

February 22, 2026



# St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community  
Sterling Heights



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## Notes from Fr. Steve

In his **2026 Lenten message**, **Pope Leo XIV** invited all Catholics to deepen their spiritual life by embracing Lent not only in tradition but in transformation. His message, entitled *“Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion,”* calls us to **remember Christ’s call each day, pray with intention, and fast with purpose**—not just from food, but from anything that hinders our growth in holiness.

The Holy Father reminded the faithful that Lent is a time to **“place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives”** and to renew our faith through the Word of God. By opening our hearts to Scripture and prayer, we allow God’s voice to shape our daily lives and guide our actions.

Pope Leo emphasized the importance of *prayer and listening*—to God and to one another—as an essential part of the Lenten journey. He reminded us that prayer is not just speaking but **listening with a heart open to conversion and compassion**, especially toward the poor and the suffering.

While fasting from food is a long-standing Lenten penance, the Pope also highlighted an equally important but often overlooked form of fasting: **fasting from harmful speech**. In his message he wrote:

**“I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor.” “Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement...In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.”**

This call challenges us to consider how we speak in our homes, workplaces, and even on social media—and to choose language that builds up rather than divides.

Pope Leo also encouraged Catholics to live out these practices together in our parishes and families, making our communities places of welcome, listening, and support for those in need.

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace.

Several parishioners have asked how the restructuring process in the Archdiocese is progressing. I am grateful for your interest and your care for the future of our local Church.

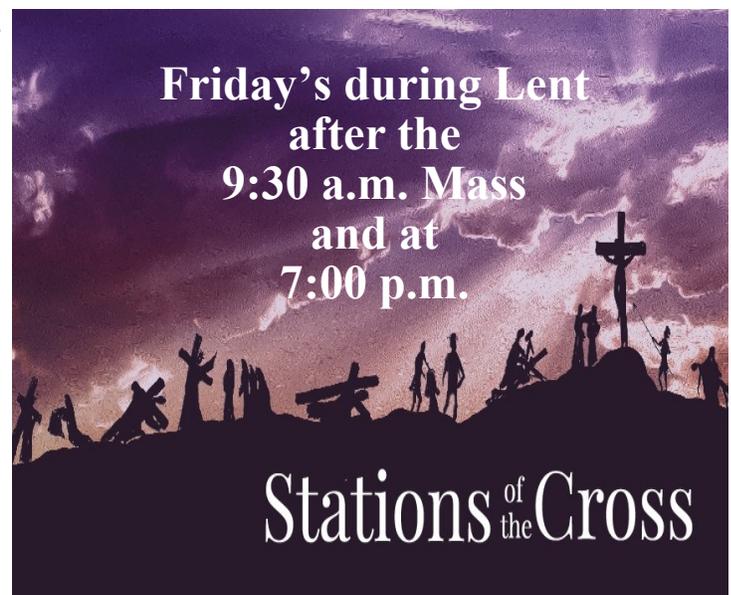
There have already been numerous meetings—one of which lasted three full days—where prayerful discussion and careful review have taken place. At this time, the data gathered is being compiled, and additional meetings are scheduled. Another gathering will take place later this month, and in March there will be a meeting to receive final input from the priests.

After that, the findings from these meetings will be shared with the parishes in the Spring through listening sessions. This will give parishioners an opportunity to hear more and to participate in the process, and to give their input.

I encourage you to remain hopeful and optimistic. This is a thoughtful and prayerful effort to strengthen the Church for the future. If you would like more detailed information about the process, please visit the Archdiocese of Detroit website, where you will find a summary of the progress made thus far.

Let us continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this important time. God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve





*Congratulations  
to  
Adam Horle & Kaitlyn Geer  
joined in marriage  
on  
Saturday, February 21, 2026*



**LENTEN  
TOWEL  
DRIVE**

It is that time of year again...time for our annual **Lenten Towel Project**. We will be collecting **brand-new bath towels and washcloths** during the Lenten season; **from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday**. These may be placed in the wooden bin near the library. These shelters are so appreciative of the help we provide every year.

