

Notes from Fr. Steve

This week I would like to reflect on the life and witness of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, known lovingly as Mother Teresa. Born in 1910 in Skopje (modern-day North Macedonia), she entered the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland as a young woman and soon went to India, where she would spend the rest of her life. While teaching at a girls' school in Calcutta, she heard what she described as a "call within a call"—Jesus urging her to leave the convent and serve the poorest of the poor. From that moment, her mission became clear. In 1950 she founded the Missionaries of Charity, a community dedicated to caring for the hungry, sick, abandoned, and dying.

At the heart of Mother Teresa's work was her deep devotion to prayer. She spent long hours before the Blessed Sacrament, drawing strength from her relationship with Christ. It was prayer that fueled her tireless service. She often said, "We cannot all do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Her life shows us that true prayer does not end in words, but overflows into action, especially in love for those who suffer.

Each of us, in our own way, is called to be a disciple of Jesus by following Mother Teresa's example. We may not walk the streets of Calcutta, but we can open our hearts to those around us—in our families, our families, and our neighborhoods. By setting aside time each day for prayer. Listening to Christ, and responding with acts of kindness and mercy we too become living witnesses of God's love.

Mother Teresa's life reminds us that holiness is not far from us—it is found in prayerful hearts and hands that serve. Let us ask for her intercession, that we might grow as disciples who bring the love of Jesus into the world.

This weekend August 23rd & 24th Archbishop Weisenberger has asked every parish in our diocese to take up a special collection for the starving in Gaza. In fact, every bishop in the United States will be asking their parishes to do the same thing. If every person in the parish could make a sacrifice of \$5.99 that would make a sizeable amount for this worthy cause.

As always, I ask you to remember the parish in your prayers, your prayers bring the sick healing, hope and consolation. God Bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve

EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR GAZA

Archbishop Weisenburger joins with his brother bishops across the United States in asking the faithful to be most generous in a critical collection for the people of Gaza sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We mourn the terrible sufferings of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza who are struggling to survive, to protect their children, and to live humanely in tragic circumstances. Pope Leo continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving."

All funds from this special collection will be remitted to one of two charities: "Catholic Relief Services" who are on site and partnering with local Church entities to provide food, shelter, financial assistance, hygiene supplies, and trauma assistance; or "Catholic Near East Welfare Association" who are providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded. Your generosity is an opportunity to serve Christ Himself!

Readings for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I will come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

Reading II Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters: You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges." Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart, from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and allthe prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

Readings for the Meek

Sunday, August 24, 2025: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday, August 25, 2025:1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 26, 2025:1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27, 2025:1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 28, 2025:1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 29, 2025:1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday, August 30, 2025:1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, August 31, 2025: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

DOOR

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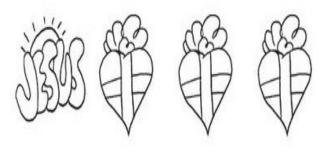
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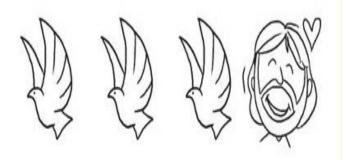
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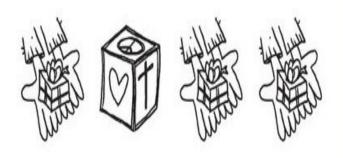
Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.



Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.









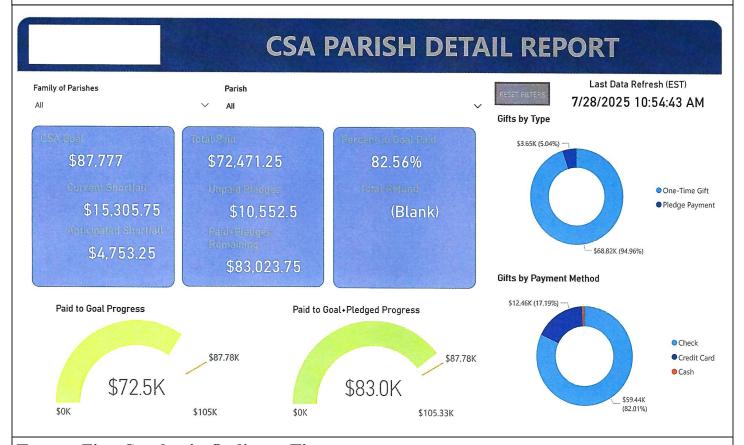
I will choose to do the right thing, even if no one else does.



