



February 8, 2026

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR LIGHT MUST
SHINE.

— MATTHEW 5:16 —



Notes from Fr. Steve

Mother Teresa: A life rooted in prayer and love: Saint Teresa of Calcutta—known to the world as Mother Teresa—was born Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in 1910 in what is now North Macedonia. At a young age, she felt called to religious life and joined the Sisters of Loreto, eventually traveling to India. While teaching in Calcutta, she experienced what she later described as a “call within a call”: a profound invitation from God to leave the convent school and serve the poorest of the poor.

In 1950, she founded the **Missionaries of Charity**, a religious congregation dedicated to caring for the sick, the dying, the abandoned, and the unwanted. What began with a few sisters and almost no resources grew into a worldwide movement. Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace prize in 1979, but she remained humble, always insuring that her work was not about recognition—it was about love.

At the heart of Mother Teresa’s life was a deep and simple **spirituality rooted in prayer**. She often said, “*We are contemplatives in the heart of the world.*” For her, prayer was not an extra part of the day—it was the foundation of everything. Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Rosary sustained her and her sisters, giving them strength to see Christ in every person they served, especially the poorest and most broken.

Mother Teresa encouraged people to pray **simply and faithfully**. She reminded us that prayer does not need fancy words: “*Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself.*” She urged families to pray together, especially the Rosary, calling it a powerful prayer for peace in the world and in our homes. She believed that even a few quiet moments with God each day could transform our lives.

Perhaps her most lasting message is this: holiness is not reserved for the extraordinary. Mother Teresa taught that we encounter God not only in church, but in the ordinary acts of love—kindness, patience, forgiveness—done with great love. Through prayer, she showed us how to recognize Jesus in one another and to serve Him with joy.

May her witness inspire us to deepen our own prayer lives and to become instruments of God’s love in our homes, our parish, and our world.

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

Fr. Steve



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

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>1st Recertification Year</u>	<u>2nd 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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, February 10, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Mary Nicholson (1st R.A.)
 +Bradley Leonard Plec
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
 Kevin & Bonnie Hessling

Thursday, February 12, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Don Trudeau
 +Annette Bachiu
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Friday, February 13, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Joyce Clashman
 +Richard Calverley
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
 +Jason Jarbo
 +Korkess Sesi

Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00 p.m.

+Franklin Langenstein
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
 +Marie Forman
 +Marge Lewandowski

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:30 a.m.

+Karin Nieto
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
 Healing for Felecia Rice
 +Judy Clarke
 +Peter Formanczyk

10:30 a.m.

+Marion Calverley
 +Joyce Clashman
 +Marie Forman

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Goupil

★ 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 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

First-Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis at St. Rene Goupil

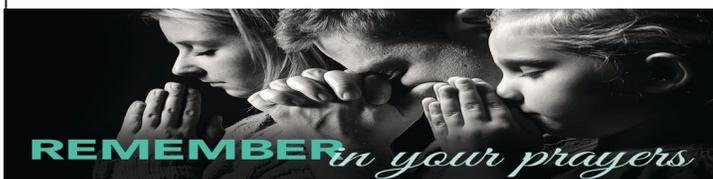
We are blessed to welcome a first-class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis to St. René Goupil Parish.

The relic will be available for veneration February 17–February 22, 2026.

Saint Carlo Acutis was a modern-day saint who had a deep love for the Eucharist and showed that holiness is possible at any age.

Parishioners are invited to spend time in prayer, asking for his intercession and being inspired by his joyful faith.

All are welcome to come and participate during this special time of grace.



JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Youth spotlight: Phuong Le

Phuong is a senior at International Academy East. Since joining youth group in early 2024, she has grown into her role as a leader by leading a series of Lenten Bible studies focused on bridging the gap between youth and older adult parishioners and performing music for the group's youth-led Communion Services throughout Lent last year. Currently, she is working on designing and leading the group's upcoming 2026 retreat titled, "Solid Rock, Bold Roll." Phuong is an active altar server at St. Rene alongside her brother, Phat. Outside of youth group, Phuong loves to conduct research on stem cell differentiation, volunteer in the discharge pharmacy at Henry Ford Health, and help tutor younger students. In her spare time, she also enjoys reading, playing volleyball, spending ample time outdoors, and playing the piano.



