SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community March 16, 2025

Notes from Fr. Steve

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are called to reflect on moments of profound revelation and transformation in our faith. In Luke 9:28b-36, we encounter the powerful narrative of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This is the gospel we heard from today at mass. This event, where Jesus is transfigured before Peter, John, and James, reveals a glimpse of his divine glory.

The transfiguration is a pivotal moment where Jesus, in prayer on the mountain, is transformed, and his face changes, shining brightly. Moses and Elijah appear, symbolizing the fulfillment of the Law of the Prophets in Jesus. Peter's response, wanting to build shelters for Jesus and the prophets, reflects the awe and wonder of witnesses such as divine manifestation.

This passage invites us to contemplate several key themes as we observe Lent. Firstly, it underscores Jesus' identity as the Son of God, affirming his divine nature and mission. In Lent, we are encouraged to deepen our understanding of Jesus' role in our lives and in the world.

Secondly, the Transfiguration serves as a foreshadowing of Christ's glory and the promise of resurrection. It offers hope and assurance that through the trials and challenges of Lent, there is the ultimate victory of light over darkness, life over death.

Thirdly, the presence of Moses and Elijah signifies continuity with the past—Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises throughout history. As we reflect during Lent, we are reminded of the rich tapestry of salvation history and our place within it.

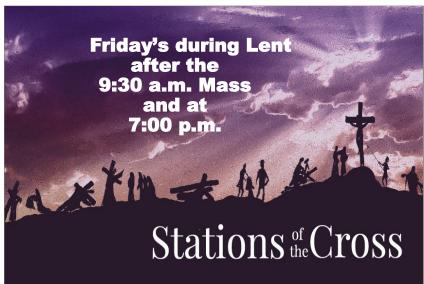
Moreover, Peter's desire to remain on the mountain, encapsulating the glory he witnessed, mirrors our own longing for moments of spiritual clarity and closeness to God. Lent encourages us to seek these transformative encounters with God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

In conclusion, the Transfiguration in Luke's Gospel offers us a profound Lenten meditation. It calls us to deepen our faith, embrace the transformative power of Christ's glory, and prepare our hearts to journey towards the cross and the joy of Easter morning. As we continue our Lenten observance, may we be inspired by the Transfiguration to walk ever closer with Jesus, our radiant Savior and guide.

Please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, com-

fort and peace.

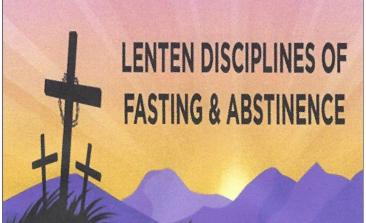
May this season of Lent be a time of renewal and spiritual growth as we anticipate the fullness of Christ's glory.



Fr. Steve

Jesus, dear Savior, during these days of Lent, I want to fast, to repent and to pray. Above all else I want to stay in the circle of Your love. Walk with me and surround me with Your light; lead me and guide me in Your footsteps. During this season of Lent help me to follow You and imitate Your love. May this cross remind me today and throughout Lent of Your great love for me.

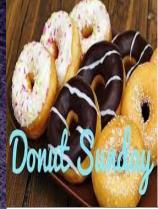
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Catholics who observe fasting during Lent follow these general rules:

- Fasting—Required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics aged 18 to 59. This means consuming only one full meal and up to two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal.
- 2. Abstinence from Meat Required on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent For Catholics aged 14 and older. This means avoiding meat from land animals (such as beef, pork, and chicken), but fish and other seafood are permitted.

Exceptions are made for those with health conditions, pregnant women, manual laborers, and others with special circumstances.



Please join us this
Sunday, March 16th
for
Donuts, Bagels
and Fellowship
in the Social Hall
after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

LENTEN TOWEL DRIVE



It is that time of year again...time for our annual Lenten Towel Project. We will be collecting brand-new bath towels and washcloths during the Lenten season; from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. These may be placed in the wooden bin near the library. These shelters are so appreciative of the help we provide every year.

The towels and wash-clothes will once again be distributed to the Salvation Army's MATTS (Macomb's Answer To Temporary Shelter) and Turning Point (a shelter for abused women and children).

Lent is a wonderful time of prayer and sacrifice. Please pray to see if it is in your heart to give a little to help these people who need so much.

May God bless you this Lent.

The Altar flowers
this weekend
are in
loving memory
of
Robert Serocki
as requested by his family



Readings for The Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so, "he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of right-eousness. He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year old heifer, a three-year old she-goat, a three-year old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.