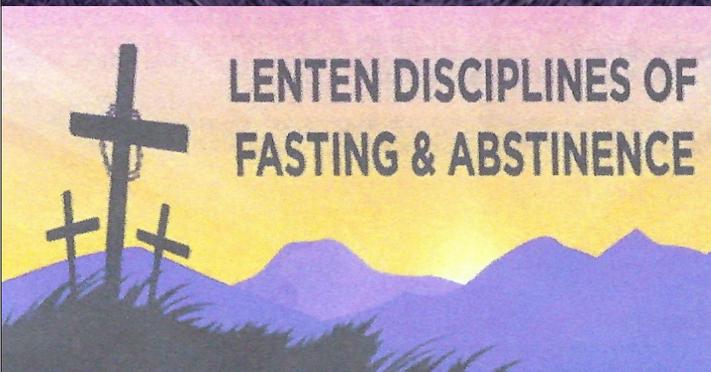
**The towels and wash-clothes will once again be distributed to the Salvation Army's MATTS (Macomb's Answer To Temporary Shelter) program and Turning Point (a shelter for abused women and children).**

Lent is a wonderful time of prayer and sacrifice. Please pray to see if it is in your heart to give a little to help these people who need so much.

**May God bless you this Lent.**

**J**esus, dear Savior,  
during these days of Lent,  
I want to fast,  
to repent and to pray.  
Above all else I want  
to stay in the circle  
of Your love.  
Walk with me and  
surround me with  
Your light; lead me and  
guide me in Your footsteps.  
During this season of Lent  
help me to follow You  
and imitate Your love.  
May this cross remind me today  
and throughout Lent of  
Your great love for me.

**A**men.



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF  
FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics who observe fasting during Lent follow these general rules:

1. **Fasting**—Required on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** for Catholics aged 18 to 59. This means consuming only **one full meal** and up to **two smaller meals** that together do not equal a full meal.
2. **Abstinence from Meat** - Required on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent** For Catholics aged 14 and older. This means avoiding meat from land animals (such as beef, pork, and chicken), but fish and other seafood are permitted. Exceptions are made for those with health conditions, pregnant women, manual laborers, and others with special circumstances.

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank you for your participation in being compliant with our Safe Environments requirements. As a reminder all volunteers who are giving their time to the Church are required to take Protecting God’s Children, have a criminal background check conducted, and sign a Code of Conduct in order to volunteer or be employed in any parish or school within the Archdiocese of Detroit. With you working in partnership with our due diligence, we are ensuring that all members of the Church are creating an environment of awareness for all forms of maltreatment to our children and vulnerable adults. This is for the protection of those among us and for us to continue to have healthy boundaries with all active members within our community.

Should you have any questions around this program, please contact The Archdiocese of Detroit's Safe Environment Manager, Maegan Pierson via email at: [protectchildren@aod.org](mailto:protectchildren@aod.org)

In Christ,

Maegan

**ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT RE-CERTIFICATION  
POLICY  
(Revised January 2026)**

To work or volunteer in the Archdiocese of Detroit, all clergy, staff, and volunteers:

- Must attend original 3 hr. VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” Adult Awareness Session,
- Must re-certify every three years on/or before the expiration date on the face of their current certificate. See the sample dateline below. The participant has 30 days after their expiration date to complete the recertification; if not, they must be inactivated in VIRTUS and will not be able to work or volunteer until completion of training.

<u>“Protecting God’s Children” Training</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Recertification Year</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Recertification Year</u>
2023	2026	2029
2024	2027	2030
2025	2028	2031
2026	2029	2032

**Option #1 Retake VIRTUS® 3 hr. “Protecting God’s Children.”**

**Option #2: VIRTUS® 30 minute “Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0 ” Recertification**

Participants whose current certificate has not yet expired may attend 30 minute. “Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0” recertification. This module is an online training that provides best practices for employees, volunteers, caring adults and parents, equipping them on how to be better protectors of children, and on how to teach children to better protect themselves. This online module builds from the foundation of the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide™, and provides easy conversation starters, bulleted tips and quick summaries of pertinent information.

