



August 16, 2026

# St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community  
Sterling Heights



## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

## Notes from Fr. Steve

In a world filled with responsibilities, uncertainty, and daily challenges, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed. Yet, God offers us a source of peace and strength through **prayer and the reading of His Word**. Taking time each day to pray and reflect on the Bible can bring comfort to the heart, calm to the mind, and encouragement for the journey ahead.

Prayer gives us an opportunity to talk openly with God. We can bring Him our worries, fears, hopes, and struggles, knowing that He hears us. The Bible reminds us in **Philippians 4:6-7** not to be consumed by anxiety, but to bring our concerns to God through prayer and thanksgiving. When we do, God's peace can guard our hearts and minds.

Prayer does not mean that every problem will immediately disappear. Instead, prayer helps us remember that **we do not have to face our problems alone**. As we place our concerns in God's hands, we can find renewed strength and a sense of peace even in difficult circumstances.

Reading the Bible provides guidance, wisdom, and encouragement. Scripture reminds us of God's promises and helps us keep life's challenges in perspective. **Psalms 119:105**, tells us "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."

Whether we read a few verses in the morning, spend time studying a particular passage, or reflect on Scripture before going to bed, God's Word can become a steady source of hope. It can remind us that God's love is constant, His presence is near, and our lives have purpose.

Developing a regular routine of prayer and Bible reading doesn't have to be complicated. Even setting aside **10-15 quiet minutes each day** can make a meaningful difference. Find a peaceful place, put aside distractions, read a passage of Scripture, and spend a few moments talking with God about what is on your heart.

Over time, these simple moments can become a treasured part of the day. They allow us to slow down, reflect, and renew our relationship with God.

True well-being involves more than simply having a life free from difficulties. It includes having hope, purpose, spiritual strength, and the assurance that God is with us through every season.

As we pray and read His word, may we discover the peace described in **Isaiah 26:3**: "**You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.**"

**This week, take a few moments each day to pause, and open your Bible. Give God your worries, listen to His word, and allow His peace to refresh your mind, heart, and spirit.**

**The reorganization for the archdiocese continues. The archbishop wrote to all of the priests and asked them to remind the parishioners, that "every" priest would be moving from their current assignment at the end of June of next year. I know I have mentioned this at mass in passing, but to make sure every one knows, I am printing it here for you.**

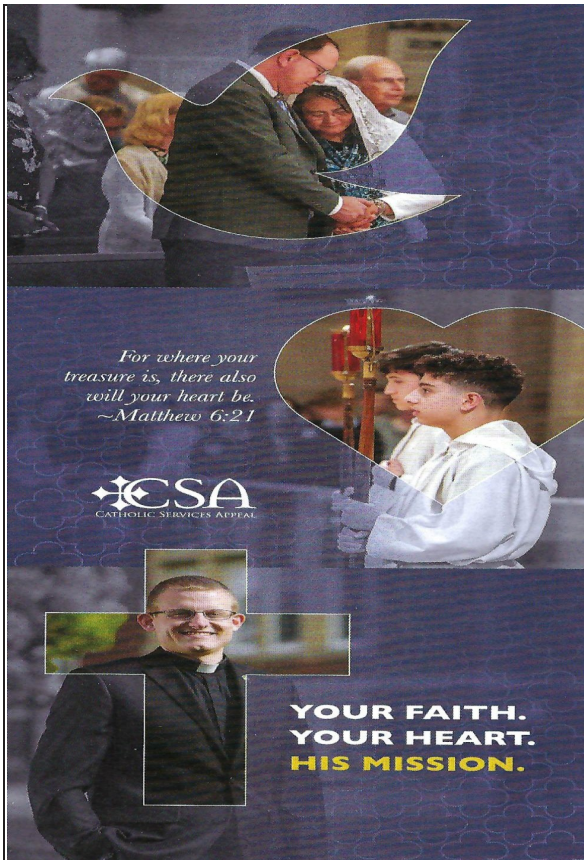
Last week I pulled a prayer request from the basket behind the statue of Jesus in the gathering area. The request for a 13th month old baby girl whose name is Amelia. She has a brain tumor and it is cancerous. Please, join me in praying for her recovery, and for her family as they make this journey.

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







**Almighty ever-living God,**

we know that all gifts come from you.

As good stewards we return them to you  
with heartfelt charity and gratitude.

May our service of prayer joyfully align  
our hearts to follow your will,

so that our talents may bring hope for the  
renewal of Christ's mission  
in our Archdiocese.

