

Notes from Fr. Steve

All Souls' Day is a day of remembrance and reflection, set aside by the Catholic Church to honor all departed souls. In November, we gather for Mass to remember and pray for those we have lost. This day allows us to bring forward our grief, lay it at the altar, and find peace and hope in the promise of eternal life. If you've lost someone dear to you over the past year, we especially invite you to join this sacred gathering. Together, we can find solace, honor cherished memories, and draw strength from our faith and one another.

All Souls' Day holds a special place in the Catholic tradition. Rooted in the belief that our prayers can aid those who have passed on, we use this to pray that our loved ones may find eternal rest and be purified in God's presence. This Mass is a powerful way to honor the departed, offering comfort to those who mourn and reminding us of the resurrection and reunion promised by our faith.

Losing someone close is a journey, and the recent months can be especially challenging. This year, we extend a heartfelt welcome to those who have recently experienced loss. Whether this is your first All Souls' Day Mass or a continuation of a tradition, we hope this service will be a source of comfort. Here you'll find others who understand the unique ache of recent grief, as well as those who have walked this path before.

Our community welcomes you, offering prayers, comfort, and a shared understanding that honors both your loved one's life and your ongoing journey. This special Mass allows us to name our losses, voice our prayers, and remember that, in Christ, love endures beyond the grave.

The All Souls' Day Mass is solemn and reflective, designed to offer a sense of hope through remembrance. The service typically includes special prayers, readings focused on eternal life, and the lighting of candles. Names of loved ones may be read aloud, or candles may be lit to represent those who have passed.

In the moments of silence, in the echoes of prayer, and in the words of the Gospel, we remember our loved ones and hold close the hope of reunion. This experience helps us let go of sorrow, even if for a brief time, as we gather in shared faith.

Being together in a community of shared faith can be deeply comforting especially in times of grief. On All Souls' Day, we are reminded that we are not alone-our prayers for our loved ones are joined with the prayers of the Church worldwide. Whether you come alone or with family and friends, you will be surrounded by a congregation united in compassion, prayer, and hope.

While All Souls' Day is an occasion to look back and remember, it also offers us a way forward. This Mass reminds us of the promise of eternal life and the enduring connection we hold with those who have gone before us. We leave with a strengthened spirit, empowered to carry their memory forward in love, with hope for the day we meet again.

I want to thank those of you who came to St. Rene for our All Souls Mass, be assured of our prayers, as you remember the life of your loved one.

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



Don't forget to turn your clocks back. Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3, 2024



"For those who believe Life has changed Not ended"

Roberto Bastianelli

Rosemarie Calmi

Kristen Cattini

Marilyn Cavataio

Kenneth Collins

Anthony DeBene

Benito Delfin

Marion Dominski

Anna Filipiak

Betty Jean Frezza

Adrian Gonska

Evan Gonzales

Patricia Johnson

Frances Karpinski

Camille Keyes

Fredrick Kiewski

Edward Koehler

James Koehler

Maybelle Koehler

Christine Laubach

Remedios Lim

Daniel Mervich

Daniel O'Neil

James Reaume

Beverly Romeo

Edward Schillag

Shirley Schima

Robert Shiner

Charles Stefek

Catherine Stevens

Teresa Szczomak

Joseph Tempalskí

Lena Varndell

Alexander Viviano

Deborah Waller

Margaret Wichlacz



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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him? What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme of loving God fully and completely with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength resonates throughout the First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy and in the Gospel of St. Mark. In the Gospel, when Jesus is questioned, He cites Deuteronomy directly about loving God completely as the First Commandment, with the Second directive to love your neighbor as yourself. Through our discipleship, we, as Christian stewards, hold both of these Commandments as a foundation for evangelization through witness of our stewardship way of life. In the letter to the Hebrews, the sacred writer describes how Christ as high priest shows us the way to God and continues today to do so through the ordained priesthood. We can show our love of neighbor by giving time at a local soup kitchen or supporting our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

SOCK DRIVE



It's time again for our "Annual Sock Dive." We are collecting men's warm socks ("NEW" socks only) for the homeless. These socks will be distributed to the less fortunate to help keep their feet warm this winter. (Long white tube socks are especially needed).

