St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community October 13, 2024

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

Notes from Fr. Steve

As we gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist, we are invited into a profound mystery: the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine, which becomes for us the Body and Blood of Christ. This sacred act of communion is not just a ritual; it is a transformative encounter that shapes who we are as Christians.

In receiving the Eucharist, we are united with Christ in a unique and intimate way. We receive not only His physical presence, but we are also drawn into His mission, His love, and His very life. The Eucharist nourishes us spiritually, empowering us to live as His disciples in the world.

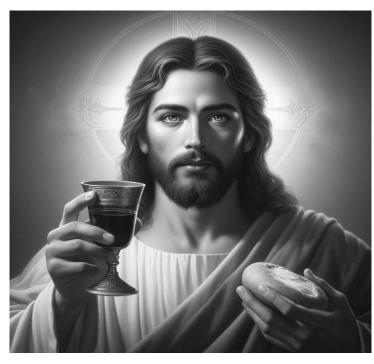
The ancient Church Fathers often taught that in the Eucharist, we "become what we celebrate." This means that through the repeated reception of this sacrament, we are gradually transformed into the likeness of Christ. Just as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so too are we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, becoming more Christlike—more loving, more merciful, and more committed to bringing God's kingdom to life here on earth.

This transformation isn't just for our personal benefit. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to bring Christ's presence into the world. The Eucharist commissions us to be bread for others-to serve, to love, and to be instruments of peace and justice. Our participation in the Eucharist is meant to extend beyond the walls of the church, influencing our daily actions, relationships, and decisions.

As we reflect on the mystery of the Eucharist, let us remember that every time we gather to celebrate, we are being shaped into a community that reflects Christ to the world. Let us open our hearts to this transformative grace, becoming the presence of Christ for all we encounter. Together, we become what we celebrate.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51).

May we continually be nourished by Christ in the Eucharist and be inspired to live as His presence in the world. Bring a friend or a family member and share with them the



many blessings given to us by God in the celebration of the Eucharist.

October is the month for "Mission of Mercy." As is our custom we will collect **new** books to be given the children, who have cancer and receiving chemotherapy. The books must be **new**, because the children have compromised immunity.

Please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. God bless you and those you love!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I oftentimes say in prayer, "Grant me the wisdom to see Your will for my life and the courage to follow that will." It is a request for true discernment to see that God's will is always more important and fruitful than my own will. It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking happiness and fulfillment lie in doing what I want to do and following my own wants and desires. Our entire secular culture is filled with that message. However, that road has led too many to a place of emptiness and regret. I must pray to keep in the forefront of my mind that God created me on purpose and for a purpose. Being wise enough to see that purpose is the key to true satisfaction in this world.

Giving of our gifts and talents in only ways we want to means that we become deaf and blind to the numerous times Jesus Christ calls us to give. We also easily avoid any form of real sacrifice, which often leads us to give only from our excess. Wisdom allows us to see where we are being called, even if we are unsure what increase will result from our investment. Our trust is no longer in the gift given but instead in the One who is calling us to give. When our lives of generosity and compassion are ordered in this way, it is hard for anything to steal our joy away. Our purpose is found, our aim is true, and our desire is fulfilled.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Hurricane Helene Relief

Catholic Charities USA, the official disaster relief agency of the Church of the United States, has an online donation mechanism at <u>https://www.catholic charitiesusa.org/?</u> form=helene.



It's that time of year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are able to donate to this important ministry by donating bags of candy, please put them in the wooden box in the gathering area.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, "At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions" (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent *renouncing* of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally *yours*. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, "mine." At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, "Lord, all I have is yours." And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.

– Father John Muir

PARISH MISSION OF MERCY

Parish Book Drive for Pediatric Hospitals



Our parish will begin now through the end of October to collect books for children who have Cancer and are receiving chemo therapy treatments. The children will be given books to read or to be read during their treatments. Only **NEW** books can be given to Children's Hospital Pediatric Center. Please donate a book to this most worthy cause. Your gifts for the children can be placed in the wooden bin at the entrance of the church. God bless you ahead of time for your generosity.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

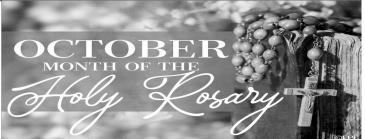
When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Today's First Reading from the Book of Wisdom shows us that the *spirit of Wisdom* is far more valuable than gold and silver. This topic is echoed in St. Mark's Gospel: Jesus tells the rich man that if he desires to be His disciple, in addition to following God's commandments, he must sell all that he has and give to the poor. The rich man is unable to do this, and sadly walks away. This Gospel passage is radically counter-cultural to today's worldly quest for wealth. The Letter to the Hebrews also reminds us that we must give an accounting to God of how we steward His abundant gifts bestowed upon us. Did we use them to build up His Kingdom? If we were in the rich man's place, what would be our response to the Lord's challenge? Are we willing to make generous, sacrificial gifts of prayer, service, and generosity to our parish's ministries and weekly offertory, to the Catholic Services Appeal and to those in need, and other worthy causes? Those who do, discover that God's generosity is never outdone. Begin the Biblical practice of tithing by giving a sacrificial percentage of your income back to the Lord. Try to increase that percentage each year until you reach the 10 percent tithe. And then, do more if you are able.



