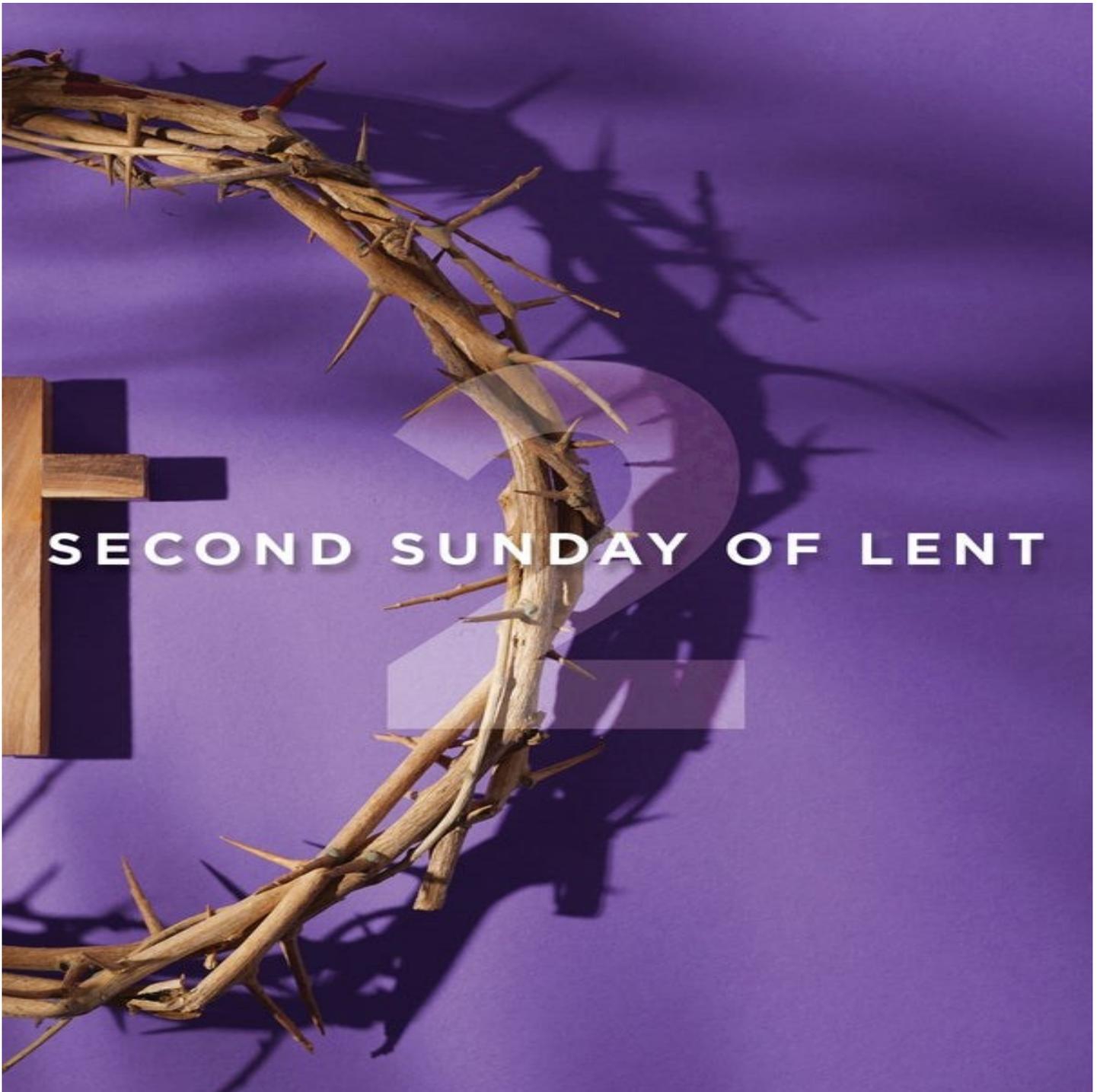




March 1, 2026

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights



Notes from Fr. Steve

Lent is often described as a “serious” season—and it is. It is a time of repentance, sacrifice, and reflection. But Lent is not meant to be gloomy. It is meant to be faithful. It is meant to draw us closer to Jesus Christ and help us rediscover the joy of being His disciples.