WITH EYES FIXED ON JESUS



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.



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's saving power of salvation is inclusive. After missionaries minister to the Gentile nations, the prophet Isaah professes that even some pagan converts will be allowed into Israel's holy, priestly order of Levites. Our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, tells us that whom the Lord loves, He disciplines. This is analogous to a father disciplining his children with love. In the Gospel, the evangelist St. Luke is clear, through Jesus's teaching, that eternal salvation is not guaranteed. Those who become devoted disciples, even if not first to hear the Word of God, will be first in the Kingdom; those who are first to hear His Word but do not take it seriously will be last. God the Father invites all to the heavenly banquet through the narrow gate. At our Baptism, Jesus invites us to be His disciples—a first step to eternal life. He continues to extend this invitation throughout our lives. As we deepen our relationship with Him, we strive to bring others to know Christ's love, truth, peace, and joy. Read the inspiring life story of Blessed Father Solanus Casey, a modern-day holy man who helped bring others to holiness.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 24, 2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir



de Paul is having a clothing drive the weekend of August 23rd & 24th. You Neighbors helping neighbors can drop off clothing before or after

all the masses at the truck that will be in the church parking lot. This is for clothing items only (clothes, shoes, coats, etc.) Non-clothing items are not accepted.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Get to Know Jesus

When I speak and write, I mention my family quite often. Those of you who have been reading these reflections for the past 5+ years — or who have read my books — may think you know them. When I travel, I do get asked about my family by those who have entered my life through the words on a page. My hope is that by sharing stories about my family and life the reader gets a chance to see himself or herself in the story as well. Then the point being made in the article or reflection can take on stronger meaning because it hits home. However, no matter how much I write about my family and how much you read about them, you will only have a glimpse as to the real people. It will take an actual relationship with one of them to get you to the point where you can say you know them.

That is the same way with Jesus. First, more Catholics need to read more and learn more about Jesus. Bible studies should be the norm and not the exception in our lives. Second, too many of us in the Church can explain who Jesus is from our past formation classes and reading, but we do not actually know him. Jesus is not a topic, a theological term, or simply a historical figure. He is a real being who is alive! He is not dead, but alive! He calls us to do more than read about him. He calls us into an intimate relationship with him. We grow in relationship with Jesus by worshipping at the Mass, spending time with him in adoration, resting in him in the quiet, and by having the Jesus in us meet the Jesus in others. If you do not know him personally, get to know him. I would love for you all to meet my family in person someday, but I would much rather you get to know Jesus instead.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Mr. & Mrs. Romulo Beltran

Ms. Christine Padrick

Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Sheppard

Mr. & Mrs. Rodames Dedicatoria

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.

Prayer for Families

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support.

Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents ${\bf set} \ {\bf a} \ {\bf good} \ {\bf example}.$

Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence.

May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.





Tuesday, August 26, 2025 9:30 a.m.

+Paul & Marie DelGrasso

Thursday, August 28, 2025 9:30 a.m.

+Frances Janick

Friday, August 29, 2025 9:30 a.m.

- +Michael Peterson
- +Rose Marie Sobota

Saturday, August 30, 2025 4:00 p.m.

- +Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano
- +Joan Herbert
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Edwin Wagner
- +Roy Paul Cischke
- +Jesus Salazar
- +Denise Palliti
- +Ken Wyniemko
- +Casey & Frances Rusin
- +Marian & Lottie Kobus

Sunday, August 31, 2025 8:30 a.m.

- +Lucy Jaworski (1st R.A.)
- +Jeffrey Lopinski (1st R.A.)

10:30 a.m.

- +Josephine Martineau
- +Walt Kalcevic
- +Rose Zappa
- +Sam Zappa
- +Danilo Medina (40 days)
- +Fortunato Jarin & Cecilia Jarin
- +Sonia Ilano
- +Angelito Jarin

Members of the Caudal Family Members of the Feliciano Family

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Members of St. Rene Goupil Parish



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Jesus' whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like."

Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. "You can't sit with us!" is one of those phrases.

It's from the movie *Mean Girls*, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: "You can't sit with us."

So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives "Mean Girls" vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, "I do not know where you are from."

Very "you-can't-sit-with-us."

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today's Gospel aren't people who wanted a seat at God's lunch table — at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George'd their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus' whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like." It's not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.

HEAVENLY FATHER,

We thank you for the gift of the Church in Southeast Michigan.

We ask that just as Jesus instructed Saint Peter to tend and feed the sheep, our love for him may extend to others during this Missionary Year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide us as we hear the words "Follow me" and joyfully give witness to the hope that flows from the Body and Blood of Jesus, whom we truly receive in the Most Holy Eucharist.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.



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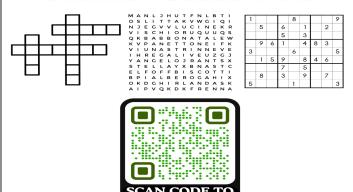
With the cost of postage on the rise, if you have returned to Mass and no longer need the Church bulletin mailed to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it.

You can find our bulletin online each week at strene.org our parish website.



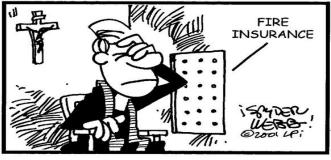
eucharisticrevival.org

New! Check out the ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







Weekend Liturgy Schedule for August 30 & 31					
	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	Jovita Engalan	Alex Sitchon	Thess Monteiro	Louis Youkhana	
Altar Servers	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	Paul Havern	Open	
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Moravek L. Nosek	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	Open Open	
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi	
Sacristan	R. Kranson	K. Nieto	T. Monteiro	Open	

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for August

Week	Tuesday, August 26, 2025	Thursday, August 28, 2025	Friday, August 29, 2025
Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	D. Monterosso	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson
Sacristan	B. Wyrwicz	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana

Altar Care Team:

Friday, August 29th Team 1

Bibiane Gagnon Gloria Cruz Karin Nieto

Church Vacuuming: Friday, August 29th OPEN

Altar Linen:
August:
Denise Link



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!

STAY CONNECTED

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

- 1. Visit www.formed.org and click "Sign up."
- 2. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
- 3. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
- 4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
- 5. Now you're registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. RENE GOUPIL PARISH IN YOUR WILL

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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Our Sunday Offering
August 16 & 17
Thank you for your
generous response.
God Bless you!

WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

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.



If you have borrowed a Pyx from the Church office and are no longer in need of using it; could you please return it to the office.

Thank You!

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: tuna, canned chicken, cooking oil, dish detergent, hand soap and laundry detergent.

Fruited Chicken Salad



4 c. diced cooked chicken 15 oz. can pineapple chunks, drained

1 c. chopped celery

11 oz. can mandarin oranges, drained

1/2 c. pitted ripe olives, sliced

1/2 c. chopped green pepper

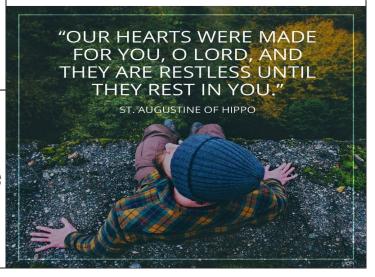
2 tbsp. grated onion

1 c. mayonnaise

2 tbsp. prepared mustard

5 oz. can chow mein noodles

Combine all ingredients, toss lightly. Serve on bed of lettuce leaves. Sprinkle chow mein noodles on top.





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.

THE 12 PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT:

- · Basilica of Ste. Anne, Detroit
- Blessed Solanus Casey Center, Detroit
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield
- National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak
- · Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Riverview
- Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township
- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Madonna University)
- Shrine of Jesus the Divine Mercy, Clinton Township
- · Shrine of St. John Paul II, Orchard Lake
- · St. Joseph Shrine, Detroit
- Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac

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

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. 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

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.



Joe Gill, Navy

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 Thursday @ 1:00 p.m. TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon Michael Novak, Director of Evangelization & Education Alexander Sunga Director of Worship & Music

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

Legion of Mary
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
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Karin Nieto (586) 447-6927
Ushers
Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128
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

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.