**Important Notice**

Participants must keep their original VIRTUS® Protecting All God’s Children and any additional recertification certificates as proof of compliance, which can be located when logging into the VIRTUS platform. Only a “copy” of the certificate should be given to the parish/school where you work or volunteer.



**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Rose Marie Sobota

+Frank Sobota

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Francis Janick

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Friday, February 27, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Paul & Marie DelGrasso

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Franklin Langenstein

+Hanora Bates

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

+Marian & Lottie Kobus

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Karin Nieto

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

+James Testa

**10:30 a.m.**

Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus-St.

Nicholas Council & Their Families

+Marie Forman

+Mary Waldrop

+Zef-Kola Lulgjuraj

**5:30 p.m.**

+Manolo Bumanlag (2nd R.A.)

+Milagros Sunga

+Sesen Castillo

Healing for Cate Aquino

1230

# ★ St. Rene Volunteers ★

We will be hosting a **Protecting God's Children** class here at St. Rene on

May 05, 2026 from 6 pm - 9 pm

This class is for any volunteers that have not taken the class and need to do so to continue to volunteer.

A light meal will be served.

(This is mandatory for ALL volunteers per the AOD)

This class will be open to all parishes in the AOD and will fill up fast.

Contact Jeannie Novak at [JWJCatholic@gmail.com](mailto:JWJCatholic@gmail.com) and she will call you to get you added to the class OR fill out the form below.



Protecting God's Children Class here at St. Rene on

May 05, 2026 from 6 pm - 9 pm

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

or Contact Jeannie Novak at [JWJCatholic@gmail.com](mailto:JWJCatholic@gmail.com)

St. Rene Goupil Parish is pleased to announce

The Exposition of a First Class Relic of

## St. Carlo Acutis

The First Millennial Saint

**Canonized September 7, 2025**

"TO ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO JESUS,  
THAT'S MY LIFE PLAN."

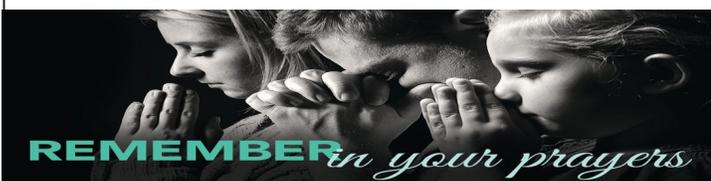
"THE EUCHARIST IS MY  
HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN."

"OUR GOAL MUST BE THE  
INFINITE, NOT THE FINITE. THE  
INFINITE IS OUR HOMELAND.  
HEAVEN HAS BEEN WAITING  
FOR US FOREVER."



