

Notes from Fr. Steve

As Catholics, October holds a special significance as the Month of the Holy Rosary, a time dedicated to deepening our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and reflecting on the life of Christ through the mysteries of the rosary. The rosary is not just a string of beads but a spiritual tool, drawing us closer to Jesus by meditating on the key events in His life, from the Annunciation to the Resurrection.

The origin of October as the month of the Holy Rosary traces back to the victory of the Christian fleet at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, a triumph attributed to the intercession of Our Lady through the rosary. In gratitude, Pope St. Pius V established the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, later named the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on October 7th.

St. Padre Pio once said, "The rosary is the weapon for these times." In a world often filled with uncertainty, stress, and division, the rosary serves as a source of peace and strength. Each "Hail Mary" is an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the faith, to ask for Mary's intercession, and to allow God's grace to permeate our lives.

How to Celebrate the Month of the Rosary

- **1. Pray the Rosary Daily:** Whether alone, with family, or In a parish group, set aside time each day in October to pray the rosary.
- 2. Reflect on the Mysteries: Consider meditating more deeply on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries, and how they relate to your personal faith journey.
- **3. Join Special Devotions:** Come fifteen minutes early for mass, and join in the praying the rosary.

This October, let us rediscover the beauty of the rosary. It is a simple yet profound way to unite with Mary and walk with Christ, seeking peace, strength, and hope for ourselves, our families, and the world. Whether you are new to the rosary or have prayed it for years, this month is a wonderful time to renew your devotion and ask Our Lady to lead us closer to her Son. Let the rosary be your guide to spiritual growth this October.

Once again, this October our Mission of Mercy will be collecting books for children with cancer. The books are used in the hospital when the children are receiving chemotherapy treatments. Each child is gifted a book that they can read, in the hospital and then take home. The books must be new, so that they are germ free. Please leave your donation in the bin in the lobby of the Church.

I would like to welcome these new families to our parish faith community: The Ferrer Family and the Agbuya Family. Thank you for joining St. Rene!

The Right to Life people will be meeting for "Life Chain" October 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Questions? Call or text Curtiss Ostosh at (586)904-2650. Please join in and support LIFE!

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. God Bless you and those you love!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

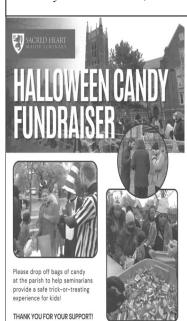
I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— 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.



St. Peregrine Blessing

If you or a loved one has cancer, please come for Healing, prayer and blessing. A Relic of the True Cross will be present. This service will take place in the St. Peregrine Garden, in the event of bad weather we will meet in the Church.

Saturday, October 12, 2024 11:00 a.m.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

People can spend their entire lives looking for their most suitable partner. Some have an unattainable ideal in their minds that makes the search impossible. Others may choose a different partner over and over again without any real discernment, leading to a long series of breakups and heartache. Perhaps the greatest obstacle for people lies in their assumption that the most important criteria for choosing a partner is that the person they choose to love needs to be devoted to them and be faithful to them above all others. The truth is that if you want to have a suitable partner who you find yourself drawing ever closer to as the years go by, then the focus of both people involved needs to be on a much more important being than the two of you.

When I was a teenager, I remember seeing a triangle used as a visual aid in explaining how true love works. God is the top point and the two lovers, friends, or family members involved are the bottom points. If the two involved in the relationship love God more than each other, than in time it will be their love for the Divine that will bring them ever closer, like how a triangle narrows at the top point.

The more I give of myself to my God, the greater I find my love is for my wife, my children, and my friends. A stewardship way of life will eventually strengthen all our relationships, for a surrender to the One who is love means an increase in the love we have to give to others. For those who continue to search for the "one," pause, pay attention, and see the One who has always loved you and will do so forevermore.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the framework of the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:...for whom and through whom all things exist through God, today's Scripture readings from the Book of Genesis and St. Mark's Gospel promote the common theme of sacred marriage. In the Gospel, Jesus, referencing Genesis, proclaims, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. It is clear from these Scripture readings that God's teaching on Christian marriage. It is this Scriptural Truth, this Church teaching, that faithful stewards embrace to encounter secular society's law, which profess a false image of marriage. In this Truth, the Sacrament of Matrimony accomplishes its full Christian meaning and potential by strengthening husbands and wives to love and serve the Lord and one another. TO enhance your marriage, consider attending a Marriage Enrichment Series or a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.