So how can we enjoy Lent in a truly Christian way? Lent is not about proving something to God. It is about responding to His love. The Lord invites us into forty days of renewal—forty days to simplify, to refocus, and to return to what matters most. When we see Lent as an opportunity rather than a burden, our hearts begin to open.

Pray with purpose: Instead of adding random prayers, choose prayer that deepens your relationship with the Lord. Spend ten quiet minutes each day with Scripture. Sit in silence before the Blessed Sacrament. Pray the Stations of the Cross slowly and thoughtfully. The goal is not to “say more prayers,” but to become more attentive to God’s voice.

Fast with joy: Fasting is not spiritual dieting. It is making room for God. When we give something up—food, noise, social media, unnecessary spending—we create space in our hearts. And when we feel the sacrifice, we can turn that small discomfort into prayer: “Lord, I offer this to You.” That simple act transforms sacrifice into love.

Give generously: Almsgiving is more than writing a check. It is a giving time, attention, and compassion. A phone call to someone who is lonely. Patience with a difficult family member. Forgiveness offered freely. These are powerful Lenten sacrifices that shape us into true disciples.

Keep your eyes on Easter: Lent only makes sense in light of Easter. We walk these forty days knowing that resurrection is coming. Every act of prayer, fasting, and charity prepares our hearts to celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death. That hope brings joy—even in sacrifice.

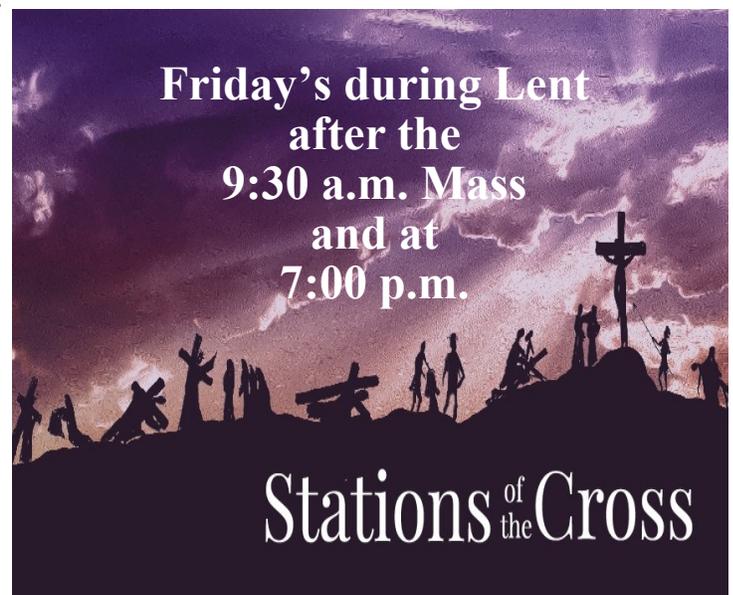
To enjoy Lent as a disciple is to walk closely with the Lord. It is to allow Him to gently correct us, strengthen us, and renew us. If we enter this season with openness and trust, we will not simply “get through” Lent—we will be transformed by it.

May this holy season be for each of us not just a time of discipline, but a time of deep grace and quiet joy.

We give thanks to God for the grace of having the relic of St. Carlo Acutis in our parish last week. It brought healing and grace to everyone who came to venerate the relic. Because the community was so enthusiastic to have the relic here at St. Rene, we are working to get the relic of Fr. Solanus here for veneration!

