



March 8, 2026

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights



Notes from Fr. Steve

Lets enjoy Lent (not just to survive it)

Instead of focusing only on sacrifice, explore:

- Adding 10 minutes of prayer
- Reaching out to someone who is isolated
- Returning to Confession
- Reading one Gospel slowly during Lent

You could reflect on how Jesus Christ went into the desert not just to suffer—but to prepare for mission.

Find peace in this season of change. Given the restructuring conversions, a very timely topic might be:

- How Lent teaches us to trust God during uncertainty
- Letting go of control
- Seeing parish changes through the lens of faith

People are anxious—connecting Lent to trust would resonate deeply.

Have begin again Lent. Many people feel they have failed at past Lents. An encouraging article about:

- Starting again
- God's patience
- Small steps that matter would feel pastoral and hopeful

How to make Lent meaningful at home:

Practical ideas:

- Family prayer at dinner
- A simple Lenten cross or prayer corner
- Reading a short passage from the Bible each evening

The joy hidden inside Lent is less common—and therefore powerful.

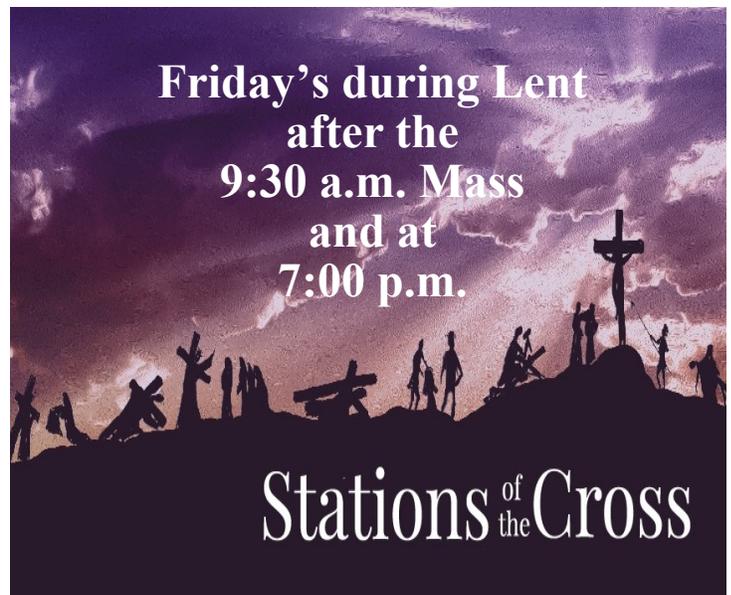
You could write about:

- Where is God stretching me?
- What attachment might He be gently loosening?
- What new life might be emerging?

Trusting God in season of change: It connects spiritually and pastorally to what your people are living right now. And remember where Lent is leading us! To the joy of Easter!

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

Fr. Steve





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

Neptali & Jowena Jane Sicat & Family

Rhoeben & Editha De La Cruz & Family

Paul & Madison Gubin & Family

Bill & Kim Phipps

Eugene & Rachl Mcculloch

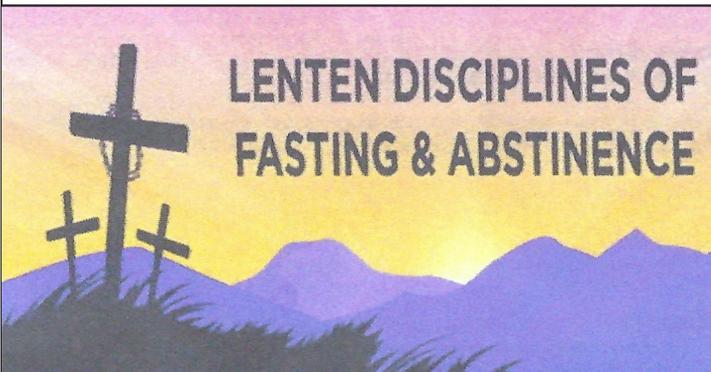
Mary Kwiatkowski



DONUT SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY

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

LENTEN TOWEL DRIVE



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 10, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+William & Patricia Cassabon
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Thursday, March 12, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
+Marie Forman
+Dinil Dominic

Friday, March 13, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Joseph Testa
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Saturday, March 14, 2026

4:00 p.m.

