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Notes from Fr. Steve

A week ago I wrote an article about the first part of Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. Because of the celebration of Labor Day, I thought something appropriate for last week, was the Catholic teaching on labor. This week, I would like to explain the second part of Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In the celebration of the Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist marks a profound and sacred moment where heaven and earth meet. Following the Liturgy of the Word, where we have been nourished by Scripture, the Liturgy of the Eucharist invites us into a deeper communion with Christ through the sacrament of His Body and Blood.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Preparation of the Gifts. The bread and wine, symbols of our daily lives and labors, are brought to the altar. These simple elements are offered up to God, who will transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ. As the priest prays over the gifts, we are reminded that our lives, too, are an offering, to be transformed and made holy in the presence of God.

The heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharistic Prayer. This is the moment when the priest, acting in the person of Christ, invokes the Holy Spirit to sanctify the gifts. Through the words of consecration, the bread and wine become the real presence of Jesus Christ. This mystery, known as transubstantiation, is a miracle that transcends time and space, uniting us with the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

During the Eucharistic Prayer, the entire Church joins in the worship of God. We pray for the living and the dead, for the Church and the world, and we give thanks for the gift of salvation. The prayer in the doxology, where the priest lifts up the consecrated host and chalice, proclaiming the glory of God through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ.

Following the Eucharistic Prayer, we enter into the Communion Rite, beginning with the Lord's Prayer. We pray together as one family, asking for our daily bread and the forgiveness of our sins. After the Sign of Peace, where we express our love and unity with one another, we prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist.

In receiving Communion, we partake in the Body and Blood of Christ, becoming one with Him and with each other in a most intimate way. This sacred meal is not just a remembrance of Christ's Last Supper but a participation in the Pascal Mystery, where we are nourished by the very life of Christ.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist concludes with the Prayer after Communion, where the priest prays the graces we have received will bear fruit in our lives. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we are sent forth to live as disciple's of Christ, carrying His love and presence into the world.

As we reflect on the Liturgy of the Eucharist, let us be mindful of the immense gift we receive in every Mass. It is here, at the altar, that we encounter the living Christ, who nourishes our souls and strengthens our faith. Let us approach this sacred mystery with reverence, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to live out our faith in love and service.

Understanding Mass allows us to fully appreciate and participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. I hope this message allowed you to see the mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Christ given to us each week.

Last week the Adoration Chapel celebrated its 32nd anniversary. I hope you can in the next week or so pay a visit to the chapel, and render yourself present to the Lord to receive his many graces and blessings.

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

Tuesday, Sept. 10th - 7:00pm

St. Vincent Ferrer Church

28353 Herbert St. Madison Hgts. 48071

Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, humanity has been affected by sin in each generation. Just as physical characteristics, types of behavior and health, each with good and bad qualities, are passed down through generational lines, so too is our spiritual inheritance. This spiritual inheritance is based on the blessings and sins of our ancestors. (Deut 27-29)

Through extensive penitential prayer petitions and the power of Jesus in the Eucharist, an Intergenerational Healing Mass can help stop the negative effects of past sin and bring healing and peace to minds, bodies and spirits of current and future generations.

COME PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY ALL ARE WELCOME



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 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.





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Grandparents Day Blessing

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children.

They are reminders from you about how precious life can be.

We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren.

Those of us who now pray to you

also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents.

Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace.

We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

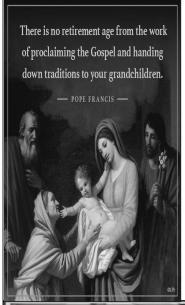
GOSPEL MEDITATION 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir



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Catechism Program





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

Mrs. Christina Schillag

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I love watching replays of great sports highlights. Sometimes you see something so extraordinary that you tell others they have to see it to believe it. The one-handed catch, the in-the-park home run, and the photo finish are all examples of these types of moments. They are amazing feats that boggle the mind.

I wonder how many people in biblical times saw Jesus perform miracles and told others they wouldn't have believed it unless they saw it with their own eyes. Of course, we believe the stories of his miracles, and we didn't see them in person. We do believe them, don't we?

