



March 15, 2026

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Notes from Fr. Steve

Lent invites us to slow down, reflect, and examine where God is at work in our lives. In the story of the man born blind in the ninth chapter of the Gospel of John, we encounter a powerful journey—from darkness to light, from isolation to faith, and from questioning to courageous discipleship.

As Jesus and his disciples pass by a man who has been blind since birth, the disciples ask a question that many of us still ask today: “*Who sinned, this man or his parents?*” They are looking for someone to blame. But Jesus shifts their perspective. Instead of focusing on the cause of suffering, he points to the opportunity for God’s work to be revealed.

Jesus heals the man, restoring his sight. Yet the physical miracle is only the beginning. What follows is a series of conversions—with neighbors, religious leaders, and eventually with Jesus himself. While the man’s eyesight becomes clearer, the spiritual vision of others grows more clouded. The religious leaders refuse to see the truth before them. Their certainty blinds them.

Meanwhile, the once-blind man grows in understanding and courage. At first he simply calls Jesus “the man.” Later he declares that Jesus is a prophet. Finally, when he meets Jesus again, he confesses faith in the Son of Man and worships him. His healing becomes a testimony.

This is where the Lenten invitation meets us.

Like the characters in this story, we all have moments of blindness. Sometimes we fail to see God’s work around us. Sometimes our assumptions, fears, or habits keep us from recognizing Christ in our daily lives. Lent asks us to examine those places honestly.

Discipleship begins when we allow Jesus to open our eyes.

The man born blind did not only receive sight—he also received a calling. He spoke truth even when it was unpopular. He testified to what Christ has done in his life. He followed Jesus despite rejection and uncertainty.

Our call is the same. To be disciples means more than attending worship or observing traditions. It means allowing Christ to transform how we see the world. We begin to see people not as problems but as neighbors. We see suffering not as punishment but as a place where God’s grace can shine. We see our own lives as opportunities to reflect God’s light.

Lent is a season for this transformation. Through prayer, repentance, generosity, and acts of compassion, Christ continues to open our eyes.

The question the Gospel leaves us with is simple but challenging: **Do we want to see?**

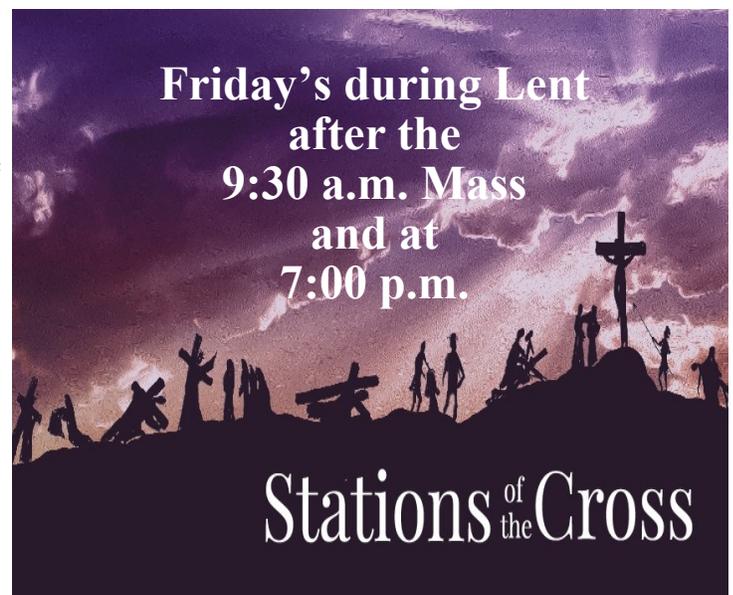
If we do, then we are invited to step forward in faith. Like the man who once sat in darkness, we can bear witness to the light we have received. Our words, our kindness, our courage, and our love can help others see Christ at work in the world.

May this Lenten season open our eyes, deepen our faith, and renew our commitment to follow Jesus—not only with our words, but with our lives.