+Fred Schulte
+Franklin Langenstein
+Marian & Lottie Kobus

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:30 a.m.

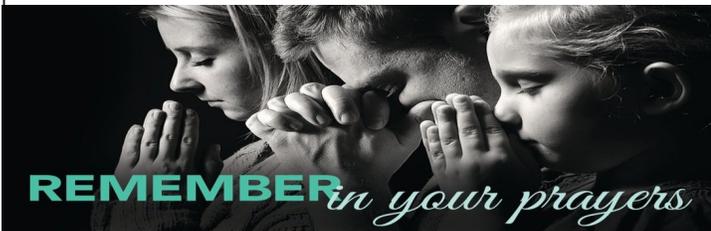
+Karin Nieto
+Dinil Dominic
+Julieta Simbulan
+Rafael Simbulan

10:30 a.m.

+Marion Calverley
+Joyce Clashman
+Rose Marie Sobota
+Walt Kalcevic
+Rose Zappa
+Sam Zappa

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

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



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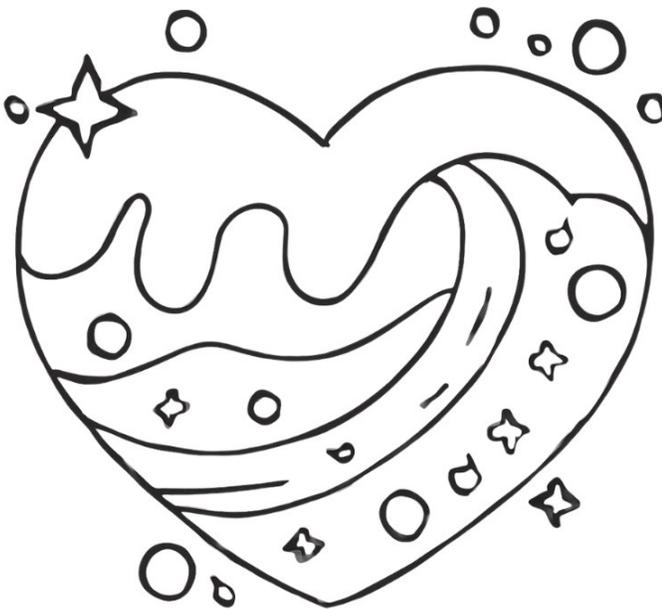


MARCH 8, 2026: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

JESUS MET A WOMAN AT A WELL AND TALKED TO HER ABOUT “LIVING WATER” THAT NEVER RUNS OUT. HE TOLD HER THAT HE CAN HELP PEOPLE HAVE JOY AND LIFE THAT LASTS FOREVER. THE WOMAN WAS SO AMAZED THAT SHE WENT TO TELL EVERYONE IN HER TOWN ABOUT JESUS, AND MANY PEOPLE BELIEVED IN HIM BECAUSE OF HER STORY.

The third week of Lent is for sharing God's love and helping others, just like Jesus showed the woman at the well.



**COLOR THE IMAGE ABOVE FOR
THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

LENT REMINDS US THAT JESUS GIVES US “LIVING WATER,” WHICH IS HIS LOVE AND KINDNESS. WHEN WE HELP OTHERS, SHARE, OR PRAY, WE ARE SHARING THAT LIVING WATER SO EVERYONE CAN FEEL GOD'S LOVE.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Stand in a circle. Start with a cup of water. Each person says one kind thing they can do this week (help someone, share, pray for a friend) and then gently passes the water to the next person.

Continue until everyone has shared an idea. Emphasize that just like the water moves from person to person, God's love spreads when we share it.

PURPOSE

To teach children that sharing love and kindness spreads God's “living water.”



**DEAR JESUS,
THANK YOU FOR GIVING
US LIVING WATER AND
HELPING US SHARE YOUR
LOVE WITH OTHERS.
AMEN**

Everyday Stewardship

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Grateful

Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.

