

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

Notes from Fr. Steve

Rediscover your Catholic faith and share it with others! Have you ever felt a desire to reconnect with your Catholic faith? Or perhaps you're seeking to deepen your understanding and share it more confidently with others? Now is the perfect time to rediscover the richness of the Catholic tradition, rekindle your personal relationship with God, and bring His light to those around you.

Why rediscover your Catholic faith? Life, can pull us in many directions, often leaving little time to nurture our spiritual lives. Yet, God continually invites us to reconnect and experience His love anew. Rediscovering your faith offers a chance to:

- Renew your spiritual life with prayer and the sacraments.
- Revisit the teachings of the Church and understand how they apply to today's world
- Experience the peace and joy that comes from walking closely with Christ.

How to Start:

- 1. **Daily Prayer:** Begin by setting aside time each day for prayer. Start small, and let it grow into a habit.
- 2. **Attend Mass Regularly:** If you've been away from regular Mass, start attending again. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith.
- 3. **Engage with Scripture:** Spend time reading the Bible and reflecting on God's Word.
- 4. **Connect with a Group:** Join a Bible study, RCIA, or adult formation group. Learning together with others is a powerful way to deepen your faith.

Sharing Your Faith:

Once you have reignited your love for the Catholic faith, don't keep it to yourself! Here are some ways to share it:

- **Lead by Example:** Let your actions reflect your beliefs, showing love, compassion, and humility in everyday life.
- **Invite Others:** Whether it's inviting someone to Mass, a church event, or a spiritual conversation, be bold in offering others a chance to experience the joy of faith.
- **Become Active in Ministry:** Volunteer in a parish ministry or outreach program where you can use your talents to serve others.

As you rediscover your Catholic faith, you'll be amazed at how it can transform your life and those around you. Let this journey bring you closer to God, so you can share His love with the world.

"Go and make disciples of all nations" Matthew 25. Jesus taught his disciples this simple message. We need to ask ourselves: how do I share my faith? Then, begin gently with those around us, by lifting our loved ones up in prayer, and then tell them in a note or verbally, that we are praying for them. Doing this, we live out the teaching of Jesus, and bring more people to eternal salvation.

Once again this October, we will have our Mission of Mercy Campaign, (every parish around the world is asked to participate) and once again collect books for Children with Cancer and in the hospital. Please remember, the books must be new, so that they have no germs on them, to protect the children, who have no immunity. This program is always a great success, please participate! The bin to collect books will once again be in front of the Church lobby.

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 **Breaking the Stewardship Mold**

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? "I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years." "Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help." "I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it."

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone, even if it's something that never occurred to us before.

There's only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, overindulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

— Father John Muir



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.



Bring your Cat, Dog, Snake, Rabbit or whatever you have as a pet for a blessing.

Saturday, October 5th at the Gazebo at 11:00 a.m.

(if it rains the pets can be kept in the car and driven by the Deacon for a blessing)



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

My oldest son is named Nathanael. We used the biblical spelling of his first name, and he has spent his entire life of 20 plus years having to correct people who try to spell his name. Those who have not met him before have no idea for sure how to spell his name. Of course, when we named him, we gave him a name that not only his friends would know him by, but by which God would know him. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells Nathanael that he is "a true child of Israel." Nathanael wonders how Jesus knew him. Jesus knows him before he even speaks to him. Jesus knows us and calls us to believe in him. However, do we know him enough to be willing to follow him? Many of our sons and daughters believe in Jesus. We believe in Jesus. He knows us all better than we know ourselves. But do we truly know him? Do we have a genuine relationship with him? Have we allowed him to transform our lives? I know my son believes in Jesus. I believe in Jesus. I hope and pray we both can grow to know Jesus at least half as much as he knows us.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Anthony Ferrer & Family Mr. & Mrs. Rolando Agbuya & Family

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time In today's Second Reading, St. James reprimands the rich for unjustly withholding earnings from their workers, selfishly storing up treasures, and living in excessive luxury on earth. Wealth itself is not bad. But as faithful stewards who profess Christ, we must always be mindful that all gifts come from the Lord; we are to nourish and use them in a spirit of gratitude to build His Kingdom. In his Gospel, the evangelist St. Mark describes how providing someone a drink of water is witness to discipleship in Christ. In that spirit of stewardship, we are inspired to return a generous portion of our God-given resources back to the Lord through service4 to our parish and those in need. We can give back our monetary gifts to the Lord through our generosity to the weekly parish offertory, the Catholic Services Appeal, and other worthy causes. If you struggle with family finances, read Phil Lenahan's 7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free for guidance on reducing debt and increasing giving.