We say farewell to our organist Alex Sunga this weekend, on behalf of the parish I thank him for his dedication and ministry to our parish faith community. May God bless him with great success as he begins his music ministry at St. Therese of Lisieux in Shelby. Alex has kindly offered to return to play for the Easter Vigil. Also, we have begun searching for a new organist. Pray that God would raise one up for the community!

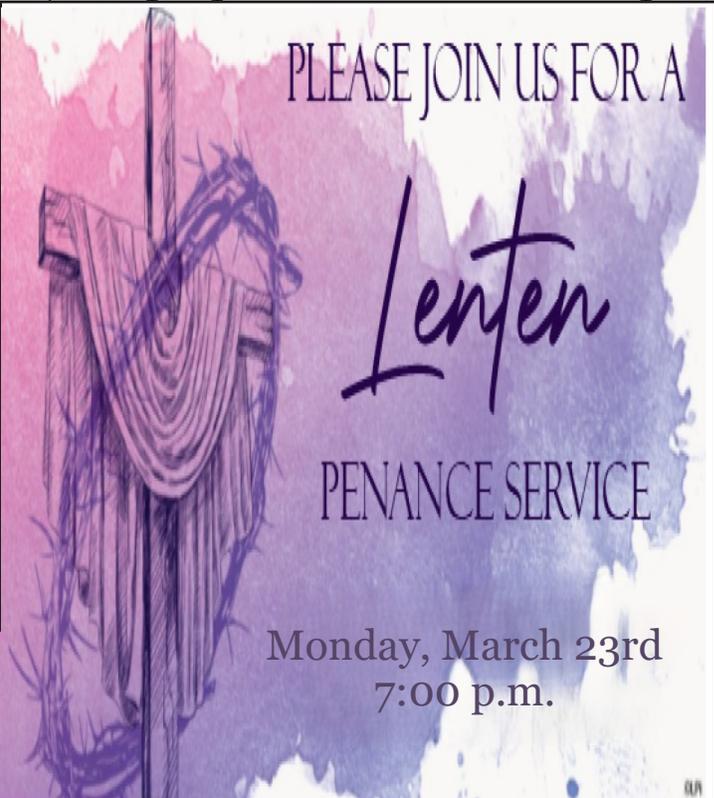
Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and hope! May God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve





*The altar flowers
this weekend
are in
loving memory
of Chester Gorski
as requested
by his
wife & family*



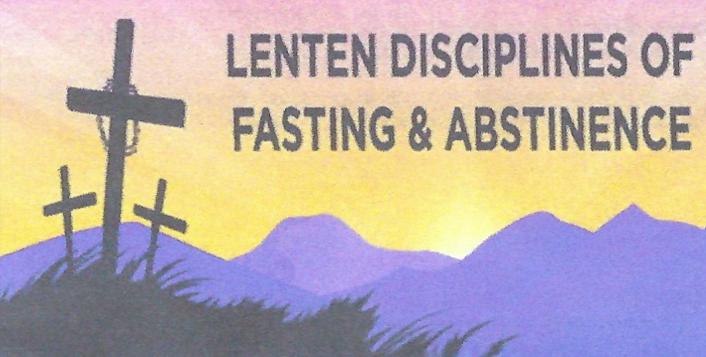
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Lenten
PENANCE SERVICE
Monday, March 23rd
7:00 p.m.



**DONUT SUNDAY
THIS SUNDAY**

Join us for
faith & fellowship
after the
10:30 am Mass
Sunday, March 15, 2026

**LENTEN
TOWEL
DRIVE**

**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.

It is that time of year again...time for our annual **Lenten Towel Project**. We will be collecting **brand-new bath towels and washcloths** 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.

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 17, 2026

9:30 a.m.

FUNERAL

Thursday, March 19, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Brandon Telly (5th R.A.)

+Dinil Dominic

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Friday, March 20, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Marie Forman

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:00 p.m.

+Jerry DeClark

+Walter Broski

+Jerry Nowakowski

+Franklin Langenstein

+Marian & Lottie Kobus

+Bob Serocki

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:30 a.m.

+John Wyrwicz

+Dinil Dominic

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

10:30 a.m.

