

# **Notes from Fr. Steve**

The modern Catholic teaching on labor originates with Pope Leo XIII's landmark 1891 encyclical Rerum Novarum ("On Capital and Labor"), which addressed exploitation of workers during the industrial Revolution. It defended the rights of laborers to form unions, affirmed the legitimacy of private property, and called for a living wage to support workers and their families.

- Pope Pius XI advanced this though *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931), developing principles such as solidarity and subsidiarity to reshape social and economic order.
- In 1981, Pope John Paul II's Laborem Exercens highlighted that work is more than a
  necessity—it's integral to human nature, a collaboration with God, and rejects treating
  workers merely as economic units.

The Church affirms that works is central to human identity. It helps individuals fulfill physical needs, express creativity, and participate in the common good. As the *Catechism* teaches, through work, humans join God's creative act. The rights to just wages is non-negotiable: denying it is grave injustice. Wages should enable a decent livelihood—materially, socially, and spiritually. Work also implies rights to safe conditions, rest, pensions, protection of moral integrity, and social association such as forming unions.

Labor is personalizing: it forms one's identity and enhances one's humanity. Pope John Paul II stated that through work one becomes "more a human being" Work links us with others: it builds community, elevates cultural and moral standards, and binds people together in solidarity. The US bishop emphasize that work makes individuals "subjects and creators of the economic life" and central contributions to economic justice.

Catholic teaching maintains that labor has priority over capital. Economic systems must respect workers' rights while balancing the common good. Workers have responsibilities too—fair work for fair pay, respect for others, and promoting the common good. Principles like solidarity and subsidiarity ensure higher authorities support—not override—local communities and institutions in safeguarding human dignity.

In modern times, widespread unemployment, underemployment, and precarious work remain moral and spiritual threats, wounding individual and family stability <u>USCCB+1</u>. The rapid pace of globalization and advancing technology heighten vulnerability of workers—enforcing exploitation If not regulated, intensifying the need for protective rights and equitable systems. Inspired by these teachings, Catholics continue advocating for living wages, safe working conditions, family-supportive policies, union rights, and economic systems that serve people—not treat them as common.

Every person is more than a laborer; they bear the image of God.

I want to thank everyone who gave to the collection for the starving in Gaza! Your support made the collection a great success, we collected close to \$3,000.00.

As always, I ask you 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 your families!

Fr. Steve

# **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 <a href="https://www.detroitcatholic.com">https://www.detroitcatholic.com</a>



In Celebration
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on
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Thank you to the parishioners who have already pledged their support. The ministries, programs and services funded by the Catholic Services Appeal help in our parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. If you are still prayerfully considering your sacrificial gift to this year's CSA, you may send your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope

you received in the mail. You are also encouraged to make your pledge and gift to our parish's campaign online at <a href="GiveCSA.org">GiveCSA.org</a> or you can scan the QR code and donate to CSA, just make sure to put CSA in the note section when you submit your donation online.





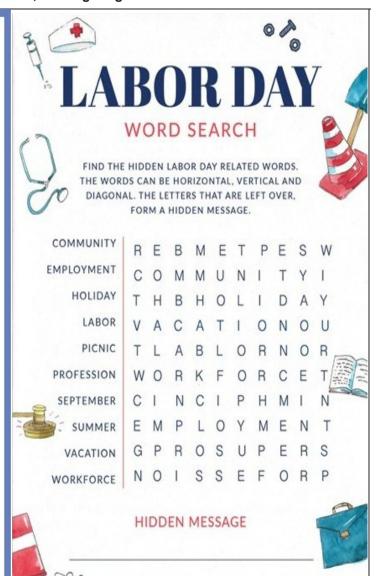
# **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The topic of humility is articulated in today's First Reading and St. Luke's Gospel. The Scripture passage from Sirach teaches that the humble person is loved, God-favored, and able to atone for sins through the giving of alms. In the Gospel, Jesus narrates a parable about humility to expose the arrogant Pharisees: ...everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Faithful stewards humbly recognize God as the source and giver of all gifts. We exhibit true humility when we discern and find His will instead of following our own. It is in unison with God's will that we find true joy, peace, and happiness in this world. Humility occurs when we serve other's needs before our own in Corporal Works of Mercy without the expectation of repayment. These acts of stewardship—sacrificing our time, talent, and treasure for others—help rebuild God's Kingdom here and pave the way to eternal joy.



Labor Day is celebrated in the United States on the first Monday of September. The jumbles here include include both historically significant words and ways people celebrate today.

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Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest."

Matthew 11:28-30

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# Readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reading I** Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

**Reading II** *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a* 

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

**Gospel** *Luke 14:1, 7-14* 

On the sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you were invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exults himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

# Readings for the Meek

**Sunday, August 31, 2025:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday, September 1, 2025:1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025:1** Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 3, 2025:Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday, September 4, 2025:**Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 5, 2025:Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday, September 6, 2025:**Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 7, 2025: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 14:1, 7-14

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir



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

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Christiansen Mr. Zachary Zalewski Ms. Julia Siwicki



#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

## **Humility and Stewardship**

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiquities dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Give Graciously

I love the verse in Sirach where it says, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts. When we start to think that all we are called to do is give for the sake of giving, we have missed the point.

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.

Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of gifts should make us very humble anyway.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Devotions, *Explained!* Imago Divina

## **Mini Explanation**

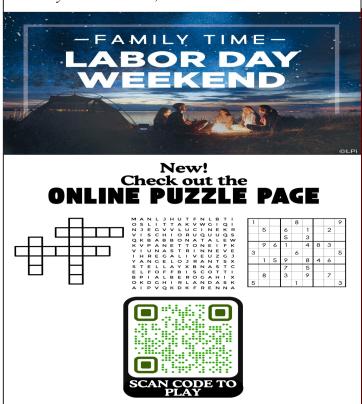
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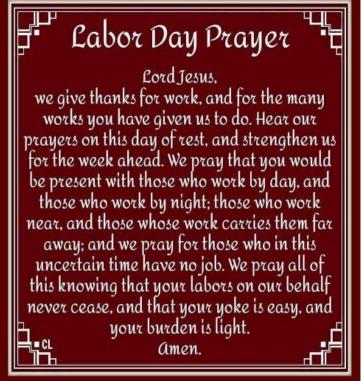
practice of *lectio divina* (literally, "divine lesson"). Imago divina is, in a sense, praying with one's eyes, using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

## Imago Divina, Explained!

*Imago divina* (Latin for "divine image") is an extension of the ancient practice of *lectio divina* ("divine reading"). Imago divina is, in a sense, praying with one's eyes, or using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

Believers have always connected with the divine through visual representations of faith. This can be seen in the frescoes that adorn the walls of the catacombs, in the glory of Rococo architecture, and in the stained glass windows of a simple country church. "Art is capable of making visible our need to go beyond what we see and it reveals our thirst for infinite beauty, for God," said Pope Benedict in 2011. In practicing *imago divina*, just like with *lectio divina*, the faithful "read" (or view), reflect, respond and rest with the image, inviting the Holy Spirit to move them accordingly.







# Tuesday, September 2, 2025 9:30 a.m.

- +Barbara Liwo
- +Eduardo Tamayo
- +John "Ozzy" Osbourne

# Thursday, September 4, 2025 9:30 a.m.

+Benedetto "Ben" Galletti

# Friday, September 5, 2025 9:30 a.m.

+Lottie Kobus

# Saturday, September 6, 2025 4:00 p.m.

- +Felix & Rita Gatt
- +David Gronson (4th R.A.)
- +Steven Herbert
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Anthony, Ted & John Mroz
- +Robert Newberry (2nd R.A.)
- +Ken Wyniemko
- +Frank Leonardi
- +Marian & Lottie Kobus
- +John Rzeppa Sr. (Birthday Remembrance)

# Sunday, September 7, 2025 8:30 a.m.

+Barbara Liwo

#### 10:30 a.m.

+William O'Neill

Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus-St.

Nicholas Council and their families

+Frank Mastracci

Members of the Caudal Family

Members of the Feliciano Family

- +Marie McGoff
- +Zigmund Graczyk

### 5:30 p.m.

+Ellen Skonieczny

Mother of Daniela Ardelean



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini reflection: I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

## What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even *look* like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

#### HEAVENLY FATHER.

We thank you for the gift of the Church in Southeast Michigan.

We ask that just as Jesus instructed Saint Peter to tend and feed the sheep, our love for him may extend to others during this Missionary Year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide us as we hear the words "Follow me" and joyfully give witness to the hope that flows from the Body and Blood of Jesus, whom we truly receive in the Most Holy Eucharist.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.



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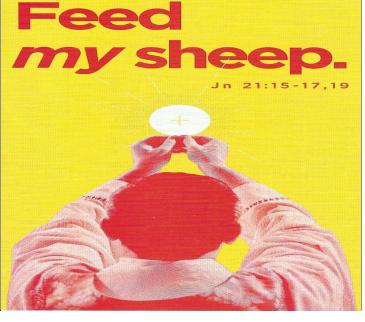
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule for September 6 & 7						
	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM		
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim		
Lector	Pat Pluta	Barbara Wyrwicz	Thess Monteiro	Jovita Engalan		
Altar Servers	Paul Havern	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	Open		
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Moravek G. Labinski	Open Open	G. Yeck P. Yeck	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 Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi		
Sacristan	K. Moravek	K. Nieto	G. Yeck	Open		

## Weekday Liturgy Schedule for August

Week	Tuesday, September 2, 2025	Thursday, September 4, 2025	Friday, September 5, 2025
Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	B. Wyrwicz	L. Youkhana	L. Hance
Sacristan	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	M. Peterson	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana

# **Altar Care Team:**

Friday, September 5th Team 2

Roxann Klee Karin Nieto Antonina Notarantonio

Church Vacuuming: Friday, September 5th OPEN

Altar Linen:
September:
Khristine Cochiaosue



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!

## **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 <a href="https://www.help.formed.org">www.help.formed.org</a> or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



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Our Sunday Offering August 23 & 24 Thank you for your generous response. God Bless you!

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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!

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: cooking oil, dish detergent, hand soap and laundry detergent.

# **Puffed Apple Cake**

4 med. Apples (sweet like Delicious)



2 tbsp. granulated sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

Dash of cinnamon

1 c. white flour

1 c. milk (can be low fat)

2 egg whites

2 lg. eggs

1 tbsp. sugar

1/4 tbsp. salt (if desired)

plate sprayed with Pam.

10x sugar, for dusting

Peel and core apples; cut into large narrow wedges. Melt butter in nonstick skillet. Add apple slices and sprinkle them with 2 tablespoons sugar. Cook over medium heat, stirring gently until apples have softened and liquid has evaporated. Mix in vanilla and sprinkle with cinnamon. Transfer apples to deep pie

In medium bowl, combine milk, flour, egg whites, eggs, sugar and salt; beat until well blended. About 45 minutes before serving time, preheat oven to 425 F for 10 minutes. Pour batter over hot fruit and bake for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 F and bake for another 10 to 15 minutes or until puffed and brown. Before serving, sprinkle with 10x sugar and cut into 6 wedges and serve.





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:

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- 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:

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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.



Joe Gill, Navy

# 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 @ 1:00 p.m. TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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# **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.