Before and after all weekend Masses

**FEBRUARY 21 & 22, 2026**



**REMEMBER** in your prayers



# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER

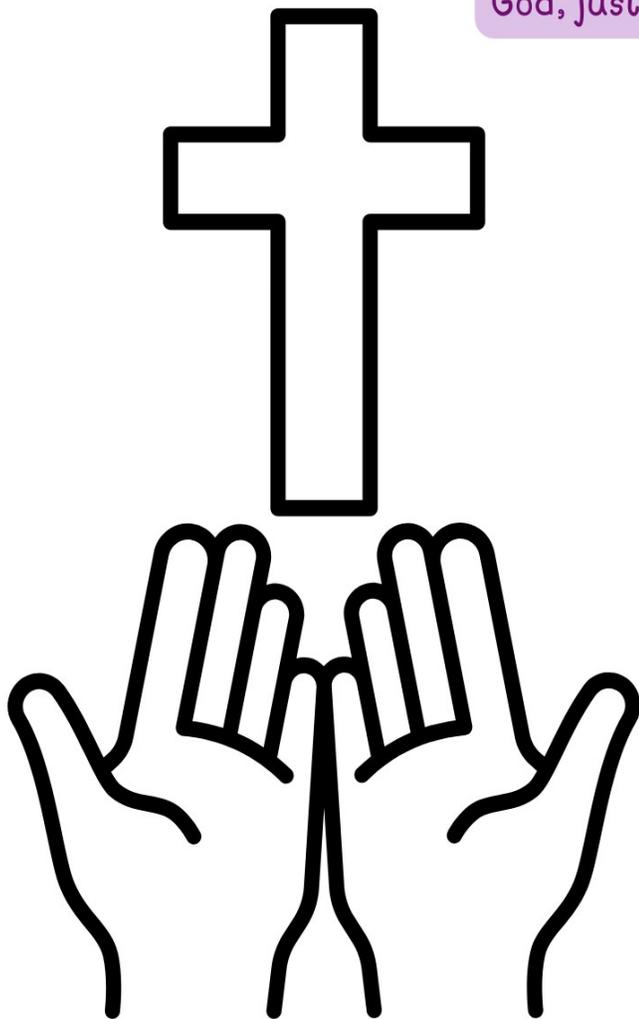


**FEBRUARY 22, 2026: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4: 1-11**

**JESUS WENT INTO THE DESERT TO PRAY. SATAN TRIED TO TRICK HIM INTO DOING WRONG THINGS, BUT JESUS SAID NO AND OBEYED GOD EVERY TIME. IN THE END, SATAN LEFT, AND ANGELS CAME TO HELP JESUS.**

The first week of Lent is for learning to say no to wrong choices and yes to God, just like Jesus did.



**COLOR THE IMAGE ABOVE FOR  
THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

Play a simple "Yes or No" game.

An adult names a situation (sharing a toy, being unkind, praying, telling a lie).

Children respond with a thumbs-up for "yes to God" or thumbs-down for "no to God."

Talk about how Jesus always chose "yes" to God.

End by saying together: "Jesus, help us choose what is right."

## PURPOSE

To help children practice recognizing good choices and following Jesus.



**DEAR GOD,  
HELP US CHOOSE  
WHAT IS RIGHT LIKE  
JESUS DID, EVEN WHEN  
IT IS HARD.  
AMEN**

Everyday Stewardship

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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Readings for the Week

- Sunday, February 22, 2026:**Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday, February 23, 2026:**Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday, February 24, 2026:**Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday, February 25, 2026:**Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday, February 26, 2026:**Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday, February 27, 2026:**Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday, February 28, 2026:**Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-4
- Sunday, March 1, 2026:**Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Devotions, Explained!  
Fasting



Mini Explanation

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.

Fasting, Explained

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

REQUEST FOR  
2025 CONTRIBUTION  
STATEMENT

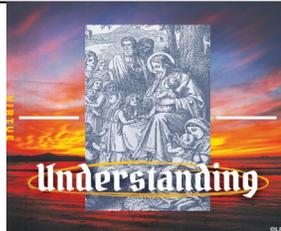
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St. Rene Goupil would like to welcome the newest members of our Parish family!

Mr. Raymond Rozmanik

### Virtues, *Explained!* Understanding



#### Mini Explanation

Understanding is the “food” of faith. “I believe, in order to understand,” said St. Augustine. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith.

#### Understanding, *Explained!*

“I believe, in order to understand,” said St. Augustine. “And I understand, the better to believe.”

The virtue of understanding, which is a gift conferred by the Holy Spirit, shows us that there is no such thing as “blind faith.” Faith, by its very nature, seeks to better understand the object of that faith.

It is important to know that understanding is a process — the Holy Spirit is always willing to give a gift over and over again! “The same Holy Spirit constantly perfects faith by his gifts, so that Revelation may be more and more profoundly understood,” we read in *Dei verbum*, the dogmatic constitution on divine revelation.

Understanding is the “food” of faith. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith. “A more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love,” says the Catechism (CCC 158).

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

#### The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY  
AND EVERYBODY

**Blessing of Love**

Heavenly Father,  
Ignite us with Your love.  
Reveal to us Your will,  
guide us in Your path.  
Pour Your blessings upon us,  
You who are the giver of every good  
thing.  
Help us to live, work, act, and speak  
in ways that bring honor and glory to  
You.  
Amen.