+Jerry & Paula Kaminski

+Cezar Cabrera Sr.

+Isabelita Sula

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.



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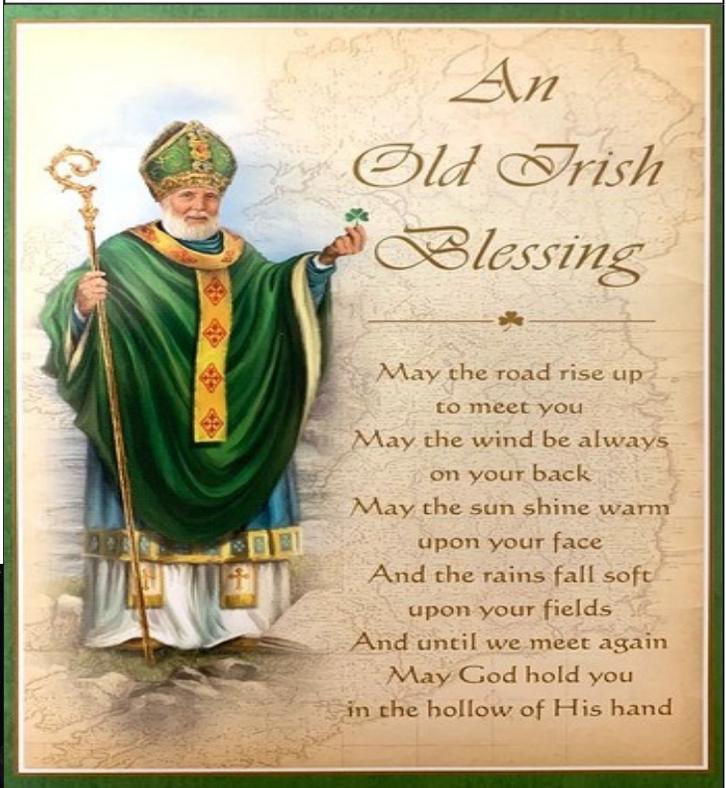
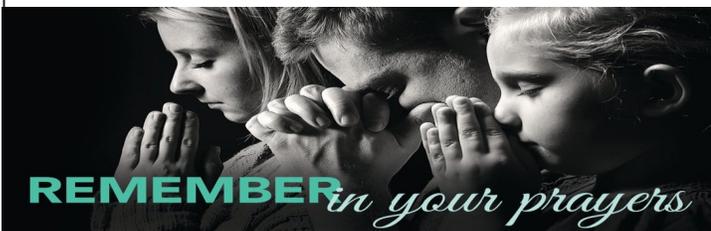
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or Contact **Jeannie Novak** at JWJCatholic@gmail.com



JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Youth spotlight: Patrick Dobija

Patrick Dobija is a freshman in high school at U of D Jesuit. He loves playing sports, and his main sport is basketball. Last summer he went on a trip with the youth group to Rome for the World Youth Jubilee and it was super fun! He also likes any outdoor activity; his favorite is fishing. He just joined the youth group a little before the trip to Rome and recently led our dynamic January meeting. He enjoys woodworking and carpentry. In Italy, he loved trying to catch crabs on the rocks and exploring all of Rome. Patrick likes country music. He is a funny guy who loves doing crazy stuff. He has one brother who is 12.



Patrick's quote from our YouTube World Youth Jubilee video:

"In Italy I felt God's presence a lot, but what I noticed is that no matter where you are or what you're doing, God will be there no matter what."



Pictured below (left to right) Patrick with his other Star pilgrims: Jack and Andrew. Patrick in a fountain in Italy. Patrick and group members in the Leaning Tower of Pisa.



Everyday Stewardship

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Gracious

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That’s why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can’t show them a glimpse of in this one?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings for the Week

- Sunday, March 15, 2026:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday, March 16, 2026:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday, March 17, 2026:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday, March 18, 2026:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday, March 19, 2026:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday, March 20, 2026:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday, March 21, 2026:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday, March 22, 2026:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Devotions, Explained!
Taizé



Mini Explanation

Taizé is an ecumenical Christian movement that is known for its distinctive style of music and prayer. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world.

