



December 14, 2025

# St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community  
Sterling Heights

*Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



## Notes from Fr. Steve

This Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday—invites us to rejoice, for the Lord is nearby! The rose candle we light today reminds us that even in the midst of waiting, God is already breaking into our lives with hope, light and promise.

Our Gospel this week reflects on the journey of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). Though traditionally read during the Epiphany, this passage offers a powerful Advent lesson in **discipleship**. The Magi were seekers. They noticed the star, paid attention to God's signs, and responded with courage. They set out on a long, uncertain journey because they believed that God was doing something new—and they wanted to be part of it.

Their discipleship unfolds in three steps:

### 1. They listened and paid attention.

The Magi were alert to God's movement. True discipleship begins with the willingness to notice God's presence—in Scripture, in prayer, in daily life.

### 2. They acted on what they saw.

The Magi didn't just admire the star; they followed it. Discipleship demands movement, effort, and trust. We, too, are called not only to admire the faith but to actively live it each day.

### 3. They encountered Christ and were changed.

When they found the Child Jesus, they bowed down in adoration. Their encounter with Christ led them to offer their gifts and then "return by another way." Authentic discipleship always changes us—our priorities, our decisions, our hearts.

As we approach Christmas, the journey of the Magi invites us to reflect:

Are we seeking Christmas?

Are we willing to follow where He leads?

Are we ready to let our encounter with Him transform our lives?

This week, let us pray for the grace to be faithful disciples—attentive, courageous, and open to the Lord's transforming love.

On behalf of the parish community, I want to say farewell to Alex and Flor Sitchon. They have been very active in the parish; and they are moving to be near family in Australia. May the Lord bless them! Please pray they have a safe journey!

**As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, we encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you for Christmas Mass. Your invitation could be the star that leads someone back to Christ.**

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace! Happy Advent!

Fr. Steve



*Advent Reconciliation*

Prepare for the Christmas Season  
by celebrating the Sacrament  
of Reconciliation on

Other Services in the Area:  
Monday, December 22nd  
10 am—12 noon & 6—9 pm  
St. Cyril & Methodius  
(there will be multiple priests available)



DONUT  
SUNDAY  
THIS SUNDAY

Join us for  
faith & fellowship  
after the  
10:30 am Mass  
Sunday, December 14, 2025

## Christmas *Flower* Donations

<i>Eugene Nosek</i>	<i>Kenneth Wyniemko</i>	<i>John Walewska</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Chester Urban</i>	<i>Kailoh J. Cunanan</i>	<i>James Testa</i>
<i>Thomas Urban</i>	<i>Lahni O. Cunanan</i>	<i>Angelina Testa</i>
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<i>Philip Tallion</i>	<i>Rupertia Manlusoc</i>	<i>Henry &amp; Virginia Baily</i>
<i>Mary Lou Liptak</i>	<i>The Piskor Family</i>	<i>Mrs. Agnes Montrose</i>
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<i>Schmidt Family</i>	<i>Bonrostro</i>	<i>Robert Lize</i>
<i>Robertson Family</i>	<i>Fr. Daniel Ramos</i>	<i>Geoffrey Newens</i>
<i>For the family &amp; their needs</i>	<i>Fr. Steve Wertanen</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Florentino C. Sr.</i>
<i>Femminneo Family</i>	<i>Members of the Pittiglio Family</i>	<i>Richard H. &amp; Richie</i>
<i>Al Napolitano</i>	<i>Members of the Finazzo Family</i>	<i>Karasinski</i>
<i>Napolitano Family</i>	<i>Wanda Pasternak</i>	<i>Chester, Sr. &amp; Florence</i>
<i>Chester P. Gorski</i>	<i>Raymond Pasternak</i>	<i>Roger &amp; Florence Ryan</i>
<i>Martin &amp; Agnes Emmendorfer</i>	<i>Pay Pasternak</i>	<i>Mary Ann Bailey</i>
<i>Harold P. Emmendorfer</i>	<i>Jean Morawski</i>	<i>Catherine &amp; Carol Kowalec</i>
<i>Cecelia R. Emmendorfer</i>	<i>Antonio Andrion</i>	<i>Denis &amp; Jean Stockinger</i>
<i>Martin W. Emmendorfer</i>	<i>Ronaldo Sales</i>	<i>Joan Herbert</i>
<i>Milagros Sunga</i>	<i>Marialuz Sales</i>	<i>Steven Herbert</i>
<i>Zenaida Javier</i>	<i>Virgencita Andrion</i>	<i>Kathryn Kolacz</i>
<i>Alfonzo Sunga</i>	<i>Renato &amp; Lydia Francisco</i>	<i>Umberto &amp; Lucille Cataldi</i>
<i>Sylvia Aguilar</i>	<i>Patricia Sales</i>	<i>Antonio &amp; Antonietta Cataldi</i>
<i>Walter Leja Sr.</i>	<i>Joseph Robbins-Andrion</i>	<i>Mike &amp; Mary Peszko</i>
<i>Walter Leja Jr.</i>	<i>Deceased Cusick &amp; Ray Family Members</i>	<i>Eugene &amp; Priscilla Zielinski</i>
<i>Diane Emrick</i>	<i>Michael &amp; Angeline</i>	<i>Deceased Members of the Zielinski Family</i>
<i>Debra Phelps</i>	<i>Swieczkowski</i>	<i>Deceased Members of the Wilinski Family</i>
<i>Michael Buffmyer</i>	<i>Fred Schulte</i>	<i>Deceased Members of the Stickney Family</i>
<i>Richard Dahl</i>	<i>The Roberti Family</i>	<i>Al &amp; Joan Morrison</i>
<i>Thelma &amp; Bert Cremers</i>	<i>The Murray Family</i>	<i>Liam Payne</i>
<i>Sandra Kratt</i>	<i>Peter Formanczyk</i>	<i>Oliver Lale</i>
<i>J &amp; G Chrustowski</i>	<i>Phyllis Aszurek</i>	<i>Olivia Lale</i>
<i>J &amp; W Chrustowski</i>	<i>Gerald &amp; Margaret Collins</i>	<i>Marc Grieshabee</i>
<i>S &amp; M Kalinowski</i>	<i>George &amp; Nora Huth</i>	<i>John Mukalla</i>
<i>Ciriaco Ganir</i>	<i>Helena &amp; Bronislaw Baranski</i>	<i>Edw. Petrous</i>
<i>Evnest Kusiak</i>	<i>Anna &amp; Frank Kuziemko</i>	<i>Loretta Petrous</i>
<i>Alberta Kusiak</i>	<i>Maria Walewska</i>	<i>Jessie &amp; Anna Davis</i>
<i>Susan Smith</i>		<i>Danny &amp; Elizabeth Maurus</i>
<i>Jan Darner</i>		
<i>Donald Barrett</i>		
<i>Rosalie Barrett</i>		
<i>Donald Wyniemko</i>		



# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## Youth spotlight: Danielle Griffor

Danielle is a freshman at Wayne State University. She is studying Neuroscience. A recent graduate of Utica High School, Danielle has been very active in our faith formation program as both a catechist and cornerstone of our youth group. She was a leader for our most recent retreat "The Edge", in which she created the logo and helped plan all activities. Danielle also leads our Communion Services during Stations of the Cross throughout Lent. She is truly a saint in the making and continues to be an integral part of our youth movement, helping develop several of our latest endeavors, a young adult ministry program and families taking communion to the homebound. Danielle recently received a Timothy Award for Christian Teen Leadership from the Archdiocese of Detroit. She is active in competitive powerlifting and loves to run and read.



"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives."

-John 14:27



"What keeps me going is putting my full trust in God. He put me on this earth for a purpose and I am doing my best to fulfill that until I rest. He reminds me every day that I should not live for worldly things, but rather focus on the higher power above me. A big part of that focus is everything I am involved in at the church and I am truly grateful to be where I am supposed to be." -Danielle Griffor





## Readings for the The Third Sunday of Advent

### Reading I *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lamp leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

### Reading II *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### Gospel *Matthew 11:2-11*

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert and see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

## Readings for the Week

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**Sunday, December 14, 2025:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**Monday, December 15, 2025:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

**Thursday, December 18, 2025:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

**Friday, December 19, 2025:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Saturday, December 20, 2025:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday, December 21, 2025:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert. Why? What are we expecting to see?

### What We See in the Desert

I've always wanted to see a real desert.

I know all about frigid, snowy winters and warm, wet summers. I grew up on rich soil that yields lush vegetation and bountiful harvests. But I've never experienced a desert, not in my own country or abroad, and I'm curious.

I know there must be something magical about the desert for it to feature so heavily in Scripture, for it to provide a backdrop to so many crucial moments of salvation history. The Israelites following the cloud, the temptation of Christ, the voice crying out: "Prepare the way for the Lord."

Why do these moments have to happen in a desert? Why do they make so much less sense in a tropical rainforest or a verdant forest?

I think it's because the desert doesn't have anything to offer us, at first glance. No one longs for the physical sensation of a dry heat and a beating sun. But the vast emptiness and the almost mystical harshness — even if we don't desire and delight in it, this is a setting that we understand, somehow, intrinsically. We know it deep within our soul. God is there.

We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert.

Why? What are we expecting to see?

If we expect to be entertained, we will be disappointed. If we expect reassurance, we will be disappointed. If we expect to feel pleasant and safe and sheltered, we will be disappointed.

