

#### Notes from Fr. Steve

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated on the Sunday following the Epiphany, marks a pivotal moment in Jesus' earthly ministry and holds profound spiritual significance for Christians. On this day, we commemorate Jesus' baptism by John in the River Jordan, an event rich with symbolism and transformative meaning. It is not only a historical moment but also a spiritual invitation to us all.

Jesus' baptism is a theophany—a divine revelation of God's presence. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). In this moment, the mystery of the Trinity is revealed, and Jesus begins His public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

Though sinless, Jesus submitted to baptism to identify with humanity's need for repentance and to sanctify the waters of baptism for all who would follow Him. His baptism foreshadows His death and resurrection, through which He redeems us and opens the way to eternal life.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord invites us to reflect on our own baptism. It is a time to renew our commitment to Christ and to live out the promises made at the font of salvation. Here are three key ways this feast can spiritually impact us:

## 1. Renewal of Our Baptismal

At our baptism, we were adopted as children of God, marked by the Holy Spirit, and commissioned to share in Christ's mission. This feast reminds us who we are and calls us to live as beloved sons and daughters of God, Striving for holiness and love in our daily lives.

#### 2. A Call to Conversion

Just as John the Baptist's call to repentance prepared the way for Christ, we are reminded to turn away from sin and embrace a life of grace. The waters of baptism are not just a past event; they are a living reality that invites ongoing transformation and renewal.

## 3. Empowerment for Mission

Jesus' baptism launched His mission to being God's love to the world. Similarly, our baptism empowers us to be His hands and feet in the world. whether through acts of kindness, sharing the Gospel, or standing for justice, we are called to make Christ present in our communities.

As we celebrate this feast, consider renewing your baptismal promises and reflecting on how you can grow in faith. This might involve participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, praying for a deeper awareness of your identity as a child of God, or finding new ways to serve others.

Let this feast inspire us to live with greater purpose, knowing that through our baptism, we are united with Christ and called to shine His light in the world.

You will have noticed that our bulletin in much larger. That is a result of more people advertising in the bulletin. Please, consider using these resources when you are looking for services. The cost of advertisement in the bulletin pays for the cost of printing of the bulletin.

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. God bless you and those you love!!

Fr. Steve

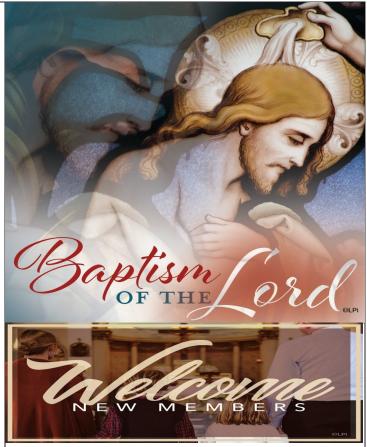
#### **Everyday Stewardship**

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Howard Shirkey** 

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John & Maribeth Ruedisueli

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# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

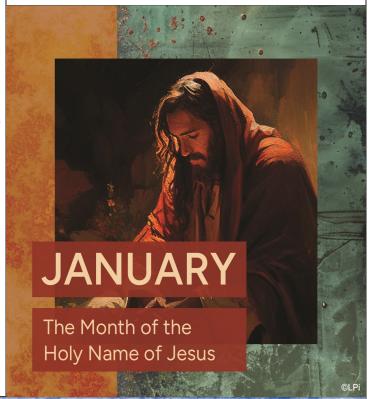
But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Baptism of the Lord

In today's Scripture readings, Isaiah foretells the preaching of Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. In the Gospel from the evangelist St. Luke, John professes: I am baptizing you with water...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. In a spirit of evangelization, let us draw closer to the Lord in discipleship, invoking the Holy Spirit to enkindle a fire in our hearts. May this fire move us forward as faithful stewards to carry out our baptismal promises to cast off evil and be committed to His Word, to love and serve God and our neighbor, and to spread the Gospel message of the Good News to everyone we encounter. We can begin to evangelize —or re-evangelize—family members and friends by simply inviting them to an evangelization program offered in the parish, like Alpha or Christ Life.



