Jesus ties His instructions on the Eucharistic Book of Exodus. Christ proclaims to the crowd that their ancestors manna in the desert from God the Father, not Moses, Jesus professes in the Gospel that He is the "Bread of Life." Those who accept His invitation and come to Him will never hunger or thirst, as they will be spiritually filled. In his Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul instructs us that, through Christ, we will gain a fresh, spiritual way of thinking. As faithful stewards, we acknowledge Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist as translated from the Greek meaning "thanksgiving." We believe the Eucharist to be the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Christ. We stand in awe and gratitude for this tremendous gift, which opened our hearts to holiness. Plan to attend a Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction service at your parish to experience Christ's peace and joy.



Prayer of Hunger

Dear Jesus.

You are the one who fed the hungry. But your work doesn't only exist on the pages of an old book. You're working now.

Work in us, to bring food to those in need. Work in us, to satisfy the places we most need you.

Amen.

Readings for The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I *Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15*

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Reading II *Ephesians 4:17, 20-24*

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Gospel John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.* "So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



Sunday, August 4, 2024:Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday, August 5, 2024:Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 6, 2024:Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday, August 7, 2024:Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 8, 2024:Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 9, 2024:Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 10, 2024:2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Sunday, August 11, 2024:1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



Tuesday, August 6, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano

Helen Strbenec

+Marian Kobus

Rorie Grant

+Don Trudeau

Thursday, August 8, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Matthew, Mary & Rosie Chakian

+Mary Hackett

Friday, August 9, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Ninfa Davison

+Cathie Anhut

Saturday, August 10, 2024 4:00 p.m.

+Steven Herbert

+Irene Kasenchak (1st R.A.)

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Beverly Romeo

+Franklin Langenstein

+Shirley Schima

+Maybelle Koehler

+Roberto Bastianelli

Sunday, August 11, 2024 8:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski

+Conrado Masalunga

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council & their families

+Sandy Kratt

+Theodoros Vergos

+Walt Kalcevic

+Rose Zappa

+Sam Zappa

+Kristen Cattini

+Alan Clemente

5:30 p.m.

Dylan Ventimiglia (Healing)



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Food That Perishes

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God.

Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

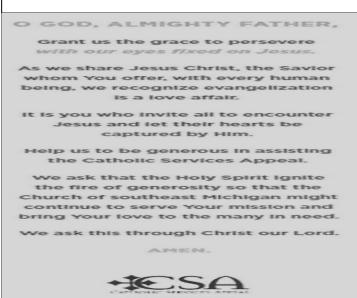
What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'"



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for August 10 & 11				
	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	Steve Szeliga	Wendi Lillie	Dorothy Arche	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Phat Le Phong Le	Karin Nieto	Owen Brink	
Eucharistic Ministers	G Labinski K Moravek Open	Open Open Open	A Sitchon F Sitchon 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	R Kranson	K Nieto	T McWilliams	V Jennings

Altar Care Team: Friday, August 9th Team 3

August:

Altar Linen:

Teresita Bugante Helen DeVera Ofelia Cunanan Lina Saens Denise Link

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:

Laundry detergent, jam, canned chicken, pancake mix, white rice, toilet paper and spaghetti.

*Please do not donate restaurant condiments.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul will be having a clothing drive on Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th. A truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be in the church parking lot for your donations. This drive is for clothing only. Please get ready to donate any clothing on this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



Get answers to questions you *need to know* before preplanning your arrangements.

Attendance is limited! Call (586) 412-6242 to reserve your seat, or visit www.mtelliott.com/res-seminar

Refreshments will be served. First time attendees only

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.





Pineapple Cake

1 pkg. Jiffy yellow cake mix

1 lg. pkg. cream cheese

1 lg. can crushed pineapple, drained

1 sm. Pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix

1 (8oz.) ctn. Cool Whip

Bake cake as directed in a 13x9 inch pan about 15 to 20 minutes; let cool. Make vanilla pudding as directed. Beat cream cheese into pudding. When finished, add pineapple to the mixture and top with Cool Whip. Eat and enjoy!



PLEASE
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Our Sunday Offering July 27 & 28 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

As human beings, we seem to have a wide array of insatiable desires. We long for more money, more time, and more stuff. We spend millions of dollars each year on remedies for our overeating. We look to our neighbors to see what they have that we want so we can keep up with them in the race toward happiness. We look for instant gratification only to find that our hunger for whatever it is remains intact.

Stewardship is the pathway to curbing all those cravings. On this journey, we let go of things that keep us tied down to this world and tied up in our sin. All that we have becomes instruments for God to use in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. When we have detached from enough in this world, we find out the truth: Nothing on earth can truly satisfy our cravings completely. Jesus Christ is the sole answer for our needs and desires.

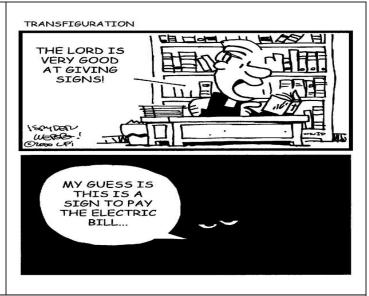
Although the truth is right in front of us at each and every Mass in the Eucharist, we can easily spend our days in denial of that truth. It takes trust to step out in faith and give it all over to God. We are all called to let go and let God be God. Answering the call is easier said than done. However, if we can finally make that bold move, we will find ourselves completed by the One who was with us all along.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





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 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)

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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

Pastoral Staff

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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.