May the Holy Spirit guide us  
to generously entrust our financial treasures  
for the good of rebuilding the Church,

and to look toward our true treasure  
in heaven.

**Amen.**

*Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.*

*Saint Anne, pray for us.*

*Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.*



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YOUR HEART.  
HIS MISSION.**

*For where your treasure is,  
there also will your heart be.  
~Matthew 6:21*



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Please consider making a gift to  
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**SCAN CODE**

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 [GiveCSA.org](http://GiveCSA.org) 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.



Baptized on  
Sunday, August 16, 2026  
officiated by  
Deacon Kevin Kietz

Mason Robert Petrovski  
Luka Steven Petrovski  
Sofia Claire Petrovski  
Aurelia Tien Leehe  
Eric Ho





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## K-8 Catechism features:

- + Lectionary based catechesis
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Next up:



**Catechism That ROCKS!**



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday, August 16, 2026:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

**Monday, August 17, 2026:** Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday, August 18, 2026:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday, August 19, 2026:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday, August 20, 2026:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

**Friday, August 21, 2026:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday, August 22, 2026:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday, August 23, 2026:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

# GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**August 16, 2026**  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Matthew 15:21-28**

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."**

Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **"O woman, great is your faith,"** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— *Father John Muir*

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**Tuesday, August 18, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Dorothy Willick  
 Mary Morrison  
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Thursday, August 20, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Leah Bonrostro  
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Friday, August 21, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Leah Bonrostro  
 +Patrick Lomasney  
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Saturday, August 22, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.**

Sparky & Roxann Klee (Wedding Anniversary)  
 +Walter Broski  
 +Jerry Nowakowski  
 +Helen & Julia Boryn  
 +John & Julia Rzeppa  
 +Franklin Langenstein  
 +Larissa Robinson (1st R.A.)  
 Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

**Sunday, August 23, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.**

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families  
 +Mary Hackett

**10:30 a.m.**

+Rose Marie Sobota  
 +Edna Defauw  
 +Tom Butler  
 +Leah Bonrostro

**5:30 p.m.**

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish

## Breakfast Club

Please Join Pomeroy Living as we Host  
**St. Rene's Tuesday Breakfast Club**

**NEXT BREAKFAST: TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH**

**10:00AM-11:30AM**

Space is limited to 60 so make sure to reserve your spot today!

**RSVP to Kristen in the parish office by: Friday, August 21th**

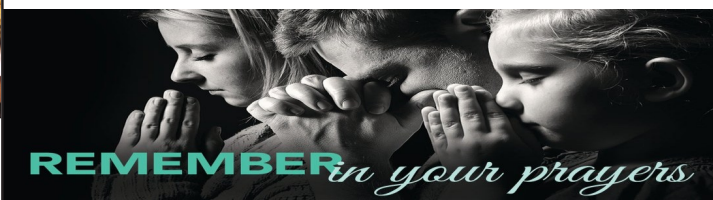
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**REMEMBER** in your prayers

