

• 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

# DO NOT BE AFRAID.

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community  
February 9, 2025

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## Notes from Fr. Steve

Inviting a loved one to mass is offering them a gift of faith. Do you have a family member who has been away from the Church or has never experienced the beauty of the Mass? Inviting them to join you can be a wonderful way to share the love of Christ and strengthen your relationship with them. Here are some simple steps to extend an invitation with warmth and sincerity:

Pray first before asking, take a moment to pray for them. Ask the Holy Spirit to open their heart and to guide your words with love and gentleness.

Extend a simple and personal invitation, a casual, heartfelt invitation can go a long way. You might say, *"I'd love for you to come to Mass with me this Sunday. It would mean a lot to have you there."* Keep it warm and pressure-free.

Offer to make it easy, If they are hesitant, offer to pick them up, sit with them, or go to breakfast afterward. Let them know they don't need to have everything figured out—just come as they are.

Share, why it is meaningful to you. Your personal experience can inspire them. Let them know what Mass means to you and how it has brought you peace, hope, or joy in your own life.

Be patient and show love, if they decline, don't be discouraged. Continue to be a loving example of Christ in their life. Sometimes, the best invitation is simply living out your faith with joy.

Bringing someone to Mass isn't just about attending a service—it's about inviting them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Take a step in faith, and trust that God is working in their heart!

Would you like help reaching out to a loved one? Our parish is here to support you with prayers and resources! I would be happy to send them a personal invitation or call them. Sharing your faith is an important aspect to being a disciple of Jesus, he said "go out and tell the Good News". When we share our faith, we share Jesus! And remember this, at the judgement when some people go before Jesus, he may ask; "why didn't you ever go to Church"? They can say in all honesty "none of those people ever invited me"!

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

Fr. Steve

### Student Spotlight: A Heartfelt Prayer from Seandre Ferrer

Last week, during our collection offering, we received a truly touching prayer envelope from one of our 5th-grade students, **Seandre Ferrer**. Seandre's heartfelt words reflect deep compassion and kindness, reminding us of the power of faith and empathy.

#### Seandre's Prayer:

*"Dear God, I pray that all people shall prosper in this world of joy and kindness. I also hope that whatever bad experience anybody is currently experiencing, they recover from. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

Seandre's beautiful prayer as an inspiration for all of us to uplift one another and spread love in our community. Let us continue to keep each other in our thoughts and prayers as we strive to create a world filled with joy and kindness.

**Thank you, Seandre, for your wonderful message of hope!**

**Everyday Stewardship**  
**The gift of the Mission**

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**O** glorious advocate and protector, Saint Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, hear our requests, attend to our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Amen*



**REQUEST FOR  
 2024  
 CONTRIBUTION  
 STATEMENT**

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**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENVELOPE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you recently moved or changed your phone number?**

**In order to keep our records as current as possible please notify the parish of any address or phone number changes.**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, at the parish office or in the mail!**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 5:1-11**

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— *Father John Muir*

*The altar flowers this weekend  
are in loving memory of  
Sparky Klee  
as requested by  
his wife*



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The theme of answering God's "call" connects today's Scripture readings. In a vision, the prophet Isaiah sees the glory of God revealed in the Temple and responds to the Lord, *Here I am...send me!* In St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthian community, he professes his unworthiness of Jesus' call: *Last of all, as to one abnormally born, He (Christ) appeared to me.* Following the miraculous catch of fish described in St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus summons Simon-Peter, James, and John to follow Him. They do, giving up everything. Are we responding to God's call—in a spirit of evangelization, employing our God-given gifts in prayer, service, and generosity—to make *disciples of nations*? To encourage religious vocations, please pray for the "Domestic Church." Christ-centered families provide fertile ground for vocations. In addition, consider being charitable with your time and talent to a local Serra group or your parish vocation committee and, in addition, read *Gift and Mystery*, the book Pope St. John Paul II wrote on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.