**Detroit Catholic**

Because we no longer have the Michigan Catholic, the archdiocese has an on-line web news resource. It is called the “**Detroit Catholic**” please go to Detroit Catholic online and subscribe free of charge! The archbishop prints his thoughts, and records homilies so that they can be shared with all of the people in the archdiocese! Go to <https://www.detroitcatholic.com>

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 22, 2026  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn’t destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today’s Gospel begins: “**Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil**” (Matthew 4:1). The word “led” denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

**Lenten Challenge:** This Lent and throughout life’s struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one “desert” into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— *Father John Muir*



**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.



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



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!

**Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 28 & March 1**

	<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>	Lorraine Doyle	Wendi Lillie	Marv Laubach	Jovita Engalan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lance Tolentino	Rom Beltran	Eli Wing-Nga	Open
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	L. Nosek K. Moravek	Open Open	C. Sison M. Laubach	Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti Rom Beltran Vicki Beltran	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
<b>Sacristan</b>	K. Moravek	R. Beltran	T. Monteiro	Open

<p><b>Altar Care Team:</b> Friday, February 27th Team 3 <b>Teresita Bugante</b> <b>Helen DeVera</b> <b>Ofelia Cunanan</b> <b>Divina Divina</b> <b>Marietta Martinez</b></p>	<b>Weekday Liturgy Schedule for February</b>			
	<b>Week</b>	Tuesday, February 24, 2026	Thursday, February 26, 2026	Friday, February 27, 2026
	<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
	<b>Lector</b>	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson
	<b>Sacristan</b>	B. Wyrwicz	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
<p><b>Church Vacuuming :</b> Friday, February 27th <b>OPEN</b></p>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana
<p><b>Altar Linen:</b> February <b>Theresa Wilson</b> March <b>Aiby Sales</b></p>				

Due to licensing through the USCCB, we are no longer able to print the readings each week.

If you wish to access the readings, you may do so at the following web-site.

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

**Lenten Prayer**

Loving God your Son Jesus showed us how to light up the world with compassion, justice and love. Be with us in a special way during this time of Lent so that we can be strong and faithful followers of Jesus. Help us to be shining examples of honesty, generosity and kindness.

Show us how we can be bathed in the light of Christ so that we may treat others just as Jesus would.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

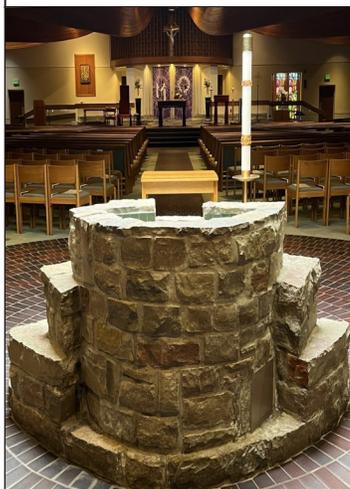


### Berry Bavarian Pie



- 1 1/3 c. boiling water
- 1 sm. Box raspberry Jello
- 1/3 c. raspberry jam, seedless
- 1 (8 oz.) ctn. Fat free Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 pie crust (must be chocolate, Orea has a good one)

Mix hot water and Jello. Let thicken in refrigerator about 2 hours. Whip the Jello; then add jam and mix. Add thawed Cool Whip and mix. Pour into chocolate pie crust. Freeze about 2 hours. Cuts easy when frozen.



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

### WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

You can find St. Rene's bulletin on our website at [strene.org](http://strene.org)

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.



**Our Sunday Offering  
February 14 & 15  
Thank you for your  
generous response.  
God Bless you!**

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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borrow them.  
Thank you!**



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:**

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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)</p>
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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**  
**Thursday @ 8:00 a.m. and**  
**Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. , 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.**  
**TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

## SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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(586) 939-7500  
Fax (586) 939-7839

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 Music

### ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

**Legion of Mary**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Divine Mercy**

#### Ushers

**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**  
*(586) 556-2122*

### 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 or go to our web site at [strene.org](http://strene.org).**

## 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.



## Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known  
as we restructure the parishes and ministries  
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.  
Help us hear your voice  
in the quiet of our own hearts,  
in the wisdom of others,  
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us  
in every step of the process.  
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.  
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.  
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.  
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.