The desert is there to challenge us. The desert is there to show us who we are, and who we can be.

So go.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Leading the Way

There are many examples of false prophets in history. Some of these gifted charlatans have led people away from family and friends. They have led people to do evil things, like stealing, torture, or even murder. It is amazing how those gifted with charisma can lead others down such a destructive path. In today's modern world filled with so much technology and sophisticated communication platforms, one must be careful not to buy into a lie or scam so easily.

John the Baptist didn't have any modern technology in his toolbox as he was preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus. He moved people with a profound message and by the way he lived his life. People questioned whether he was the One who was to come, but he assured them that he was not the One. Instead, all he did was to prepare people for Jesus' coming.

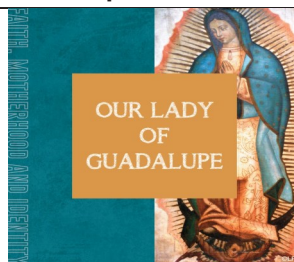
You and I can either lead people to Jesus by our words and actions, or we can lead them away from him. Our stewardship can be a powerful witness to how Jesus has changed our lives. Unfortunately, if we are not changed and instead act in ways that are contrary to a mature disciple, we can lead people down the wrong path. During the Advent season, there is much to be done in our homes and with our families to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. However, this is not about a day; it is about Jesus. May our actions and words bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives, not just during this season, but all year long.



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

Mr. & Mrs. John Kulczycki

### Devotions, *Explained!* Our Lady of Guadalupe



#### Mini Explanation

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Explained!*

The four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in December 1531, when Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to the Catholic faith, encountered a woman dressed as an Aztec princess on Tepeyac Hill in present-day Mexico City. The woman, who was pregnant, spoke to him in his native language. She identified herself as the Mother of God.

Over the next four apparitions, Our Lady requested that Juan Diego implore the local bishop to build a church on the hill, and performed miracles to prove her identity. Through one of the miracles, she imprinted her image onto Juan Diego's *tilma*, or cloak; the *tilma* bearing that image can still be viewed today at the basilica which now stands on the site of the apparition.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is venerated as the Patroness of the Americas, and she is beloved worldwide as a symbol of motherhood, faith and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our  
Savior  
will come

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

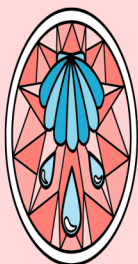
This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir

### 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



# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Barbara Liwo

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+William O'Neill (1st R.A.)

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Friday, December 19, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Emmanuel Raphael

+Rose Marie Sobota

+Karin Nieto

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Joan Herbert

+Mary Jean Calmi

+Marian & Lottie Kobus

+Hanora Bates

+Rose Marie Calmi

+Franklin Langenstein

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Karin Nieto

Thanksgiving Brendo & Khristine Cochiasue

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**10:30 a.m.**

Deceased Members of the Martineau Family

+Jane Pomper DeHart

+Joan Droz

+Fred Schulte

+Debbie Waller

Members of the Caudal Family

Members of the Feliciano Family

**5:30 p.m.**

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Goupil Parish



## Advent Week 3

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Season That Gives Back

*I don't have anything left to give.*

*You can't pour from an empty cup.*

*All I do is give. Who is giving to me?*

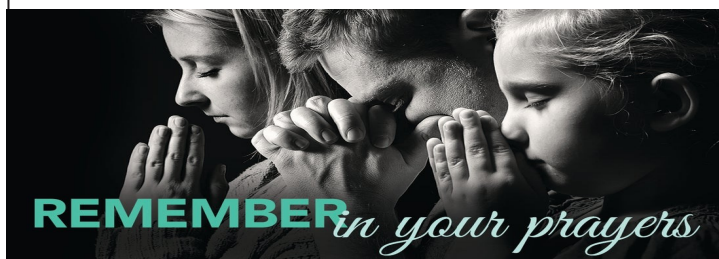
Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

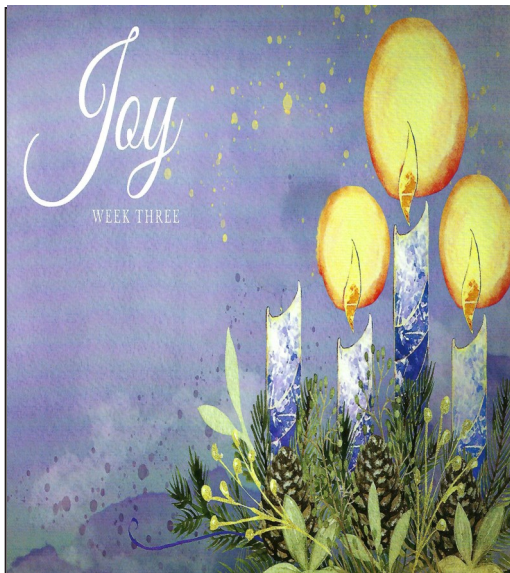
If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**REMEMBER** in your prayers





As we light the rose-colored candle on Gaudete Sunday, we know that the arrival of Christ is almost upon us. Our hearts are full.