Reading IIPhilippians 3:17—4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

Gospel Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up to the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud cane and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice has spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, March 16, 2025:Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday, March 17, 2025: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 18, 2025:Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

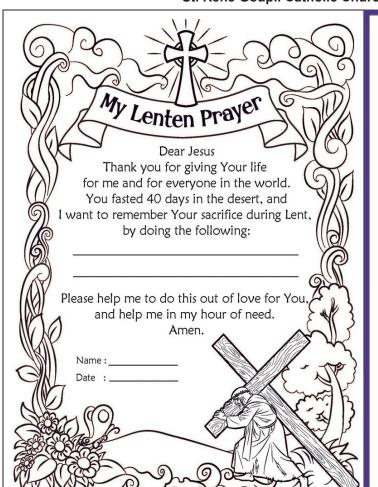
Wednesday, March 19, 2025:2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday, March 20, 2025: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 21, 2025:Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22, 2025: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 23, 2025:Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9*Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Our Lenten Prayer

Loving God,
During this season of Lent,
help us keep our eyes
on your Son, Jesus,
and our hearts open
to following His example.

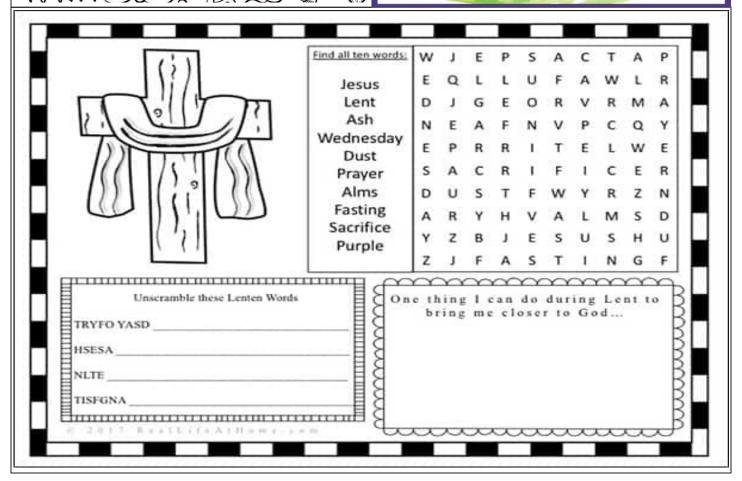
Help us grow stronger by learning to say "no" to our sins and our failings.

Help us spend more time in prayer, talking and listening to you.

Help us see the needs of others and share what we have with the poor, the hungry, and the homeless.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday of Lent Luke 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously reliving that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir



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

Mr. & Mrs. Amir Jarjis

Devotions, *Explained!* Taizé



Mini Explanation

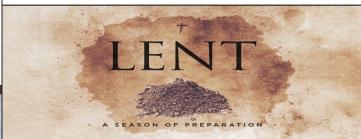
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Taizé, Explained

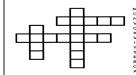
Taizé originated in France during World War II. It takes its name from the small town just southeast of Paris where Brother Roger Schutz, a Swiss Protestant, founded the community in the hopes of serving both Christian and Jewish refugees of the German-occupied country. In the years following World War II, Christian men from various traditions — Catholic and Protestant — came to live at Taizé and participate in Brother Roger's vision of ecumenism, social justice and peace, eventually forming a community of about 80 brothers from nearly 30 countries.

Today, Taizé continues to be a place of pilgrimage, particularly for young people, who visit the community in the tens of thousands each year.

Taizé has also become well-known for its style of music and prayer, which emphasizes silence, contemplation and stillness. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world.



Check out the ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE









Experience LENT like never before!

SOUP & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 5:45 PM

TEEN LED BIBLE STUDY (for all ages)
6:00 PM

TEEN LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS (for all ages)
7:00 PM



THREE FRIDAYS OF LENT March 14th, April 4th & April 11th





- Bible study based on 3 tenants of Lent: prayer, fasting, almsgiving
- Stations Of The Cross featuring a personal encounter with Christ



• Attend all 3 evenings and receive a gift prize upon completion

• Register online at JWJCatholic.Academy to receive a free journal



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WEEKEND

any or all events!

