



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
September 22, 2024

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37

Notes from Fr. Steve

There is a joy to Catholic spirituality, because it is a journey of faith. Catholic spirituality offers a profound and life-giving pathway to encounter God in everyday life. Rooted in centuries-old traditions, yet ever relevant, this spirituality is a dynamic relationship with Christ, the sacraments, and the community of believers. It invites us to embrace the fulness of life through a deep connection with God, nurturing our souls with grace and peace.

At the heart of Catholic spirituality is the Eucharist-the source and summit of Christian life. Through this intimate communion with Christ, we are renewed in spirit and reminded of the infinite love God has for each one of us. The sacraments, especially confession and the Eucharist, provide moments of grace, helping us stay anchored in faith and aligned with God's will.

Catholic spirituality also encourages prayer and devotion, whether it's quiet reflection of the rosary, the peaceful stillness of adoration, or the timeless wisdom of the Liturgy of the Hours. These practices, simple yet profound, allow us to continually grow in our relationship with God, creating moments of joy, reflection, and spiritual strength.

Another vital aspect of this spirituality is the communion of saints, who inspire us with their examples of holiness, perseverance, and trust in God. Saints are not distant figures but companions on our journey, reminding us that holiness is achievable and that God calls each of us to be saints in our daily lives.

Finally, Catholic spirituality calls us to live out our faith in action, through love and service to others. It teaches that every small act of kindness, every offering of compassion, and every work of justice is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love to the world. In doing so, we become living witnesses of the Gospel, bringing light and hope to those we encounter.

The joy of Catholic spirituality is found in its ability to transform ordinary moments into encounters with the divine. It is a spirituality that fills our lives with meaning, purpose, and ultimately, deep joy, as we journey closer to God, day by day.

May we encounter to explore and deepen our Catholic spirituality, allowing it to guide us with joy and grace on our walk with Christ.

The reason I conclude each week asking you to pray for the parish, is because the parish is your community of faith. To enrich and build up the community of believers, it comes down to praying for one another.

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

Fr. Steve

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



*St. Rene Goupil
would like to
Congratulate
Anthony Pastue
and
Lisa Vergos*

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings from the Book of Wisdom, the wicked plot the death of the "just one." They wanted to see if God will take care of Him. This passage prefigures Christ's suffering, mocking, and death, as Jesus tells His disciples in St. Mark's Gospel. The Scripture readings from St. James and St. Mark warn against false ambition and seeking rank instead of looking to serve the Lord. These attitudes cause division among Christ's followers. With humility, Jesus explains that true discipleship requires the first to be the last and servants of all. As Christian stewards, how is the Lord asking us to serve Him? To answer this question, spend some quiet time daily to open your heart and clear your mind to listen to what the Lord asks of you.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

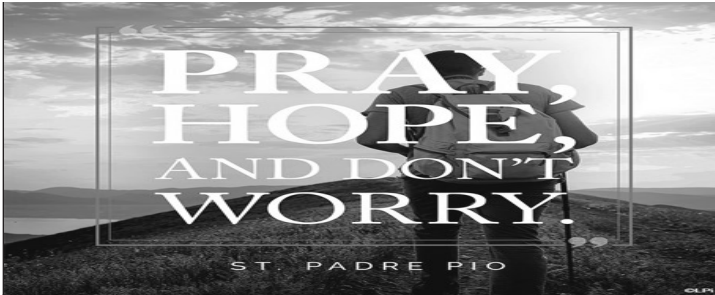
When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me**" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If you have traveled on Southwest Airlines, you are aware of how they line people up prior to boarding. You receive a lettered group of A, B, or C and a number. You line up with your group and in sequence based on your numbers. This means that before every flight, you'll hear people ask over and over, "What number are you?" Some don't ask and simply place themselves in the line. I have been A-1 before and had someone stand in line in front of me. There is nothing before A-1 in the line! It is crazy the urgency of some to board the plane and get the perfect seat. For some, I think it has more to do with a sense of entitlement. No one is going to cheat me out of my place in line! I deserve it!

Of course, you can't deserve your place in the line more than another. We are all getting on the plane and going to the same place. In life, some of us act like people in a Southwest boarding line. We want our place in line, and we will sometimes put ourselves ahead of others without merit. Good stewardship allows us to see our actions in this regard as folly. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." We are called to serve and not to be served. If we seek what we truly deserve in this life, we will find that we are not actually entitled to much. If we humble ourselves and seek to serve others, we will receive an abundance of good things, even though we still won't deserve it. For all we receive, whether we are A-1 or C-30, is a gift.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Thank you in advance for volunteering!
God Bless!



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

Timothy Gyenese

Timothy & Carolyn Kowalski

PARISH MISSION OF MERCY

Parish Book Drive for Pediatric Hospitals



Our parish will begin now through the end of October to collect books for children who have Cancer and are receiving chemo therapy treatments. The children will be given books to read or to be read during their treatments. Only **NEW** books can be given to Children's Hospital Pediatric Center. Please donate a book to this most worthy cause. Your gifts for the children can be placed in the wooden bin at the entrance of the church. God bless you ahead of time for your generosity.