Taizé, Explained

Taizé originated in France during World War II. It takes its name from the small town just southeast of Paris where Brother Roger Schutz, a Swiss Protestant, founded the community in the hopes of serving both Christian and Jewish refugees of the German-occupied country. In the years following World War II, Christian men from various traditions — Catholic and Protestant — came to live at Taizé and participate in Brother Roger’s vision of ecumenism, social justice and peace, eventually forming a community of about 80 brothers from nearly 30 countries. Today, Taizé continues to be a place of pilgrimage, particularly for young people, who visit the community in the tens of thousands each year. Taizé has also become well-known for its style of music and prayer, which emphasizes silence, contemplation and stillness. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world.

**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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini-reflection: I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? In his touch? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

Sent

I don't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because ... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the *whole other side of town*, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

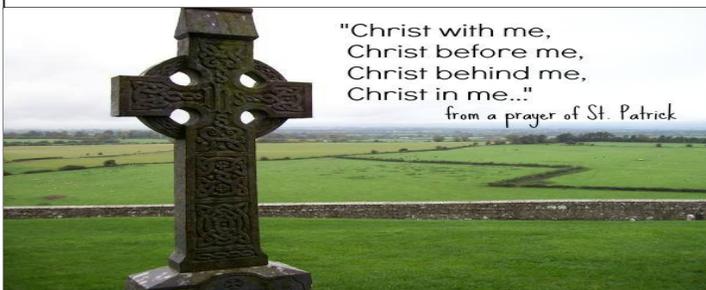
And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at — "Ooh! Aah!" — and move on from. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not.

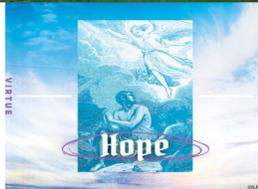
Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples — a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life?

We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.



"Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me..."
from a prayer of St. Patrick

Virtues, Explained! Hope



Mini Explanation

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Hope, Explained!

"Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations." (Romans 4:18)

This is how Paul describes the hope of Abraham, who allowed himself to believe in and wish for what seemed like an impossible thing — all because it had been promised to him by God. In this same way, Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this.

Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

A desire for happiness is a seed planted by God in each heart. The virtue of hope pours down like rain to nourish that seed, but a barrier has been created by original sin. The Holy Spirit removes the barrier, allowing the hope to pour forth upon the roots of our sprouting happiness in great abundance.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.
 Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.
 That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.
 That Your Light can break like the dawn.
 Amen.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent
John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, **"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2)** They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: **"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."** He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: **"I am the light of the world" (John 9:5)**. He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *Father John Muir*

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>



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 21 & 22

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Enno
Lector	Lorraine Doyle	Wendi Lillie	Louis Youkhana	Jovita Engalan
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Rom Beltran	Eli Wing-Nga	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Nosek G. Labinski	Open Open	G. Yeck P. Yeck	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	R. Kranson	R. Beltran	G. Yeck	Open

<p>Altar Care Team: Friday, March 20th Team 3</p> <p>Teresita Bugante Helen DeVera Ofelia Cunanan Divina Divina Marietta Martinez</p>	Weekday Liturgy Schedule for March			
	Week	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Thursday, March 19, 2026	Friday, March 20, 2026
	Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
	Lector	B. Wyrwicz	M. Peterson	L. Hance
<p>Church Vacuuming : Friday, March 20th OPEN</p>	Sacristan	R. Beltran	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
	Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	L. Youkhana

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.



**PLEASE
REMEMBER
ST. RENE
GOUPIL
PARISH
IN YOUR
WILL**

Irish Soda Bread



- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Mix in to make stiff dough:
3 tbsp. caraway seeds
1 cup sour cream

Add:
1 cup raisins
(soak in water to plump & then drain)

Turn onto floured board and knead 10 times or smooth. Shape into balls. Place in a greased 8 inch cake layer pan. Brush with butter. Bake at 350 F for 15-20 minutes.

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
March 7 & 8
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 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:

<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>
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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

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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
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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 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.