# Readings for the Meek

**Sunday, January 12, 2025:**Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday, January 13, 2025:**Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025:**Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 15, 2025: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 16, 2025:**Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 17, 2025:**Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 18, 2025:**Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 19, 2025: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

# Readings for The Baptism of the Lord

**Reading I** *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7* 

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Reading II
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

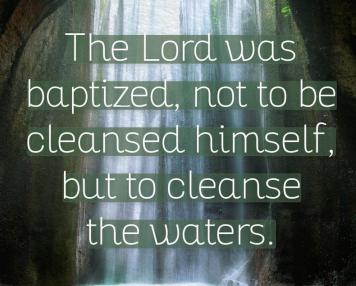
Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

**Gospel** *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22* 

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in boldly form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."







St. Ambrose of Milan -



Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Amen

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION** 

The Baptism of the Lord Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir



# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



# JANUARY 12, 2025: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A LONG TIME AGO, JESUS WENT TO THE RIVER JORDAN. THERE, A MAN NAMED JOHN WAS BAPTIZING PEOPLE BY DIPPING THEM IN THE WATER TO SHOW THEY WERE SORRY FOR THINGS THEY HAD DONE WRONG AND WANTED TO START FRESH. WHEN JESUS CAME TO JOHN, JOHN BAPTIZED JESUS. AS SOON AS JESUS CAME OUT OF THE WATER, SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENED! THE SKY OPENED UP, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME DOWN LIKE A DOVE. THEN, A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAID, "THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE; WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED." THIS WAS A SPECIAL MOMENT THAT SHOWED EVERYONE THAT JESUS WAS GOD'S SON.

#### BAPTISM OF THE LORD WORD SCRAMBLE

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## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

#### CREATE A PRAYERFUL WATER STATION

Set up a small "water station" at home where each family member can dip their fingers in water, make the sign of the cross on their forehead, and say a prayer. This activity helps everyone remember the sacrament and its significance while fostering a sense of unity and prayer as a family.

#### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD CRAFT**

As a family, make collaborative painting of the River Jordan where Jesus was baptized to connect to the story of the Baptism of the Lord and express creativity while learning about Jesus beginning his ministry.

DEAR JESUS,

YOU WERE BAPTIZED IN THE RIVER JORDAN,
A SIGN OF LOVE, SO PURE AND CLEAN.
HELP US FOLLOW YOU EACH DAY,
AND LIVE IN LOVE, IN EVERY WAY.
MAY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE OUR HEARTS,
AND LEAD US TO BE KIND FROM THE START.

AMEN.



#### Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:30 a.m.

- +Richard & Nadine Koehler
- +Delphine Knowles

#### Thursday, January 16, 2025 9:30 a.m.

- +Mary, Matthew & Rosie Chakian
- +Don Trudeau

#### Friday, January 17, 2025 9:30 a.m.

- +Ann McCloy
- +Dee Mullaney

#### Saturday, January 18, 2025 4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi

Parishioners of St. Rene

- +Maybelle Koehler
- +Franklin Langenstein

#### Sunday, January 19, 2025 8:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski

#### 10:30 a.m.

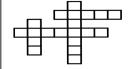
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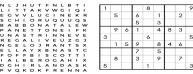
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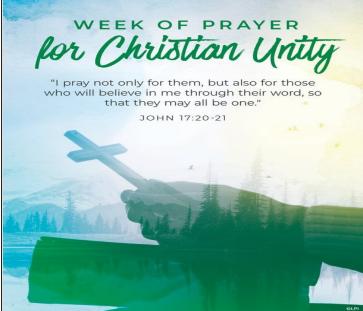


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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our Father,

We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort.

But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.

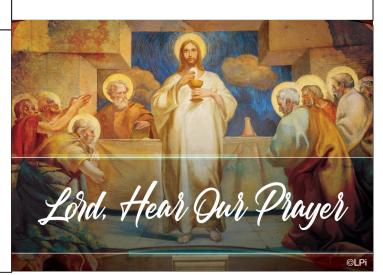
We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.