Readings for The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Reading II

James 3:16—4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruits of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, September 22, 2024: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday, September 23, 2024: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 24, 2024: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 25, 2024: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 26, 2024: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 27, 2024: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 28, 2024: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

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

MASSt INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Francis G. Martin

Thursday, September 26, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Michael Peterson

Friday, September 27, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Joan Starzyk

Saturday, September 28, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert

+Robert Labinski

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Jerry Nowakowski

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Edwin Wagner

+Maybelle Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein (9th R.A.)

+Eugene Zielinski

Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+John Wyrwicz (14th R.A.)

+Josephine Martineau

+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

+Roberto Bastianelli

Corina & Gamy Sison (Wedding Anniversary)

+James Reaume Sr.

+James Reaume Jr.

+Charles Reaume

+Stephanie Reaume

+Wilhemia Reaume

+Helen Karash

+Leo Karash

+Leon Karash

+Phillip Karash

+Claude Fedders

Gordon & Pat Yeck (55th Wedding Anniversary)

+Honorato (Amang) Reyes Jr.

5:30 p.m.

Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish

Pray For...

Political Church Guidelines

In 2024, as in previous election years, the Archdiocese of Detroit takes its lead from the Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Guidelines published by these two organizations clarify the appropriate political and electoral activity for Catholic parishes and organizations in southeast Michigan.

Churches and other 501 (c) (3) institutions that qualify for tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code are not permitted to be involved in partisan politics, including any expressions of preference, support for, or opposition to any specific candidates or political parties.

- Do not endorse or oppose candidates, political parties, or groups of candidates
- Do not make available the use of church facilities
- Do not authorize distribution of partisan political materials
- Do not invite or permit only selected candidates to address your members
- Do share the Church's teaching on human life, marriage and the family, immigration, education, social justice and peace
- Do highlight the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues and ballot proposals
- Do urge parishioners to join the party or campaign of their choice and, in light of Church teaching, evaluate candidate positions
- Do facilitate voter education through the provision of materials only published by the local diocesan bishop, the Michigan Catholic Conference or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- Do encourage active participation in church-sponsored voter registration efforts
- Do urge parishioners to register to vote.
- Do take precautions to avoid partisanship

*The altar flowers this weekend
are donated by
Anthony & Lisa Pastue
in memory
of their
deceased
family members & friends*



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for September 28 & 29

	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	Lorraine Doyle	Rob Wilson	Corina Sison	Ricky Yulo
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Paul Havern	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	T. Monteiro	V. Jennings

Altar Care Team:
Friday, September
27th
Team 1

Bibiane Gagnon
Joyce Fackler

Altar Linen:

September:

Khristine
Cochiaosue

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

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

Laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, toilet paper and peanut butter.

***Please do not donate restaurant condiments.**



Register Now for
2024 -2025

**JWJ Catholic Academy
Catechism Program**

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER



BULLETIN UPDATE

With the cost of postage on the rise, if you have returned to Mass and no longer need the Church bulletin mailed to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it. You can find our bulletin online each week at strene.org our parish website.

STAY CONNECTED

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

1. Visit www.formed.org and click "Sign up."
2. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
3. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you're registered! You can also download the app on your Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

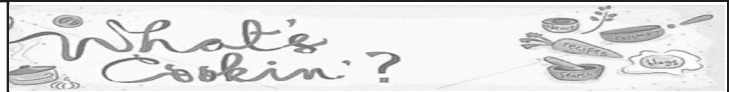


**PLEASE
REMEMBER
ST. RENE
GOUPIL
PARISH
IN YOUR WILL**



**Our Sunday Offering
September 14 & 15
Thank you for your
generous response.**

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at Parishesonline.com then search by zip code. You can go online to the aod.org/live/masses to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



Italian Tuscany Soup

1 lg. can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
2 (14 1/2 oz.) cans chicken broth
1 can water
1 (14 oz.) can diced tomatoes with juice
1 lb. or more sweet Italian sausage with fennel seeds
1 lg. onion, diced
1 stalk celery, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 carrot, diced
1 lg. potato, diced
1/2 pkg. chopped frozen spinach, thawed and drained
1 bay leaf
2 tsp. Italian seasoning
Salt and pepper, to taste

Remove casing from sausage and crumble. Sauté sausage in skillet until color fades. Remove from pan and set aside. Add olive oil to a skillet and sauté onions and celery until soft. Add garlic. Put onion mixture and sausage in large pot. Add broth, water and bay leaf. Cook to a boiling point.

When boiling, add potatoes and carrots. Return to boiling for 1/2 hour. Add beans, spices and tomatoes, Italian seasoning and drained spinach. Simmer 3/4 to 1 hour. Serve in bowls with a sprinkle of fresh Parmesan cheese.





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.



We are in need of Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office at (586)939-7500.

We are in need of Ushers at the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in Ushering, please see one of the Ushers.

Altar Servers

We are in need of Altar servers, young or adult who would like to serve, please contact the parish office at (586)939-7500. Please come serve at the Altar!

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 Libeck
Mark Locricchio (Army)
Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)
LCPL Miguel Menzer
SPC Matthew Muellenhagen
Maj. Eric Olson

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

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

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



Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

**Uncommitted Hours
Friday 4pm
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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

Pastoral Staff

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

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Legion of Mary
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Karin Nieto (586) 447-6927
Ushers
Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128
Perpetual Adoration
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
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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.

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