"Do everything in love."
-1 Cor. 16:14



"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."
-Luke 12:48

"Youth group has given me the space to grow into my faith and myself as a person. I've been blessed with such a thoughtful and uplifting community that constantly pushes me to deepen my relationship with God and my community. Using my time, talent, and treasure to serve those around me fulfills me to no end - I live my life guided by the mission of service and am constantly looking for ways to lend a hand." -Phuong Le



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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 website.

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

Readings for the Week

Sunday, February 8, 2026: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday, February 9, 2026: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10, 2026: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11, 2026: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

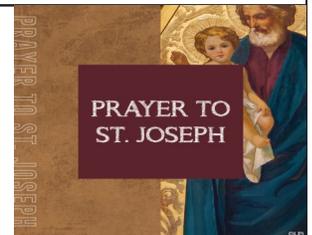
Thursday, February 12, 2026: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 13, 2026: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14, 2026: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 15, 2026: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Devotions, Explained! Prayer to St. Joseph



Mini Explanation

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ. One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called “the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph.”

Prayer to St. Joseph, Explained

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ, who was obedient to the will of God in all things.

One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called “the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph.” It is thought to have originated in the first century A.D. and was sent by the pope to Emperor Charles as he went into battle. It is said that those who recite this prayer will not suffer a sudden death and will likewise be protected from drowning, the effects of poison and fire, falling into the hands of the enemy or being overpowered in battle.

For a full text of this prayer, visit ewtn.com/catholicism/library/novena-to-st-joseph-11865.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Would you like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Communion in the Catholic faith?

Do you want to explore and grow in your faith life?



The St. Rene Goupil R.C.I.A. program begins soon and concludes at the Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026.

For more information contact Mike Novak @ 586-939-7500 ext. 109

**REQUEST FOR
2025 CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENT**

NAME _____

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CITY _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 8, 2026
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:13-16

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That’s why Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel are so challenging: **“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).**

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that’s part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn’t call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let’s ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— *Father John Muir*

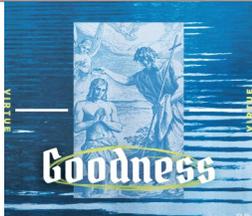
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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Virtues, Explained! Goodness



Mini Explanation

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification — the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness.

Goodness, Explained!

In the beginning, goodness was all there was. And in the end, only goodness will remain.

The word “good” is repeated so often in the first verses of Genesis that it has become almost cliché. God sees what He has made, and He calls all of it “good” (Genesis 1:31). Likewise, on the very first page of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read that God created man “in a plan of sheer goodness ... to make him share in his own blessed life.” (CCC 1). When we see goodness, we cannot help but think of God (Wisdom 13:1).

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification, which is, among other things, the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness, and the more we ask the Holy Spirit for goodness, the more it will be possible for us.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. The greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Be Salty

I want you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (I’m serious.) Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don’t care who you’re thinking of. It’s going to be different for everyone. Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question: Why is he or she a great saint?

You’re all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone. And it’s not “Because he did great things for God” or “Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor.” Those answers show *evidence* of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. God brought holiness about within them because (ding ding ding! Here’s the answer!) the greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they wanted to be. Not who they thought they *should* be. Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of themselves. Flaws and all. And God took them, in their totality, and said: “Now watch this.”

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty. Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought, “That’s embarrassing,” and decided it was going to stop being salt. Well, great. Now it’s just a box of tiny rocks.

Wouldn’t it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us. This path doesn’t bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it incorporates them. It transforms them. It fulfills them.

So be salty. Be who you were meant to be.