Please join us on  
Sunday, February 16th  
for  
Donuts and Fellowship  
in the Social Hall  
after the 10:30 a.m. Mass



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

Mr. Khoa Le

## Readings for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I

*Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8*

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with his glory!" Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

### Reading II

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### Gospel

*Luke 5:1-11*

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "DO not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday, February 9, 2025:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

**Monday, February 10, 2025:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 13, 2025:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 14, 2025:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 15, 2025:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 16, 2025:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



En español

## A Pastoral Note to Migrants from the Catholic Bishops in Michigan

February 2025

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Roman Catholic Bishops in Michigan, write to offer our continued pastoral and prayerful support for migrant individuals and families who over the course of time have entered the country and today are making a living in this state. Our fraternal closeness to you and other immigrants, refugees, and those seeking humanitarian asylum is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, where we find *“I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me”* (Matthew 25:35,40).

We hear and empathize with families across the state who express anxiety and fear over mass deportations and harmful rhetoric that broadly demeans our immigrant brothers and sisters. As shepherds of our flocks, we pledge amid such uncertainty to promote through the Michigan Catholic Conference and in our respective dioceses unyielding support and respect for the human dignity of all migrant people in our midst.

We urge our elected officials to support policies that keep immigrant and undocumented families safe and united, and to protect those who arrived as children. We call on the Michigan congressional delegation to work for a humane immigration system that welcomes refugees and immigrants by providing a fair pathway to citizenship; one that also keeps borders safe and secure from criminal activity, including human trafficking and the smuggling of illegal drugs.

Mindful of the dire conditions from which many travel, oftentimes with children through great difficulty and despair, we encourage you, our migrant brothers and sisters, to be strengthened by our Lord’s words *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid”* (John 14:27). Never fail to keep your faith and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, who promises a divine kingdom that we strive to inherit and together call our true home.

With abundant love and trust, we ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to hear the cries of the suffering and offer to her maternal compassion and protection all who seek her heavenly intercession.

### In Christ,



**Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron**

*Archbishop of Detroit*



**Most Rev. Earl Boyea**

*Bishop of Lansing*



**Most Rev. Arturo Cepeda**

*Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit*



**Most Rev. John F. Doerfler**

*Bishop of Marquette*



# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



**FEBRUARY 9, 2025: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ONE DAY, JESUS USED SIMON'S BOAT TO TEACH PEOPLE BY THE LAKE. AFTER, JESUS TOLD SIMON TO THROW HIS FISHING NETS IN THE WATER. EVEN THOUGH THEY HADN'T CAUGHT ANYTHING ALL NIGHT, THEY FOLLOWED JESUS' ADVICE, AND THEY CAUGHT SO MANY FISH THAT THEIR BOATS ALMOST SANK! SIMON WAS AMAZED AND KNEW JESUS WAS SPECIAL. JESUS TOLD HIM, "DON'T BE AFRAID. FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL BE FISHING FOR PEOPLE." SIMON AND HIS FRIENDS LEFT EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW JESUS. THIS STORY SHOWS HOW JESUS WANTS US TO FOLLOW HIM AND HELP OTHERS!

### WORD UNSCRAMBLE PUZZLE: LUKE 5:1-11

HE SAW TWO BOATS ALONG THE \_\_\_\_\_.  
 JESUS SAT DOWN AND \_\_\_\_\_ THE CROWDS  
 FROM THE BOAT.  
 JESUS SAID, "PUT OUT INTO \_\_\_\_ WATER."  
 SIMON SAID, "AT YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ I WILL  
 LOWER THE NETS."  
 THEY CAUGHT A \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF FISH.  
 JESUS SAID TO SIMON, "DO NOT BE \_\_\_\_\_."  
 THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND \_\_\_\_\_  
 HIM.

UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS AND FIT  
 THEM INTO THE SENTENCES ABOVE

- EPED \_\_\_\_\_
- IDARAF \_\_\_\_\_
- AKEL \_\_\_\_\_
- WOLFODEL \_\_\_\_\_
- TEGAR \_\_\_\_\_
- UGHATT \_\_\_\_\_
- MADNOMC \_\_\_\_\_



### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

#### ROLE PLAYING

Have fun acting out the story! Let the kids pretend to be Simon and Jesus, and act out casting nets and catching fish. This will help them remember the story in a fun way and understand the importance of obeying Jesus, even when it doesn't make sense.