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025: FISH FRY, 4:00-7:00 P.M. @ ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL

World Youth Jubilee pilgrims will work at the fish fry @ St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Sterling Heights, MI World Youth Jubilee is in Rome: July 27- August 3, 2025



HOLY

<u>Saturday, March 22, 2025: Timothy Awards, 1:00 PM @ Our Lady of Czestochowa</u>



2025 recipients: Abbi Friedrich, Danielle Griffor, Phuong Le, Lilian Nguyen
Past recipients: Elizabeth Galadik, Jaise Bergmoser, Valentina Mansour, Dennis Surhigh,
Isabelle Gonzales, Sienna Roberts, Kümberly Storen, Aaron Amano, Madison Santiago

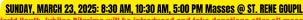
SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025: 4:00 PM Mass @ ST. RENE GOUPIL

World Youth Jubilee Pilgrims will be introduced and take donations after mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025: HOLY BROTHS! Fundraiser 5:00-7:00 PM @ ST. RENE GOUPIL

Jubilee Pilgrims will host a Soup and Salad Saturday Spectacular 🔉

- Soup, Salad, and stix meal (\$10/person, \$20/family)
- Soup sampling and "Best of Soup" competition
- A variety of gift baskets for raffle (additional cost)
- 50/50 raffle (additional cost)



World Youth Jubilee Pilgrims will be introduced and take donations after all masses



Thank You For Supporting Our World Youth Jubilee pilgrims!

ADULT CHAPERONES: Michael, Jack, Jessica, Annette, Michelle, Andrew, Karen, Jenniler, Kevin, Johannes Youth Pilgrims: Garile, Parker, Anna, Sean, Sienna, Kiera, Emma, Owen, Dennis, Abbi, Val, Charlee, Jessica, Fartah



A Soup and Salad Fundraiser for World Youth Jubilee 2025

featuring:

- · All you can eat soup. salad & stix
- · Soup sampling contest w/ Best of Soup prize
- basket raffles of all kinds
 50/50 drawing



Saturday, March 22nd 5:00 P.M. St. Rene Goupil

\$10/individual \$20/family

(Basket raffles and 50/50 at additional cost)

To enter a soup in the contest visit: JWJCatholic.Academy

ADULT CHAPERONES
Michael, Jack, Jessica,
Annette, Michaele, Andrew,
Karen, Jennifer, Kevin
TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMS
Carlie, Parker, Anna, Sean,

Sienna, Kiera, Emma, Owen, Dennis, Abbi, Val, Charlee Jessica, Farrah



Tuesday, March 18, 2025 9:30 a.m.

- +Michael Pope
- +Celi Esmana
- +Fr. Ed Baumgartner Melissa Cruz (Birthday)

Thursday, March 20, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Melissa Cruz

+Emmanuel Raphael

Friday, March 21, 2025 9:30 a.m.

+Betty Eschrich

Saturday, March 22, 2025 4:00 p.m.

- +Rosemarie Calmi
- +Maybelle Koehler
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Jerry Nowakowski
- +Walter Broski
- +Lottie Roman
- +Steven Herbert

Sunday, March 23, 2025 8:30 a.m.

- +John Wyrwicz
- +Joseph Andrion-Robbins (1st R.A.)

10:30 a.m.

+David Willick

Danny & Shivaun Wois (30th Wedding Anniversary)

+Josefa Luldjuraj

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Where do you live? I live in North Carolina. There I pay taxes, own a home, and belong to a parish. North Carolina is in the United States, so I also abide by federal laws, pay taxes, and vote for candidates in all sorts of elections. I identify as an American and try my best to meet certain expectations placed on me by the government, state, and fellow Americans. I do certain things because of my identity.

Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Our citizenship is in heaven." Being a U.S. citizen living in North Carolina places certain requirements on me. How many of us "citizens of heaven" take seriously the expectations and requirements of that citizenship? Sometimes we act like nothing is truly required of us.

Stewardship as a way of life requires us to take seriously what it means to be a citizen of heaven. We are called to follow the laws of the land we live in on this earth, but we are called to adhere to an even greater authority. Whether it be our call to act with charity and love or to follow the precepts of the Church, we must take seriously our status as citizen.

Unfortunately, many don't take seriously their citizenship on this earth either. People have given their very lives so that we may have the freedom to be citizens of our country and our state. Of course, many people have died for the citizenship of heaven as well. So it comes down to the question, who are you and to whom do you belong?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

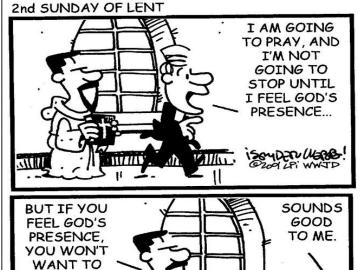
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and souland remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.