JESUS
LOVES
YOU!

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY
AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of Mission

Bless us on our way, O Lord.
Share with us as we share with others.
Heal us as we help others to heal.
Provide for us as we open our hands in charity.
Every gift comes from You.
You are at the heart of all that is good.
Share that goodness with us today, abundantly.
Amen.



Everyday Stewardship

I recently watched the film adaptation of "Godspell" with my teenage daughter. I had such fond memories of watching it when I was young, back in the day. I listened to the soundtrack so many times and learned to play many of the songs on my guitar. The exclamation from the show, "You are the light of the world!" has always been firmly planted in my mind.

After about ten minutes, my daughter looked at me with that look only a teenage girl can display. "What is this?" she asked with a certain level of condescension. Yes, the film did not hold up so well in the eyes of the twenty-first-century critic. So we laughed most of the way through it.

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>

What attracted me to the film and the soundtrack in the first place wasn't Jesus in a Superman shirt or the idea of the apostles wondering around the urban jungle. I was attracted to the message. I was attracted to that assertion in the song, "You are the light of the world."

There will always be people who see the Gospel of Jesus Christ as dated, irrelevant, and even hokey. You and I are called to be the light of the world? Good stewards must never shy away from living lives that truly bear witness to the reality of the Gospel. The parables of Jesus have as much meaning for us today as ever. Look around. The world we live in needs a little light for sure.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.



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 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	Dorothy Arche	Rob Wilson	Thess Monteiro	Ana Divina
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Rom Beltran	Eli Wing-Nga	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Moravek G. Labinski	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	Open Open
Ushers	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
Sacristan	K. Moravek	R. Beltran	T. Monteiro	Open

Altar Care Team: Friday, February 13th Team 1 Bibiane Gagnon Gloria Cruz Suong Le	Weekday Liturgy Schedule for February			
	Week	Tuesday, February 10, 2026	Thursday, February 12, 2026	Friday, February 13, 2026
Church Vacuuming : Friday, February 13th OPEN	Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
	Lector	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson
Altar Linen: February Theresa Wilson	Sacristan	B. Wyrwicz	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
	Eucharistic Minister	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana



Archdiocesan Restructuring QR Code/Link
Strengthening the Church for the Next Generation
https://www.restructuring_aod.org

Our St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul conference is a small group, always looking for new members. The meetings are open to interested visitors on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7PM at the parish. Please join us. We believe in the intrinsic value of every person – to serve and be served. Please join us in fostering the common bond of humanity to bring wholeness and healing for all. Contact George Downey at (586) 904-5171 for information on how to attend the meeting or for more information. Our conference helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know if anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



Strawberry Angel Cake



- 1 pkg. angel food cake mix
- 1 qt. strawberries
- 1 lg. ctn. Cool Whip (lite or reg.)

Bake and cool angel food according to package directions. When cake is cool, cut into 3 layers; set aside. Chop up 1/2 quart of strawberries and mix with 1 1/2 cups Cool Whip. Slice the rest of the strawberries. Place bottom layer of cake on plate. Cover with half of the strawberry Cool Whip mix and the half of the slices. Place next layer on and do the same.



**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

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](http://aod.org/live-masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



**Our Sunday Offering
January 31 & February 1
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.



SCAN CODE TO DONATE
TO ST. RENE GOUPIL



If you have borrowed a Pyx from the Church Office and are no longer in need of using it; please return it to the office, so that others may 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:

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

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
Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.,
Thursday @ 8:00 a.m. and Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
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
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

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Divine Mercy

Ushers

Perpetual Adoration
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**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.

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:

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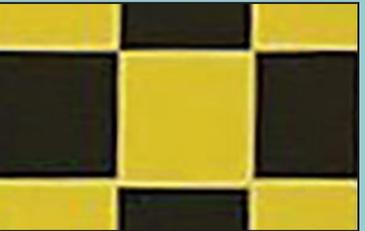


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