#### SERVING OTHERS

Since Jesus called Simon and his friends to help others, you can spend time serving together as a family. It could be something simple like cleaning up a park, helping a neighbor, or donating food. It's a way to show the family how to be "fishers of people" by helping others.

DEAR JESUS,

THANK YOU FOR LOVING US AND CALLING US TO FOLLOW YOU. JUST LIKE YOU TOLD SIMON TO FISH FOR PEOPLE, HELP US TO SHARE YOUR LOVE WITH OTHERS. GIVE US THE COURAGE TO OBEY YOU, EVEN WHEN WE DON'T UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING THINGS YOU CAN DO, AND HELP US TRUST YOU EVERY DAY.

AMEN.

# MASST INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Betty Eschrich

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Annette Bachiu

+Donald Trudeau

Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, February 14, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Frances Rozolosky

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Rosemarie Calmi

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Maybelle Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein

+Eugene & Elizabeth Lopinski

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Peter Formanczyk

**10:30 a.m.**

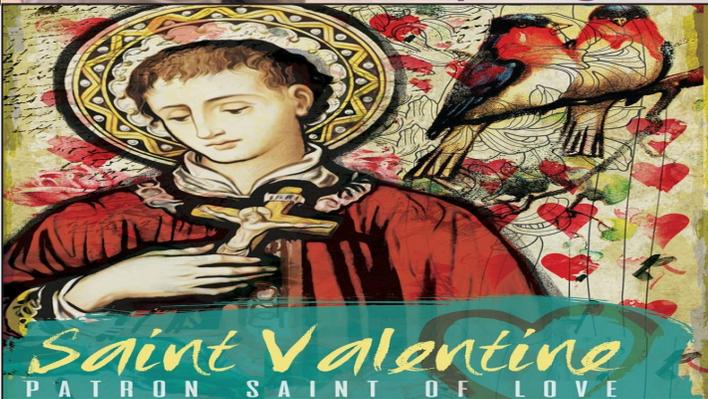
+Nhi Vu

+Joseph Carpenter

+David Willick

**5:30 p.m.**

Elena Laboga



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Having you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord. Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all? Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### A FAMILY PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

FATHER GOD, AS YOUR CHILDREN, WE KNOW THAT OUR STRENGTH COMES FROM YOU ALONE. YOUR WORD REMINDS US THAT THROUGH CHRIST, WE CAN DO ALL THINGS BECAUSE HE STRENGTHENS US. THE PSALMIST ALSO REMINDS US THAT YOU ARE OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH. SO IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES IN OUR FAMILY'S JOURNEY, WE RELY ON YOUR PROMISE TO GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO PERSEVERE THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES. HELP US TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER. WITH YOU, WE KNOW, THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, SO WE ASK TODAY THAT YOU STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILY BONDS AND GIVE OUR FAMILY STRENGTH FOR EACH NEW DAY. IN JESUS' NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN



**Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 15 & 16**

|                              | <b>Saturday<br/>4:00PM</b>   | <b>Sunday<br/>8:30 AM</b>   | <b>Sunday<br/>10:30 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday<br/>5:30 PM</b>                                    |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Presider</b>              | Fr. Steve  | Fr. Joy   | Fr. Steve   | Fr. Tim  |
| <b>Lector</b>                | Barbara Kiernan  | Rob Wilson  | Dorothy Arche   | Paul Hornung   |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | Karin Nieto  | Karin Nieto   | Eli Wing-Na   |  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | L. Youkhana<br>G. Labinski   | Open<br>Open  | C. Sison<br>T. Monteiro   | Open<br>Open   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Tom Pluta<br>Dave Hintz<br>Todd Messineo<br>Karen Messineo<br>Nick Rieser<br>Jim Moravek<br>Omar Oszust<br>Gary Novelli<br>Don Sundstrom | Tom Dutkiewicz<br>Luis Nieto<br>Al Gyenese<br>Mike Kazyak<br>Ed Stivers<br>Sharon Olszewski<br>Frank Iannotti | Terry Shaughnessy<br>Tom Fooy<br>Ralph Fackler<br>Wilmar Suan<br>Joe Meli<br>Chrisie Fish<br>Chris Norris<br>Elmor Monteiro | Paul Hornung<br>Mike Galuszka<br>Ofelia Fermil<br>Fred Rossi |
| <b>Sacristan</b>             | L. Youkhana  | K. Nieto  | C. Sison  | Open   |

