

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community  
September 1, 2024



**HAPPY**  
*Labor Day*

## Notes from Fr. Steve

As we celebrate this Labor Day, I thought you might enjoy learning about the Church's teaching on Labor. Labor has been a central aspect of human life since the dawn of civilization, and within the teachings of the Catholic Church, it holds profound spiritual, moral, and social significance. The Church's understanding of labor is deeply rooted in its broader theological, social, and ethical teachings, emphasizing the dignity of work, the sanctity of human effort, and the responsibility of workers and employers alike.

The Catholic Church teaches that work is not merely a means of earning a livelihood but is intrinsically connected to human dignity. This perspective is rooted in the biblical narrative of creation, where God Himself is depicted as a worker. In the Book of Genesis, God labors for six days to create the world, and on the seventh day, He rests. This portrayal of God as a worker elevates the act of labor, showing that it is a participation in the divine activity.

Furthermore, the Church believes that through work, humans reflect the image of God. By working, individuals are able to co-create with God, bringing order, beauty, and purpose to the world. This co-creation is not limited to artistic or intellectual pursuits but extends to all forms of honest labor. Whether it is farming, teaching, building, or caring for others, all work has inherent dignity because it is an expression of the human person made in the image of God.

In Catholic teaching, work is also seen as a path to holiness. The Church encourages the faithful to offer their daily labor to God as a form of prayer and worship. This idea is beautifully encapsulated in the Benedictine motto "Ora et Labor," which means "Pray and Work." For centuries monks and nuns in Catholic monasteries have lived out this principle, integrating their work with their prayer life, thereby sanctifying even the most mundane tasks.

The sanctification of work is not reserved for religious communities but is a call for all the faithful. By performing their duties with love, integrity, and a spirit of service, workers can transform their labor into an offering to God. This perspective helps to elevate work from a mere chore or obligation to a means of growing in virtue and holiness.

The Catholic Church also emphasizes the social dimension of labor, recognizing that work is a fundamental aspect of human community and society. The Church's social teachings, particularly as articulated in papal encyclicals such as "Rerum Novarum" (1891) by Pope Leo XIII and "Laborem Exercens" (1981) by Pope John Paul II, stress the importance of just working conditions, fair wages, and the rights of workers.

In "Rerum Novarum," Pope Leo XIII addressed the exploitation of workers during the Industrial Revolution, calling for the protection of workers' and the promotion of social justice. He asserted that labor is not a mere commodity to be bought and sold but is a vital part of the human person, deserving of respect and dignity.

Pope John Paul II, in "Laborem Exercens," further developed the Church's teaching on work, emphasizing that work is essential to human development and fulfillment. He highlighted the importance of workers having a say in the conditions of their labor, the need for work to be oriented toward the common good, and the imperative of solidarity between workers and employers.

The Catholic Church teaches that both employers and workers have moral responsibilities. Employers are called to treat their employees with fairness and respect, ensuring just wages, safe working conditions, and opportunities for growth. They are reminded that their role is not just to seek profit but to contribute to the well-being of their workers and the common good.

Workers, on the other hand, are called to perform their duties conscientiously, with diligence and honesty. The Church teaches that work should not be seen solely as a means of self-interest but as a contribution to society and a service to others. This perspective encourages workers to see their labor as a vocation, a calling that goes beyond personal gain to include the welfare of others.

Finally, the Catholic Church teaches that labor has a redemptive value. Through work, individuals can participate in the redemptive mission of Christ. By enduring the difficulties and challenges that often accompany work, such as fatigue, frustration, and sacrifice, workers can unite their suffering of Christ on the cross. This union transforms the burdens of work into a means of spiritual growth and redemption.

In this sense, the Church offers a profound vision of labor, one that transcends the purely economic or utilitarian aspects. Work, in Catholic teaching, is not just about production or consumption but is a path to sanctification, a way to participate in God's creative and redemptive work, and a means to contribute to the common good.

The Catholic Church's teachings on the goodness of labor provide a holistic and dignified view of work. By emphasizing the dignity of work, the sanctification of labor, the social dimensions of employment, the responsibilities of both employers and workers, and the redemptive value of work, the Church offers a vision that elevates labor to a sacred and vital aspect of human life. In this view, work is not just a necessity but a noble calling that enriches both the individual and society, drawing all closer to God.

Please remember the parish in your prayers. We have many people at the moment who have cancer, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and hope. God bless you and those you love.