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!

Hurricane Helene Relief

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

Readings for The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

Reading II
Hebrews 2:9-11

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them" brothers."

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her,." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

Readings for the Meek

Sunday, October 6, 2024:Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5,6(see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday, October 7, 2024: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2,7-8,9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 8, 2024:Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3,13-14ab,14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 9, 2024: Gal 2:1-2,7-14/Ps 117:1bc,2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 10, 2024:Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70,71-72,73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 11, 2024: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2,3-4,5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 12, 2024:Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3,4-5,6-7/Lk 11:27-28

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



Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Delphine Knowles
- +Dorothy Zeleny

Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:30 a.m.

Christopher Matthew Austria, birthday

- +Mariah Elaine Petty
- +Bernice Barc (2nd R.A.)
- +Anthony Saracino

Friday, October 11, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Celi Esmana

Saturday, October 12, 2024 4:00 p.m.

- +Terry Koehler (1st R.A.)
- +Joan Herbert
- +Rosemarie Calmi

Parishioners of St. Rene

- +Beverly Romeo
- +Shirley Schima
- +Maybelle Koehler
- +Franklin Langenstein

Sunday, Ocotber 13, 2024 8:30 a.m.

- +Sharon Murawski
- +Walter J. Knurek

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Knights of Columbus—St. Nicholas Council and families

- +Judy Durocher
- +Kimmy Schanta (13th R.A.)
- +Regis Welsh
- +Clara Kucharski
- +Bill Nadrowski

5:30 p.m.

+Rodelio Lacambra



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
Antonio Andrion
&
Ronaldo Sales
as requested by
Family

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for October 12 & 13				
	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	B. Kiernan	W. Lillie	D. Fooy	P. Hornung
Altar Servers	Helen DeVera	Karin Nieto	Paul Havern	
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Moravek L. Nosek Open	Open Open Open	C. Sison H. Devera Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	K. Moravek	K. Nieto	C. Sison	V. Jennings

Altar Care Team: Friday, October 11th

Team 3
Tita Bugante
Helen DeVera
Divina Divina
Ofelia Cunanan
Marietta Martinez

Altar Linen:

October:

Theresa Wilson

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

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

*Please do not donate restaurant condiments.

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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JWJ Catholic Academy

Catechism Program

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER



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.

STAY CONNECTED

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

- 1. Visit www.formed.org and click "Sign up."
- 2. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
- 3. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
- 4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
- 5. Now you're registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



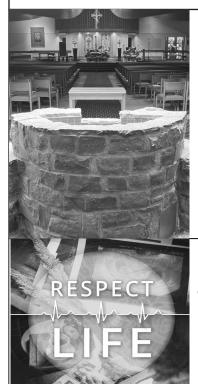


Pork Chop and Potato Casserole

4-6 pork chops—season, brown and set aside

- 3 baking potatoes—sliced 1/4" thick
- 1 onion—sliced
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can dry white wine

Spray 9x12 baking dish. Mix soup and wine, set aside. Place layer of potatoes in bottom of baking dish. Add a layer of sliced onion over the potatoes. Layer pork chops over the onions. Pour soup and wine mixture over the top. Cover loosely with foil. Bake at least 1 hour (or until potatoes are cooked) in a 350 F oven.



PLEASE
REMEMBER
ST. RENE
GOUPIL
PARISH
IN YOUR WILL

Right to Life will meet at Warren, City Hall on Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m. for its life chain, to stand and witness for Life!



Our Sunday Offering September 28 & 29 Thank you for your generous response.

God Bless you!

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





eucharisticrevival.org









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.

Amen.



Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

Uncommitted Hours
Friday 4pm
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor 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 Worship & Music

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Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128
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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

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.