**Weekday Liturgy Schedule for January**

| <b>Week</b>                 | Tuesday, February 11, 2025 | Thursday, February 13, 2025 | Friday, February 14, 2025 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Presider</b>             | Fr. Steve                  | Fr. Joy                     | Fr. Steve                 |
| <b>Lector</b>               | Barbara Wyrwicz            | M. Peterson                 | L. Youkhana               |
| <b>Sacristan</b>            | K. Nieto                   | K. Nieto                    | K. Nieto                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | M. Peterson                | L. Youkhana                 | M. Peterson               |

**Altar Care Team:**  
 Friday, February 14h  
 Team 3  
 Teresita Bugante  
 Helen DeVera  
 Ofelia Cunanan  
 Divina Divina  
 Marietta Martinez



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!  
 God Bless!

**Altar Linen:**  
 February:  
 Theresa Wilson

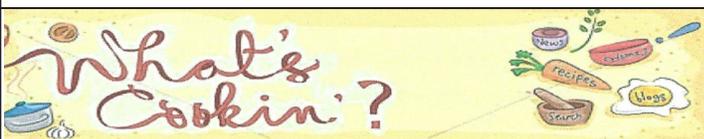
**STAY CONNECTED**

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](http://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](http://www.help.formed.org) or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



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.



**Lemon Chicken**

- 1 1/4 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into smaller pieces
- 1/3 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground pepper
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. onion powder
- 3 tbsp. margarine
- 1/2 c. low sodium chicken broth or
- 1 tsp. bouillon, dissolved in hot water (can increase broth to 1 c. if more sauce is desired)
- 3 to 4 thin lemon slices

Place chicken between 2 sheets of wax paper; pound 1/8 inch thick. Put flour in a plastic bag and shake chicken pieces until coated with flour. Melt margarine in large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken, sprinkle with seasonings and cook each side until golden brown. Add chicken broth and top with lemon slices. Bring to a boil, turn down heat to simmer and cover pan; cook for a few more minutes until chicken is done.



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

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the “Pay” button. It’s that simple! We thank you for your generosity.



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**Our Sunday Offering  
February 1 & 2  
Thank you for your  
generous response.**

**God Bless you!**

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**W**HEN WE PUT  
OUR PROBLEMS IN  
**GOD'S HANDS,**  
**P**HE PUTS HIS  
PEACE IN OUR HEARTS.



### Prayer for Family Unity

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.

O holy St. Anthony, I fervently ask for your heavenly intercession on behalf of my family. Fill our hearts with mutual love, compassion, and understanding. Help us to be forgiving of each other's mistakes and failures, so that our family may reflect God's presence in our homes and in our lives. Grant us family harmony, unity and peace. Amen

### Please Pray for the Family Members of our Parishioners serving in the Military:

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force  
 Josey Blades (Air Force)  
 Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon  
 Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)  
 P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano  
 Nicholas Foglyano (Army)  
 P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)  
 Lt Col David Fries  
 Maj. Laura Geldhof  
 Joe Gill, Navy  
 Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon

Christopher Grubby (Navy)  
 Pfc. Kevin Heath  
 Lt. Christopher Kerr  
 Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)  
 Lt. Joseph Kraft  
 Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)  
 Sgt. Chris Libecki  
 Mark Locricchio (Army)  
 Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)  
 LCPL Miguel Menzer  
 SPC Matthew Muellenhagen  
 Maj. Eric Olson

Chief Daniel Przybylinski (Navy)  
 Justin Quinn (Marines)  
 Anthony Roszko (Army)  
 Lt. Greg Siuta  
 Maj. Allison Stewart  
 Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.  
 ISG Robert Sutton  
 Sgt. Matthew Sweetman  
 Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

### Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

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

### Adoration Chapel



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

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

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

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

**Uncommitted Hours**  
**Wednesday 2pm & Friday 9am**  
**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,  
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Alexander Sunga  
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**ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES**

**Legion of Mary**  
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(586) 718-4523  
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(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.**

**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.

*Remember in Your Prayers*  
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this In Your Name.  
*Amen*