Fr. Steve





In Observance of the  
Labor Day Holiday  
the Adoration Chapel  
will be closed  
Monday, September 2nd



In Honor of the  
Labor Day Holiday  
the Parish Office  
will be closed on  
Monday, September 2nd



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](http://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.

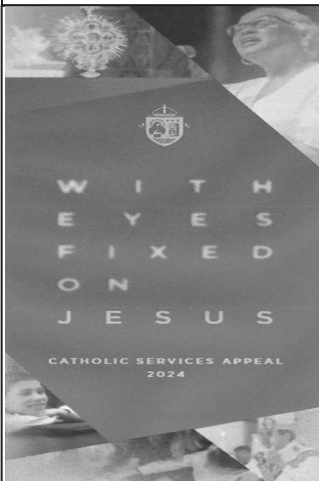
### GOSPEL MEDITATION 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "**Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?**" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "**There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person**" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— *Father John Muir*



### A Prayer for Workers

God our Creator,  
Your Word worked wonders to create  
the heavens and the earth and all they  
contain.  
Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother,  
You labored alongside your foster father  
Joseph,  
living the life of an ordinary worker.  
Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your  
life.  
You live and move and have your being  
in us  
as we go about our daily tasks.  
On this Employee Appreciation Day,  
may all who work recognize their intrinsic  
value.  
Show them that their worth depends not  
on any task, responsibility, or skill.  
Remind them that their dignity lies in  
You, oh Lord.  
In all of our labors,  
may we remember that we imitate You.  
Amen.

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture readings profess a common theme: God, through His commandments, shepherds us to live fruitful and holy lives. Moses, in the Book of Deuteronomy, clearly expresses how fortunate and blessed the ancient Israelites are to be favored by God as His people. In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus admonishes the Pharisees and scribes that following strict rituals may actually lead to disregarding the spirit of the commandments themselves. St. James proclaims two important stewardship norms: First, *all good giving and perfect gift is from above*. Second, Christian stewards accept and are *doers of the Word and not hearers only*. They acknowledge God's many blessings and strive to embrace evangelization through Christian stewardship as a way of life. We recognize this by gratefully returning back to God our "first fruits" through prayer, service, and generosity to feed and clothe those in need, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick, elderly, and imprisoned. Christ uses us as His instruments through these Corporal Works of Mercy to spread His hope and peace to everyone we serve. To put Word into action, consider giving generously to your parish. St. Vincent de Paul Society or serving at a local soup kitchen.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Michael Havern  
Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Concepcion

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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## Readings for The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8*

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will give you evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

### Reading II

*James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27*

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### Gospel

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

When the Pharisees with some scribes who has come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed hands.—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds.—So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

## *Readings for the Week*

**Sunday, September 1, 2024:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Monday, September 2, 2024:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday, September 5, 2024:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday, September 6, 2024:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday, September 7, 2024:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday, September 8, 2024:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Delphine Knowles

**Thursday, September 5, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Chris Vertrees

**Friday, September 6, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Dee Mullaney

**Saturday, September 7, 2024**

**4:00 p.m..**

+Steven Herbert

+Rosemarie Calmi

+David Gronson

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Anthony, John & Ted Mroz

+Shirley Schima

+John Rzeppa Sr. (Birthday)

+Maybelle Koehler

+Robert Newberry (1st R.A.)

+Franklin Langenstein

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Sharon Murawski

+Matthew, Mary & Rosie Chakian

**10:30 a.m.**

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

+Frank Mastracci

Danielle Sison (Birthday)

**5:30 p.m.**

Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish



PEOPLE SHOULD  
EAT AND DRINK  
AND ENJOY THE  
FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR,  
FOR THESE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.

-ECCLESIASTES 3:13

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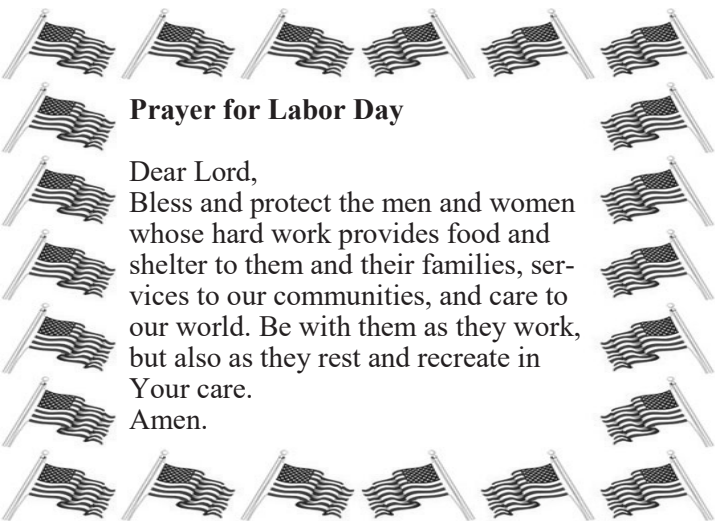