STOP...

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.



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You can find our bulletin online each week at strene.org our parish website. (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THE DIVINE CONFIDANTE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: It's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust when we're facing a situation that confuses or alarms us. But we all have a divine confidente that can help us sort through anything we're dealing with. Are we taking advantage of that?

The Divine Confidante

My husband pretty much knows that if he tells me something — anything — he's also telling my sister.

Most of us have that person that we run to when we have important information. I'm not even talking about gossip; I'm talking about stuff we just *have* to discuss. We joke that I don't really know how I feel about something until I've run it by my sister first.

There's not really anything wrong with that. When we're trying to figure out how to think about something that has happened or how to react to a certain situation, it's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust.

But what if we ran as quickly to discuss the situation with God as we did to discuss it with our "person?" Wouldn't that be ideal?

After witnessing the transfiguration — an event that had to have been as confusing as it was astounding — we hear that the disciples "fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."

When something profound, frightening, or confusing happens, our first confidante should be God. I'm reminded of Luke 2:19: "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." There is something to be said for taking a moment to keep that information sacred between ourselves and the One who can really help us confront it.

Sure, maybe we don't understand what just happened. Maybe we're scared by it. We don't really know how we feel about it. And that's totally okay. The divine confidante knows how to help us pray through that confusion, that fear.

If you're someone's "person" and they come to you wanting to talk, that's great. Talk it out. But remind them — and remind yourself — to pray about it as much as you talk about it.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

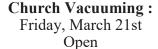
	Weekend Liturgy Schedule for March 22 & 23				
	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM	
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim	
Lector	Ana Divina	Alex Sitchon	Dori Fooy	Jovita Engalan	
Altar Servers	Paul Havern	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Na		
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana L. Nosek	Open Open	C. Sison F. 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	C. Sison	Open	

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for March

Week	Tuesday, March 18, 2025	Thursday, March 20, 2025	Friday, March 21, 2025	
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	
Lector	B. Wyrwicz	L. Youkhana	L. Hance	
Sacristan	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	L. Youkhana	
Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	

Altar Care Team:

Friday, March
21st
Team
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Roxann Klee
Karin Nieto
Antonina Notarantonio



Altar Linen: March:

Aiby Sales



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! God Bless!

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.



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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 automati-

cally 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.



TO ST. RENE GOUPIL

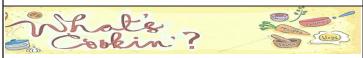


Our Sunday Offering March 8 & 9 Thank you for your generous response.

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.

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.



Minestrone Soup

1/2 c. chopped onion

1/2 tsp. minced garlic

2 to 3 sliced carrots

1/2 c. sliced celery

1/2 c. chopped cabbage

1/2 c. zucchini or yellow squash, cut into 1/2 inch pieces

2 (10 1/2 oz.) cans red kidney beans

1 (28 oz.) jar meatless spaghetti sauce

3 sm. Cans beef broth

1/4 tsp. pepper

1/2 tsp. salt

2 bay leaves

1/2 c. sm. Shells or 1/2 c. chili mac or 2 oz. vermicelli, cut in 1 inch pieces

4 c. water

Bring to a boil and simmer for approximately 1 hour. Serves 10.

Second Sunday of Lent

The topic of transformation links today's Scripture readings. In the Book of Genesis, God establishes a covenant-agreement with Abram, later named Abraham, to make him and the ancient Israelites a great nation. St. Paul professes to the Philippians:...our citizenship is in heaven and the Lord will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body. In St. Luke's Gospel, the evangelist narrates Peter, James, and John's miraculous experience of seeing Jesus Transfigured into His glory atop a mountain. In our evangelization efforts, we invite our brothers and sisters to share in Christ's joy, love, and peace—His Good News of salvation—to transform and convert their minds to being heart-filled missionary disciples in the Lord. We pray that as a result, they become stewards transformed into action. A powerful way to convert our minds to hearts dedicated to Christ through God's Word. Make Scripture reading and prayer part of our daily spiritual enrichment.



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.

Prayer for Family Unity

O holy St. Anthony, I fervently ask for your heavenly intercession on behalf of my family. Fill our hearts with mutual love, compassion, and understanding. Help us to be forgiving of each other's mistakes and failures, so that our family may reflect God's presence in our homes and in our lives. Grant us family harmony, unity and peace. Amen

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
Thursday 9 am & 10 am
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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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.