If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, (Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass) Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (both Youth and Adults for the Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass), Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). If you're interested in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please contact the parish office and we will gladly pass your information on to the person in charge of the assignments and have them contact you.

Thank you in advance for volunteering! God Bless!

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 DONAT TO ST. RENE GOUPIL

Readings for The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Numbers 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Reading II James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

Gospel *Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.""



Sunday, September 29, 2024:Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday, September 30, 2024:Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 1, 2024:Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3,4-5,6,7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 2, 2024:Jb 9:1-12,14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11,12-13,14-15/Mt18:1-5,10

Thursday, October 3, 2024:Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a,8b-9abc,13-14/Lk10:1-12

Friday, October 4, 2024: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps139:1-3,7-8,9-10,13-14abLk10:13-16

Saturday, October 5, 2024: Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/Ps119:66,71,75,91,125,130/Lk 10:17-24

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



Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Sharon Murawski
- +Don Trudeau

Thursday, October 3, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Candida Hernandez

Deceased members of the Cabrera & Hernandez families

Friday, October 4, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+William Cassabon

Saturday, October 5, 2024 4:00 p.m.

- +Steven Herbert
- +Diane Broski
- +Rosemarie Calmi
- +Felix & Rita Gatt
- +Shirley Schima
- +Maybelle Koehler
- +Genevieve Szeliga
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Manuel Sevidal

Sunday, Ocotber 6, 2024 8:30 a.m.

- +Cataldo DiForti
- +Peter Formanczyk
- +Sharon Murawski
- +John D. Liwo

10:30 a.m.

+Christine Laubach

Isaac Austria Jr., birthday

- +Kimmy Schanta
- +Honorato (Amang) Reyes, Jr.
- +Rose Zappa
- +Sam Zappa
- +Walt Kalcevic

5:30 p.m.

Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish

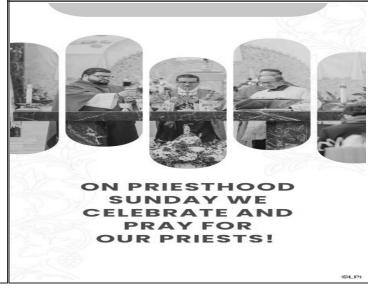


Political Church Guidelines

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



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for October 5 & 6				
	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	Pat Pluta	Barbara Wyrwicz	Thess Monteiro	Virginia Jennings
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Moravek G. Labinski Open	Open Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro 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	G. Wiklanski	T. Monteiro	V. Jennings

Altar Care Team:

Friday, October 4th Team 2

Roxann Klee Karin Nieto Antonina Notarantonio

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.



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.



PLEASE
REMEMBER
ST. RENE
GOUPIL
PARISH
IN YOUR WILL

Prayer of Service

Dear sweet Jesus,

Every day you give us is a gift.

We know endless gifts from your hands.

Even our attempts to "give back" to you often become new doors of graces in our lives.

Help us to serve you more fully, more deeply. Amen.

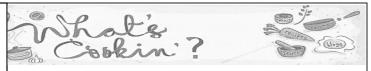


Our Sunday Offering September 21 & 22 Thank you for your generous response.

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.



Peach Dessert

Blend 1 1/2 cups flour and 1/2 cup oleo until grumbly. Grease a 9x9 pan with oleo and press crumbs on bottom and sides of pan. Set aside.

Drain #2 1/2 ounce can of sliced peaches (large can) and save the juice. Place peaches on crumbs in a single layer.

Mix together 1/2 cup sugar and 1 tsp. cinnamon. Sprinkle this over the peaches. Bake for 20 minutes in a 375 F preheated oven. Take out.

Mix 1 egg, 1 cup Carnation milk, 1/2 cup peach juice and pour slowly over the peaches, and bake for an additional 30 minutes.

This is good warm or cold cut into squares. You can double ingredients for a 9x13 pan.



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 interces-



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!

If you attend morning weekday Mass and are interested in being a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Sacristan, Please contact the Parish office at (586)939-7500.

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)

sions for them at daily mass.

P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano Nicholas Foglyano (Army) P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy) Lt Col David Fries

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
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St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)
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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.