## Everyday Stewardship

Justice is a concept under attack in today's world. When I watch the news, I see so many distortions of justice. One person's notion of fairness is sometimes far from another's understanding of justice. Perhaps the issue is that human justice often becomes corrupted by selfishness and greed. Justice for one's self always seems more important than justice for another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to use what we have been given not only to fight for human justice alone, but also to offer a more benevolent justice that can only come from God.

We are called to offer all we have to God for His greater intentions. Our gifts cannot only level the playing field for some but can serve as instruments of grace for those who, in the eyes of the world, do not even deserve it. In God's framework of justice, second chances and overflowing generosity are commonplace. Everyone created in the image of God deserves love regardless of their state in life or the actions they have taken against another. The world will never understand this type of justice. Humans have a hard enough time figuring out the simple concepts of equity or fair play. For those who do not believe in Jesus, his justice seems even more difficult to comprehend. In fact, it can appear downright crazy.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Weekend Liturgy Schedule for September 7 & 8

	<b>Saturday 4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30 PM</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
<b>Lector</b>	Pat Pluta	Barbara Wyrwicz	Dorothy Arche	Thess Monteiro
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Paul Havern	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	L. Youkhana L. Nosek	Open Open	M. Laubach G. Yeck	Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
<b>Sacristan</b>	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	M. Buffmyer	T. Monteiro

**Altar Care Team:**  
Friday, September 6th  
Team 1

Joyce Fackler  
Bibiane Gagnon

**Altar Linen:**

September:

Khristine  
Cochiaosue

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.**



**RESURRECTION CEMETERY**  
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*Topics include:*

- Cremation
- Legalities
- Payment options
- Cemetery options
- Myths and misconceptions
- How to get started

**Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 11:30 a.m.**  
*Aspen Restaurant, Macomb*

**Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Fern Hill Golf Club, Clinton Twp.*

**Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Fern Hill Golf Club, Clinton Twp.*

**Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Fern Hill Golf Club, Clinton Twp.*

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](http://www.mtelliott.com/res-seminar)**

Refreshments will be served. First time attendees only.

### **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](http://strene.org) our parish website.

## 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](http://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](http://www.help.formed.org) or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

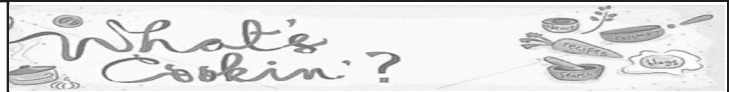


**PLEASE  
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ST. RENE  
GOUPIL  
PARISH  
IN YOUR WILL**



**Our Sunday Offering  
August 24 & 25  
Thank you for your  
generous response.**

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](http://Parishesonline.com) then search by zip code. You can go online to the [aod.org/live/masses](http://aod.org/live/masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



## **Zucchini Spice Cake**

- 3 c. grated, peeled zucchini
- 1 c. ground walnuts
- 1 c. flaked coconut
- 4 eggs
- 1 c. vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp. vanilla
- 2 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 3 c. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 2 (10 inch) cake pans. In a large bowl, combine zucchini, walnuts and coconut; set aside. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, oil and vanilla until blended. Beat in sugar; set aside. In a large bowl, combine flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Gradually add dry ingredients to egg mixture; beat well. Stir in zucchini mixture. Pour evenly into pans. Bake 35 to 40 minutes.

## **PINEAPPLE CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:**

- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 c. margarine softened
- 4 c. powdered sugar

Beat cream cheese and margarine until creamy. Add pineapple. Gradually add powdered sugar until smooth. Spread on cake.







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.



**We are in need of Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office at (586)939-7500.**

**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**

**We are in need of Altar servers, young or adult who would like to serve, please contact the parish office at (586)939-7500. Please come serve at the Altar!**

### **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!**

## SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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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  
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Michael Novak,  
Director of Evangelization & Education  
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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