The Gospel acclamation from 1 Thessalonians 5:16 says it simply – Rejoice always.

But how can we rejoice in a world full of sorrow? Amid illness and want, injustice and hate?

St. Dominic found that joy was not only comforting, but life-giving. Walking the fields of France, he was aware of an impending attack by men sent to kill him but continued his songs and prayers. His would-be assassins were so taken aback by his joy that they did not harm him.

Can you find that same life-giving joy in the eyes of someone else, and in the small acts of kindness that surround you?

Remember God is with us. Mary is waiting with us to bring the light of her Son into our darkness. As we light this candle, pray for light and love to come into our hearts.

## 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>

## 32 SUNDAY IN ADVENT



# IMPORTANT

## 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](http://strene.org) our parish website.



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://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 December 20 & 21

	<b>Saturday 4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30 PM</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
<b>Lector</b>	Ana Divina	Wendi Lillie	Thess Monteiro	Ricky Yulo
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lance Tolentino	Rom Beltran	Paul Havern	Open
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K, Moravek G. Labinski	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	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
<b>Sacristan</b>	K. Moravek	R. Beltran	T. Monteiro	Open

### Weekend Liturgy Schedule for December 24 & 25

	<b>Saturday 4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30 PM</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	NO MASS
<b>Lector</b>	Wendi Lillie	Rob Wilson	Marv Laubach	NO MASS
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lance Tolentino	Rom Beltran	Phat & Phong Le	NO MASS
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	L. Nosek G. Labinski	Open Open	G. Yeck M. Laubach	NO MASS
<b>Ushers</b>	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	NO MASS
<b>Sacristan</b>	R. Kranson	R. Beltran	G. Yeck	NO MASS

<b>Altar Care Team: Friday, December 19th Team 2 Roxann Klee Antonina Notarantonio Suong Le</b>	<b>Weekday Liturgy Schedule for December</b>			
	<b>Week</b>	Tuesday, December 16, 2025	Thursday, December 18, 2025	Friday, December 19, 2025
	<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Libor	Fr. Steve
	<b>Lector</b>	B. Wyrwicz	L. Youkhana	D. Monterosso
	<b>Sacristan</b>	R. Beltran	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
<b>Altar Linen: December Denise Link</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson	M. Peterson



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: laundry soap, hand soap, dish soap, toothpaste and toilet paper.**



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ST. RENE GOUPIL  
PARISH  
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**Our Sunday Offering  
December 6 & 7  
Thank you for your  
generous response.  
God Bless you!**

#### WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](http://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.



If you have borrowed a Pyx from the Church office and are no longer in need of using it, could you please return it to the office.  
Thank You!

## Scrambled Egg Casserole



1 cup cubed ham or Canadian bacon  
1/4 cup chopped green onion  
3 Tbs. melted butter  
1 dz. Eggs, beaten  
4 oz. can sliced mushrooms-drained  
1/4 cup melted butter  
2 1/4 cups soft bread crumbs  
1/8 tsp. paprika  
\*cheese sauce (below)

Sauté ham and green onion in Tbs. butter in a large skillet until onion is tender. Add eggs and cook over medium-high heat, stirring to form soft curds; when eggs are set, stir in the mushrooms and cheese sauce. Spoon into a greased 13x9 pan. Combine 1/4 cup melted butter and bread crumbs, mixing well; spread evenly over egg mixture. Sprinkle with paprika. Cover and chill overnight. Uncover and bake at 350 F for 30 minutes or until heated thoroughly. (Serves 12-15)

#### Cheese Sauce:

2 Tbs. butter  
2 1/2 Tbs. all-purpose flour  
2 cups milk  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. pepper  
1 cup shredded American or cheddar cheese

Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat; blend in flour and cook 1 minute. Gradually add milk; cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Add salt, pepper and cheese stirring until the cheese melts and the mixture is smooth. (Yield: 2 1/2 cups)

Archdiocesan Restructuring QR Code/Link  
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[https://www.restructuring\\_aod.org](https://www.restructuring_aod.org)



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:

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

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

**Monday @ 12 Noon, Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.,  
Thursday @ 8:00 a.m. and Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 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  
of Macomb**  
*Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300*  
**St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)**  
*(586) 718-4523*  
**Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C**  
*(586) 556-2122*

### Weekend Liturgy Schedule

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

### Weekday Mass

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

### Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

## WELCOME

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

## 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.

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