But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What he gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what he offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what's the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 9, 2026: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 10, 2026: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 11, 2026: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 12, 2026: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 13, 2026: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 14, 2026: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

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

**Devotions, Explained!
The Sign of the Cross**



Mini Explanation

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

The Sign of the Cross, Explained

“I claim you for Christ by the sign of his cross.” These words from the Rite of Baptism, spoken as the priest traces a cross on the infant’s forehead, perfectly communicate the significance of that simple, familiar action. In signing the cross, we claim ourselves again and again for Christ, unite ourselves with His sacrifice on Calvary, and confess his victory over death. Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times, as evidenced by writings from Tertullian, Hippolytus and St. Cyprian. The ritual action is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

In the Latin rite, it is made either with a movement of the full hand from one’s forehead, breast and shoulders (going right to left) or with the thumb tracing the cross on the forehead, lips and breast.

**REQUEST FOR
2025 CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENT**

NAME _____

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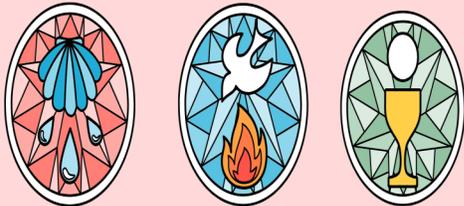
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ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

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! Mercy



Mini Explanation

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.

Mercy, Explained!

"And what does the Lord require of you? Only this: to do what is right, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

But what does it mean to show true mercy?

God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. God's perfect mercy could never allow for something that would harm His children. A father whose child has a toothache cannot, out of mercy, give the child the candy he wants, no matter how the tears of the child grieve the father's heart. The father can, and should, surround the child with love and sympathy, and help him to remedy the problem that lies at the heart of his grief. This is true virtuous mercy — a choice governed by reason, not merely an emotion.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, "You are thirsty. Here is something to drink." After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, "I'm thirsty. Give me something to drink."

When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, "Oh, thank you, sweetheart!" as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, "rescued" a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

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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 8, 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent
John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith. In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “**One sows and another reaps**” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit. This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others. **Lenten challenge:** Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.



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 14 & 15

	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	Barbara Kiernan	Rob Wilson	Thess Monteiro	Ricky Yulo
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Rom Beltran	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Nosek K. Moravek	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. 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	K. Moravek	R. Beltran	T. Monteiro	Open

<p>Altar Care Team: Friday, March 13th Team 2</p> <p>Roxann Klee Suong Le Antonina Notarantonio</p>	Weekday Liturgy Schedule for March			
	Week	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Thursday, March 12, 2026	Friday, March 13, 2026
<p>Church Vacuuming : Friday, March 13th OPEN</p>	Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
	Lector	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	D. Monterosso
<p>Altar Linen: March Aiby Sales</p>	Sacristan	B. Wyrwicz	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
	Eucharistic Minister	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson	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.

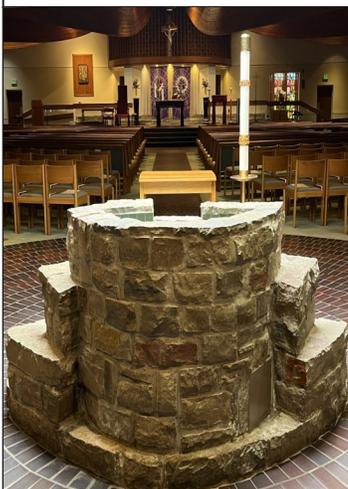


Apple Pie Cake



- 1 3/4 c. sugar
- 1 c. oil (your choice)
- 3 whole eggs
- 2 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. chopped nuts (optional)
- 2 sliced apples

Beat sugar, eggs and oil well and add flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon to above and add vanilla. Fold in apple slices as for pie. Add nuts. Pour into greased and floured square or oblong pan, 9x13 inches. Bake at 350 F for 45-60 minutes.



**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 28 & March 1
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>
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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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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
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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.