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

Fr. Steve



A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

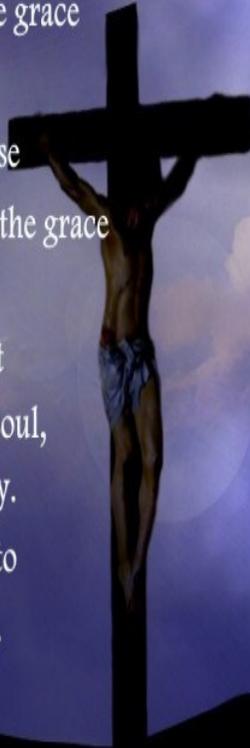
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



LENTEN TOWEL DRIVE



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

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

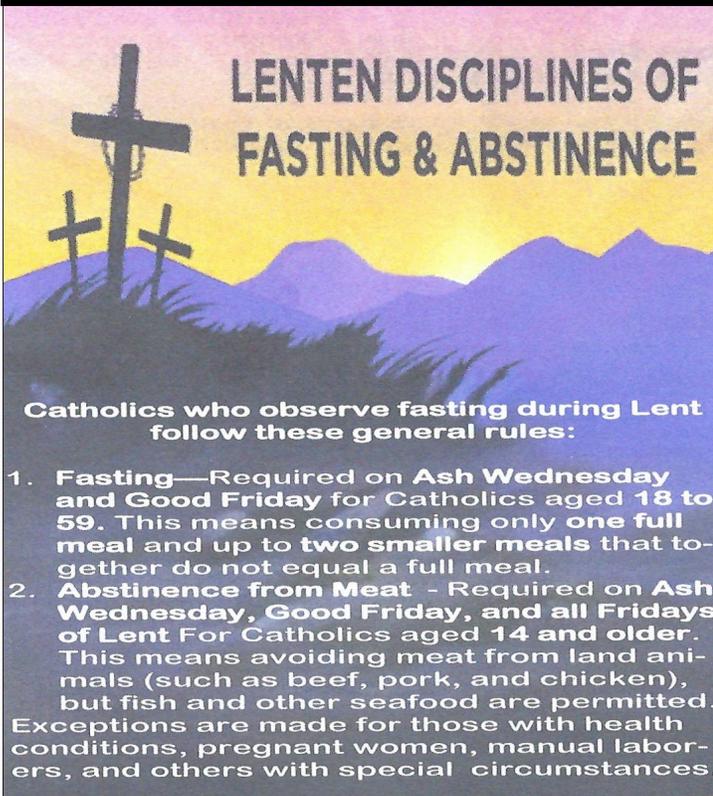
Lent is a wonderful time of prayer and sacrifice. Please pray to see if it is in your heart to give a little to help these people who need so much.

May God bless you this Lent.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics who observe fasting during Lent follow these general rules:

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



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

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

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.



Tuesday, March 3, 2026

9:30 a.m.

- +Joyce Clashman
- +Edward Wujek
- Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Thursday, March 5, 2026

9:30 a.m.

- +Barbara Liwo
- Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
- +Marion Bobryk
- +Norbert Bobryk
- +Dinil Dominic

Friday, March 6, 2026

9:30 a.m.

- +Tony DeBene
- +Rose Marie Sobota
- Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
- +Lottie Kobus

Saturday, March 7, 2026

4:00 p.m.

- +Marie Forman
- +Felix & Rita Gatt
- Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
- +Walter Broski (97th Birthday)
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Marian & Lottie Kobus
- +Rita Abraham
- +Larry Doyle (5th R.A.)

Sunday, March 8, 2026

8:30 a.m.

- +Joseph Schultz
- Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
- +Rita Abraham
- +Dinil Dominic

10:30 a.m.

- +Marie Forman
- +Chester Gorski
- +Zef-Kola Lulgjuraj

5:30 p.m.

- +Milagros Sunga



★ 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: _____

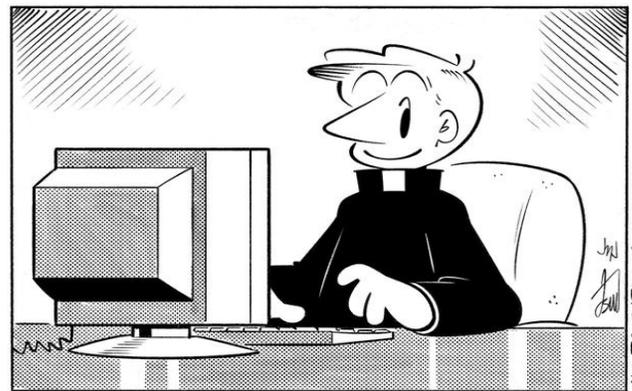
Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

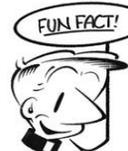
Email: _____

or Contact Jeannie Novak at JWJCatholic@gmail.com

"Why did the priest use email?"