There is no television program that features replays of the actual miracles Jesus performed 2,000 years ago. However, there are miracles every day for the world to see. Many of those come about by allowing God to work through us. People are waiting to be healed and fed, and mountains are waiting to be moved. There might not be a replay for these miracles either. However, people will be amazed by the power of God. Jesus said we could do these things if we had faith. Blessed are those who believe but who have not seen. Furthermore, blessed are those who perform great works with God so that others may see.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Scripture passage from the Prophet Isaiah prefigures the mighty works Christ will achieve, the most significant: His sacrifice on the Cross for our salvation. The Gospel evangelist St. Mark cites a powerful healing made by Jesus in pagan, Gentile territory. Together with the warning against discrimination in the letter of St. James, this healing shows that God does not discriminate about who is welcome in the Christian community. Our Lord Jesus desires all to walk in His Truth and Light—to gain His eternal Kingdom. Welcoming parishes evangelize through stewardship with greeters serving as Ministers of Hospitality. Consider training in this ministry through the archdiocesan Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship.



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), 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!

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

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Readings for The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands evil become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Reading II James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hands on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment s was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Readings for the Meek

Sunday, September 8, 2024:Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 Monday, September 9, 2024:1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday, September 10, 2024:1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday, September 11, 2024:1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday, September 12, 2024:1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38 Friday, September 13, 2024:1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42 Saturday, September 14, 2024:Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Sunday, September 15, 2024:Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



Tuesday, September 10, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Betty Eschrich
- +Stan Barc

Thursday, September 12, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Ann McCloy

Friday, September 13, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Henry Romasanta

Saturday, September 14, 2024 4:00 p.m.

- +Joan Herbert
- +Rosemarie Calmi
- +Adrian Gonska

Parishioners of St. Rene

- +Beverly Romeo
- +Maybelle Koehler
- +Roberto Bastianelli
- +Marilyn Cavataio
- +Franklin Langenstein

Sunday, September 15, 2024 8:30 a.m.

- +Delphine Wolk
- +Sharon MurawskThanksgiving for Roko Felecia Rice, Healing

10:30 a.m.

+Josephine Serra

5:30 p.m.

Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish



"Grandparents hold our tiny hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever."

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Everyday Stewardship

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

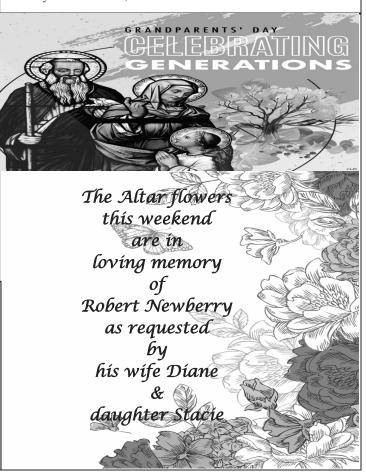
I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just find. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for September 14 & 15				
	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	Flor Sitchon	Virginia Jennings
Altar Servers	Helen DeVera	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	C. Sison F. Sitchon	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	H. DeVera	V. Jennings

Altar Care Team: Friday, September 13th

September:

Altar Linen:

Team 2 Roxann Klee Karin Nieto Antonina Notarantonio

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, dish soap, shampoo, toilet paper and peanut butter.

*Please do not donate restaurant condiments.

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, The greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, grandparents keep a family close at heart.

Anonymous

<u>BULLETIN UPDATE</u>

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.

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.



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Our Sunday Offering August 31 & September 1 Thank you for your generous response.

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.





Nonnie's Italian Wedding Soup

2 (49 oz.) cans chicken broth Seasonings, to taste

Basil

Handful of frozen peas

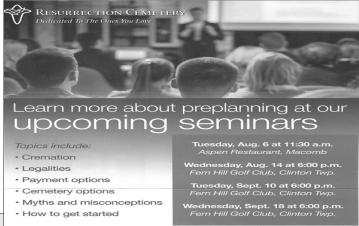
2 boneless chicken breasts

1 sm. Onion

1 1/2 c. Ancini de Pepe (tiny pasta)

4 stalks fresh spinach or Swiss chard

Bring broth to a boil; add all ingredients except spinach and Ancini de Pepe (pasta). Check your seasoning. Add a little water if broth is too seasoned. When carrots are done, add about 20 minutes, remove onion and discard, then slice carrots or chop. Just before serving, bring back to a boil and add pasta and spinach or Swiss chard. Cook 5 minutes. Keeps well in closed container 3 to 4 days.



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







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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 t (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 Servers

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 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)

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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Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
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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.