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). Lectors, Sacristans and EM's for the weekday Masses. 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 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken and priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Reading II

Hebrews 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Gospel Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? "Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. SO Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a nee-dle that for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hun-dred times and power and brothers and sisters and solve and solve and solve and solve and brothers and solve dred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."



Sunday, October 13, 2024: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 Monday, October 14, 2024: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32 Tuesday, October 15, 2024: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41 Wednesday, October 16, 2024: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46 Thursday, October 17, 2024: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54 Friday, October 18, 2024:2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9 Saturday, October 19, 2024: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12 Sunday, October 20, 2024: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



Tuesday, October 15, 2024 9:30 a.m. +Gail Ebert +Antonia Brillantes

Thursday, October 17, 2024 9:30 a.m. +Roberto Bastianelli +Richard Borg

Friday, October 18, 2024 9:30 a.m. +Angelina Testa

+Mary Hackett +Regis Welsh

Saturday, October 19, 2024 4:00 p.m.

+Steven Herbert +Walter Broski +Terry Koehler +Maybelle Koehler +Marlene Breaz +Fred Schulte +Rosemarie Calmi +Franklin Langenstein +Emmanuel Raphael +Rosario Bugante +Zenaida Bugante

Sunday, Ocotber 20, 2024 8:30 a.m. +Sharon Murawski +Rose Liwo

10:30 a.m.

+Albert Morelli +Kimmy Schanta +Rose Zappa +Sam Zappa +Walt Kalcevic +Clarence & Margaret Murphy +James Quirk

5:30 p.m. Dylan Ventimiglia (Healing)

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Political Church Guidelines

In 2024, as in previous election years, the Archdiocese of Detroit takes its lead from the Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Guidelines published by these two organizations clarify the appropriate political and electoral activity for Catholic parishes and organizations in southeast Michigan.

Churches and other 501 (c) (3) institutions that qualify for tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code are not permitted to be involved in partisan politics, including any expressions of preference, support for, or opposition to any specific candidates or political parties.

- Do not endorse or oppose candidates, political parties, or groups of candidates
- Do not make available the use of church facilities
- Do not authorize distribution of partisan political materials
- Do not invite or permit only selected candidates to address your members
- Do share the Church's teaching on human life, marriage and the family, immigration, education, social justice and peace
- **Do** highlight the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues and ballot proposals
- **Do** urge parishioners to join the party or campaign of their choice and, in light of Church teaching, evaluate candidate positions
- **Do** facilitate voter education through the provision of materials only published by the local diocesan bishop, the Michigan Catholic Conference or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- Do encourage active participation in church-sponsored voter registration efforts
- Do urge parishioners to register to vote.
- Do take precautions to avoid partisanship

The Altar flowers this weekend are in loving memory of Roberto Bastianelli as requested by his Wife & Family

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Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Louis Youkhana	Ricky Yulo	Jovita Engalan	Alex Sitchon
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	G. Yeck P. Yeck	Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> 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 Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	G. Yeck	V. Jennings
Altar Care Team: Friday, October 18th Team 1 Bibiane Gagnon Joyce Fackler	Altar Linen: October: WHER Theresa Wilson ROSAR RECIT THERE		L S	Register Now for 2024 -2025 WJ Catholic Academy Catechism Program SCAN CODE TO REGISTER
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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 our parish website.

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.

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 <u>www.formed.org</u> 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 <u>www.help.formed.org</u> or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



Pecan Pie

8 tbsp. butter
1 c. sugar
1 c. light corn syrup
3 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla
Dash of salt
1 c. chopped pecans
1 (9 inch) unbaked pie shell

Brown butter in saucepan until it is golden brown (do not burn); let butter cool. In a separate bowl, add ingredients in order listed; stir well. Blend in browned butter. Pour in unbaked pie shell and bake at 425 F for 10 minutes, then lower to 325 F for 40 minutes.



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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 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 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.



Adoration Chapel

In the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Church Fathers describe the Eucharist as: "The source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates in the Greek word Eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving.

"Take; this is my body" Mark 14:22

- 1. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true and substantial.
- 2. "It is called the Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC. No. 1328)
- 3. "Jesus awaits us in the sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, Dominicae cene, no. 3)
- 4. Eucharist makes the one present sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

If you would like to take the opportunity to be still and listen to God (without worldly interruptions), we have a need for almost every hour to have a second adorer, thereby making less the need for a substitute. It is a sacrifice being Catholic in our world today, you need contemplation and the grace to make you holy. Please call Mary Peterson to sign up at (586)979-1469 or (586)738-1154.

Uncommitted Hours Friday 4pm TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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

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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.

All those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