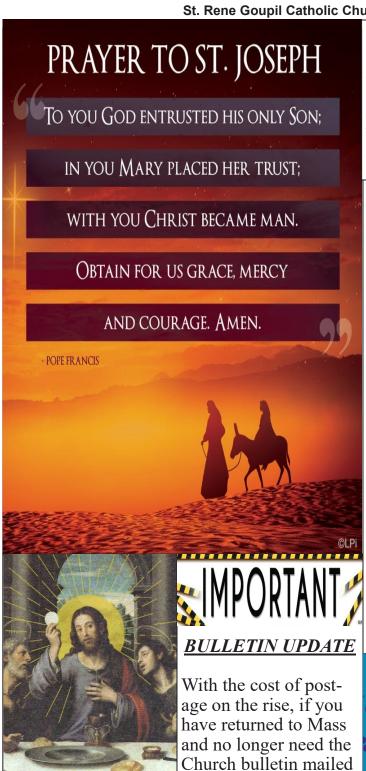
Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united

and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



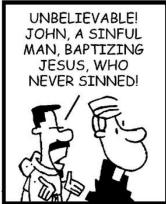


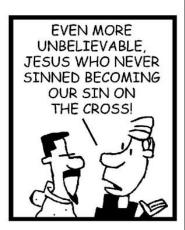
#### **Prayer for Baptism**

Oh God,

You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You. Amen.

#### BAPTISM OF THE LORD



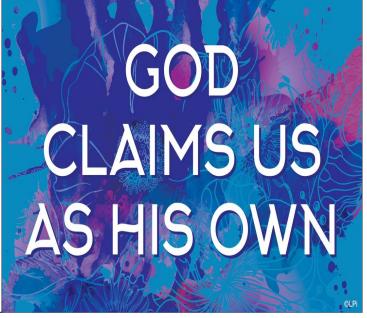




to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it.

You can find our bulletin online each week at strene.org our parish website.

eucharisticrevival.org



	Saturday 4:00PM			1	Sunday 5:30 PM	
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve		Fr. Tim	
Lector	Barbara Kiernan	Rob Wilson	Alex Sitch	on	Paul Hornung	
Altar Servers	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le			
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	A. Sitchon 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 Shau Tom Fooy Ralph Fact Wilmar Su Joe Meli Chrisie Fis Chris Nori Elmor Mo	kler an sh ris	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi	
Sacristan	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	H. DeVera		Open	
	Weekday I	Liturgy Schedule f	or Januai	ry		
Week	Tuesday, January 14, 202	Thursday, January	Thursday, January 16, 2025		Friday, January 17, 2025	
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Joy		Fr. Steve	
Lector	Barb Wyrwicz	Louis Youkhana	Louis Youkhana		Mary Peterson	
Sacristan	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto		Karin Nieto	
Eucharistic Minister	Karin Nieto	Mary Peterson	Mary Peterson		Louis Youkhana	

Friday, January 17th Team 2 Roxann Klee Karin Nieto Antonina Notarantonio

#### **Altar Linen:**

January:

Khristine Cochiaosue



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 g for 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

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 www.formed.org and click "Sign up."
- 2. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
- 3. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
- 4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
- 5. Now you're registered! You can also download the app on 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.

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.

### Items needed for food pantry:

Vegetable oil, salad dressing, spaghetti, fruit in a can, jam, canned potatoes, dehydrated mashed potatoes, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo and hand soap.



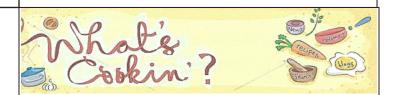
# PLEASE REMEMBER ST. RENE GOUPIL PARISH IN YOUR WILL

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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.



SCAN CODE TO DONATE



## **Lemon Rice Soup**

10.75 oz. can cream of chicken soup

1 1/4 cups milk

1/2 cup uncooked white rice

1 cup water

2 oz. lemon juice

In a medium saucepan combine soup and milk. Heat through while whisking. In a small pan boil 1 cup of water and uncooked rice. Reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes, or until tender. Add rice to soup and cook until heated through. Add lemon juice in small increments until a "subtle" lemon taste develops. Serve warm.



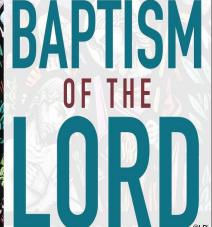
Our Sunday Offering January 4 & 5 Thank you for your generous response.

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.







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.



#### COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN?

In marriage, communication is more than just talking.

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## 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)

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 Wednesday 2pm & Friday 9am 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**

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