"To send Mass messages."



During the season of Lent, it's a good idea to attend weekly Mass. Lent is a time to realign our hearts back to Christ, and there's no better way to accomplish this than participating in the Holy Mass!

OLPI



JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



MARCH 1, 2026: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

JESUS TOOK THREE OF HIS FRIENDS UP A MOUNTAIN, AND THERE HE BEGAN TO SHINE WITH BRIGHT LIGHT. MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEARED, AND GOD'S VOICE SAID, "THIS IS MY SON—LISTEN TO HIM." THE FRIENDS WERE AMAZED, AND JESUS TOLD THEM NOT TO BE AFRAID.

The second week of Lent is for listening to God and following Jesus, just like His friends did on the mountain.



COLOR THE IMAGE ABOVE FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT LENT HELPS US LISTEN TO JESUS AND GROW, JUST LIKE A CATERPILLAR GROWS INTO A BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Pick one family member to be "Jesus" and have a flashlight in their hand.

Turn off the lights.

Each time the "Jesus" family member turns on the flashlight, everyone else "ooooohhs" and "aaahhhhhhs".

When the flashlight is turned off, everyone goes silent until it is turned on again. Take turns being the "Jesus" leader with the flashlight.

PURPOSE

To experience the amazement and excitement of the apostles at the Transfiguration.



DEAR GOD,
HELP US TO LISTEN
TO JESUS AND
FOLLOW HIM
EVERY DAY.
AMEN

Everyday Stewardship

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings for the Week

©LP

Sunday, March 1, 2026:Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 2, 2026:Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-3

Tuesday, March 3, 2026:Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-1

Wednesday, March 4, 2026:Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

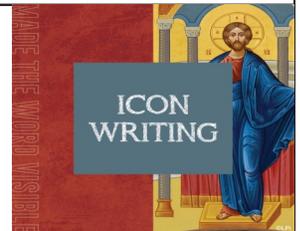
Thursday, March 5, 2026:Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 6, 2026:Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-4

Saturday, March 7, 2026:Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

Sunday, March 8, 2026:Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Devotions, Explained!
Icon Writing**



Mini Explanation

Though an icon depicts an image, it's much more than a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. It expresses the same truths written in the Gospel, but through an artistic medium, mirroring how Christ's incarnation made the Word visible to man in the flesh.

Icon Writing, Explained

At first, the term "icon writing" may be confusing. Writing an icon? Shouldn't it be *drawing* an icon, or *painting* an icon?

But although an icon depicts an image, it is so much more than just a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. Those who purchase icons for private devotion should have them blessed, as they are sacramentals. The Catechism tells us that "Christian iconography expresses in images the same Gospel message that Scripture communicates by words."

In early Christianity, this was deeply controversial. Many so-called "iconoclasts" pointed to the Old Testament's prohibition of idols and insisted that it was sinful to represent the face of God in an image. But defenders of iconography like St. John Damascene pointed to the incarnation as a turning point in our visual relationship with God. In Christ, God made himself visible, and thus continually invites us to contemplate and understand Him visually.

**REQUEST FOR
2025 CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENT**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

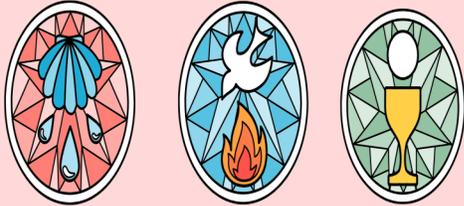
CITY _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

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

Virtues, Explained! Self-Control

Mini Explanation

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

Self-Control, Explained!

Love. Joy. Anger. Desire. Fear.

These are just a few of what are called the “passions” of humankind, and in order to understand self-control, we must first understand the passions. Our passions are neither good nor bad — it's all in how we interact with them.

Enter the virtue of self-control.

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Passions only become problematic when we allow them to control us. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

“When regulated by reason, and subjected to the control of the will, the passions may be considered good and used as means of acquiring and exercising virtue,” we read in [The Catholic Encyclopedia](#). “The sensitive is given to man by God, and therefore its acts have to be employed in His service.”