There will be a container in the gathering area for the collections. The sock drive will run through the end of November.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

God Bless!

Readings for The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Reading II *Hebrews 7:23-28*

Brothers and sisters: The Levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Gospel Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him and more questions.

Sunday, November 3, 2024: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday, November 4, 2024: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 5, 2024: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 6, 2024: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 7, 2024: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 8, 2024: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 9, 2024: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Sunday, November 10, 2024:1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



Tuesday, November 5, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Fr. Bob Schafer
- +Deacon Edward Swartz
- +Frank Suhy

Thursday, November 7, 2024 9:30 a.m.

Intention of Florence & Thomas Nagle Trinidad Camitan (Birthday)

Friday, November 8, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Mary Hackett
- +Camille Keyes
- +Kristen Cattini

Saturday, November 9, 2024 4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert

David Boni

+Rosemarie Calmi

Parishioners of St. Rene

- +Beverly Romeo
- +Maybelle Koehler
- +Fred Schulte
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Marge Wichlacz

Sunday, November 10, 2024 8:30 a.m.

- +Joanne Tokatlian (2nd R.A.)
- +Sharon Murawski
- +Benito Llemit
- +Maria Llemit

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Knights of Columbus-St. Nicholas Council and Families

- +Rose Zappa
- +Sam Zappa
- +Walt Kalcevic
- +Jacob Bayuga
- +Arturo Orzame
- +James Quirk
- +Jean Defauw

Marlo Vital

Africa Vital

- +Georges & Sabyha Abdul-Ghani
- +Yousif & Munira Dawood
- +Vivian Joura

Librada Vital

+Duane Gavrilek

5:30 p.m.

Dylan Ventimiglia (Healing)



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



COME SUPPORT OUR PILGRIMS GOING TO SEE THE POPE! A PERCENTAGE OF SALES WILL BE DONTATED TO US!

All Day Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Chick-fil-A 13811 Hall Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48315

IN PERSON ORDERING: Begin your order by saying "I'm With the Spirit Night". You must let them know you are with the Spirit Night, otherwise, your order will not count toward the fundraiser.

MOBILE ORDERING: In the Chick-Fil-A One App, select the "Support Community Care Event" button during check out, and enter code: 48317.

THANK YOU for your support!

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for November 9 & 10				
	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	Wendi Lillie	Flor Sitchon	Ricky Yulo
Altar Servers	Helen DeVera	Karin Nieto	Paul Havern	
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana L. Nosek	Open Open	F. Sitchon A. Sitchon	Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	H. DeVera	V. Jennings

Altar Care Team: Friday, November 8th Team 1

Bibiane Gagnon Joyce Fackler

Altar Linen:

November:

A. Sales

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.













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





Our Sunday Offering October 26 & 27 Thank you for your generous response.

God Bless you!

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.



Salmon Patties

1 lb. can pink salmon

2 eggs—beaten

1/4 c. milk

1 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. pepper

1/2 c. fine cracker crumbs

6 Tbsp. shortening

Drain and remove bones and skin from salmon. Flake. Beat eggs and add to milk and then add salmon. Add seasoning and cracker crumbs. Form into six large patties. Melt shortening in skillet, place patties into hot shortening, and brown on both sides. (Serves 4-6).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus' brief but allencompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir



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 Libecki Mark Locricchio (Army) Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army) LCPL Miguel Menzer SPC Matthew Muellenhagen

Maj. Eric Olson

Chief Daniel Przybylinski

(Navy)

Justin Quinn (Marines) Anthony Roszko (Army)

Lt. Greg Siuta Maj. Allison Stewart

Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.

ISG Robert Sutton Sgt. Matthew Sweetman Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Amen.



Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

Uncommitted Hours
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

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

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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

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.