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: It's not our job to bring the world to the Truth. It's our job to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

Three Tents

You guys, I was *such* a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — “What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?” — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY
AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us.
Help us to know Your abundance
and Your gifts.
Help us to hear Your voice and know
Your assurance.
Help us remember what You have
done,
and look forward to what You will
do.
Amen.



Detroit Catholic

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent
Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today’s Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, “**his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light**” (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus’ body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That’s something made by human hands. It’s an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve’s first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus’ glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn’t just do I believe in Jesus’ glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.



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 March 7 & 8

	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	Barbara Wyrwicz	Corina Sison	Ana Divina
Altar Servers	Phat Le Phong Le	Rom Beltran	Eli Wing-Nga	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Labinski L. Nosek	Open Open	C. Sison T. 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	G. Labinski	R. Beltran	C. Sison	Open

Altar Care Team: Friday, March 6th Team 1 Bibiane Gagnon Gloria Cruz Suong Le	Weekday Liturgy Schedule for March			
	Week	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Thursday, March 5, 2026	Friday, March 6, 2026
Church Vacuuming : Friday, March 6th Jim Moravek	Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
	Lector	B. Wyrwicz	M. Peterson	L. Hance
Altar Linen: March Aiby Sales	Sacristan	R. Beltran	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
	Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson

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

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

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

Lenten Prayer

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

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

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



Our St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul conference is a small group, always looking for new members. The meetings are open to interested visitors on the 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.

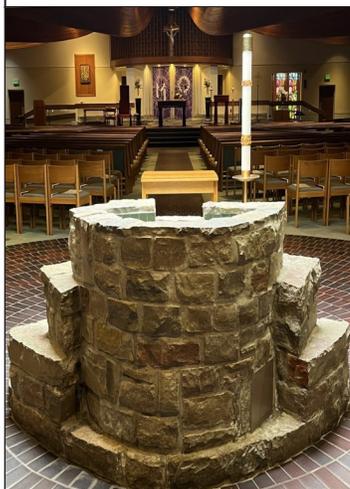


Italian Chicken



- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/3 c. water
- 1/4 c. chopped onions (more or less as desired)
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning

Put chicken in 11x17 inch pan and sprinkle with garlic salt. Cover with cream of mushroom soup, mixed with 1/3 cup water. Then cover with chopped onions and sprinkle with Italian seasoning. Bake at 325 F for 1 hour uncovered.



**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
February 21 & 22
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

Archdiocesan Restructuring QR Code/Link
Strengthening the Church for the Next Generation
<https://www.restructuring.aod.org>



**If you have
borrowed a Pyx
from the Church Of-
fice and are no long-
er 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:

<p>MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force Josey Blades (Air Force) Captain Curtis Bradley (Army) Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon Spc. Shaen Connery (Army) P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano Nicholas Foglyano (Army) P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy) Lt Col David Fries Maj. Laura Geldhof</p>	<p>Joe Gill, Navy Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon Christopher Grubby (Navy) Pfc. Kevin Heath Lt. Christopher Kerr Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines) Lt. Joseph Kraft Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army) Sgt. Chris Libeck Mark Locricchio (Army) Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army) LCPL Miguel Menzer</p>	<p>SPC Matthew Muellenhagen Maj. Eric Olson Chief Daniel Przybylinski (Navy) Justin Quinn (Marines) Anthony Roszko (Army) Lt. Greg Siuta Maj. Allison Stewart Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr. ISG Robert Sutton Sgt. Matthew Sweetman Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)</p>
---	--	---

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
 Amen.



Adoration Chapel



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

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

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

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

Uncommitted Hours
Thursday @ 8:00 a.m. and
Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. , 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

35955 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 939-7500
Fax (586) 939-7839

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor
Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
Michael Novak,
Director of Evangelization & Education
Alexander Sunga
Director of Music

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

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

Ushers

Perpetual Adoration
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
**Catholic Social Services
of Macomb**
Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300
St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)
(586) 718-4523
Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C
(586) 556-2122

Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500 or go to our web site at strene.org.

St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage.

Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

Penance: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.



Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

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