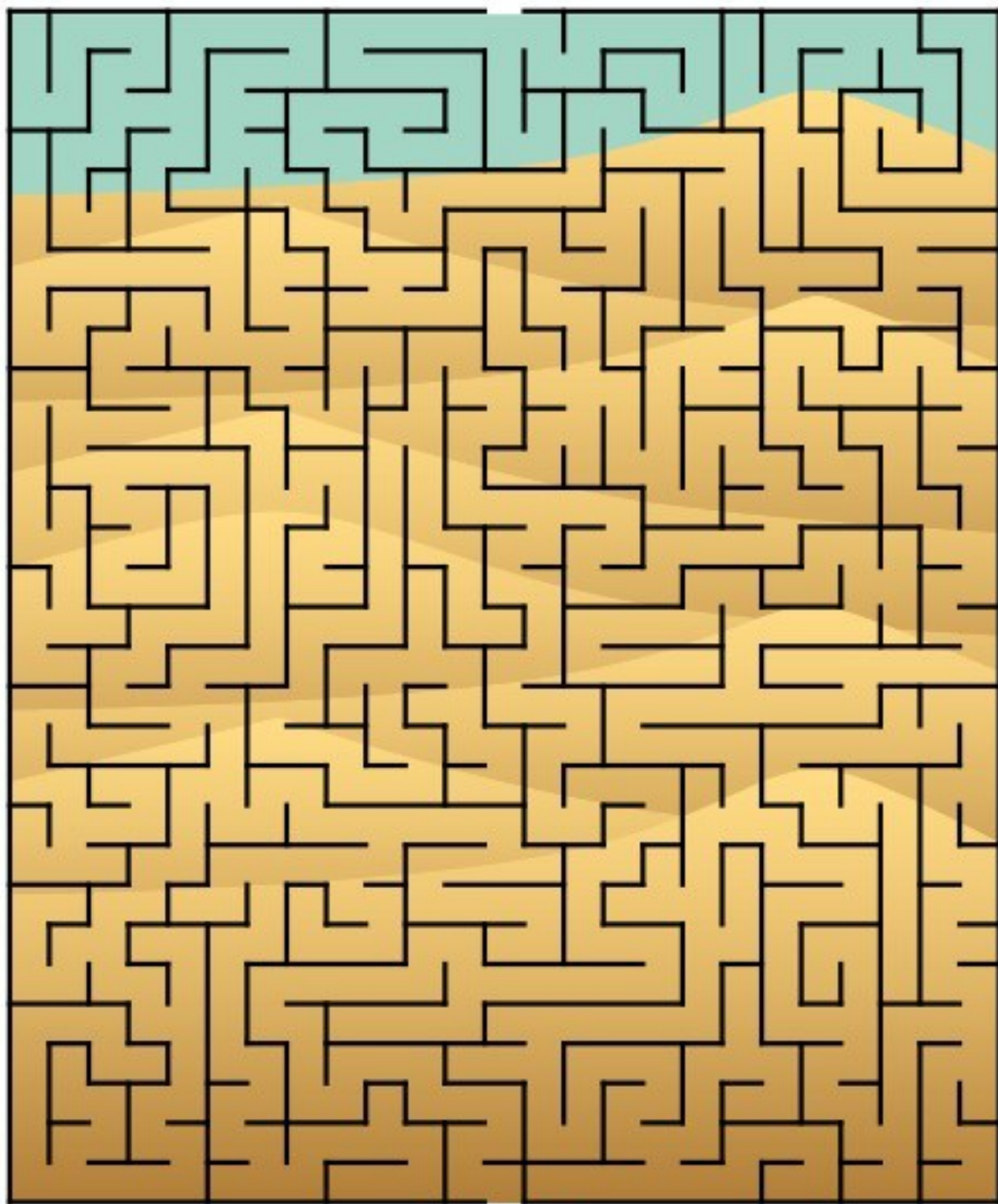




## God's People Wandered in the Wilderness

Find the path that God's people took when they wandered in the wilderness.

**START**



**FINISH**

## Everyday Stewardship

### The Challenge of Stewardship

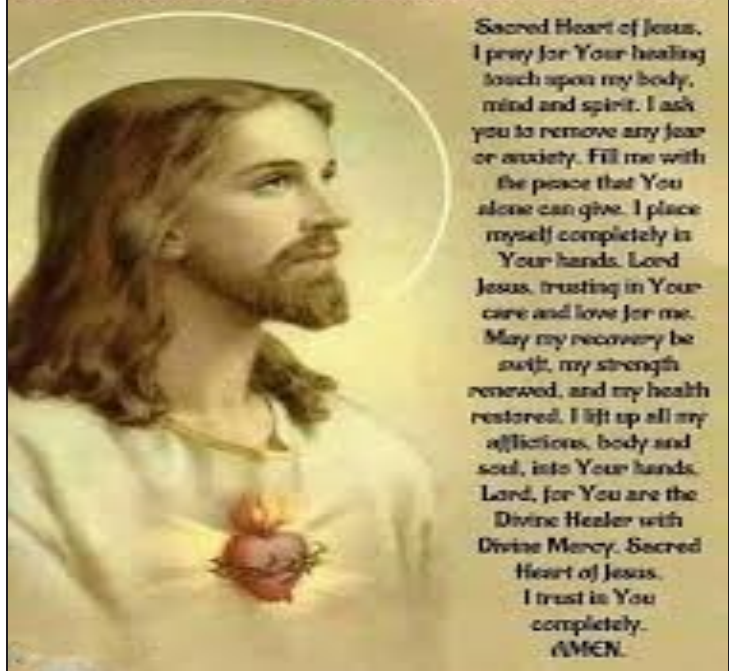
Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

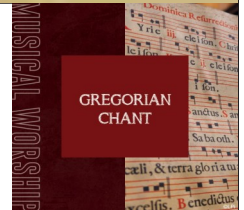
— Tracy Earl Welliver

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## SACRED HEART HEALING PRAYER



### Devotions, Explained! Gregorian Chant



#### Mini Explanation

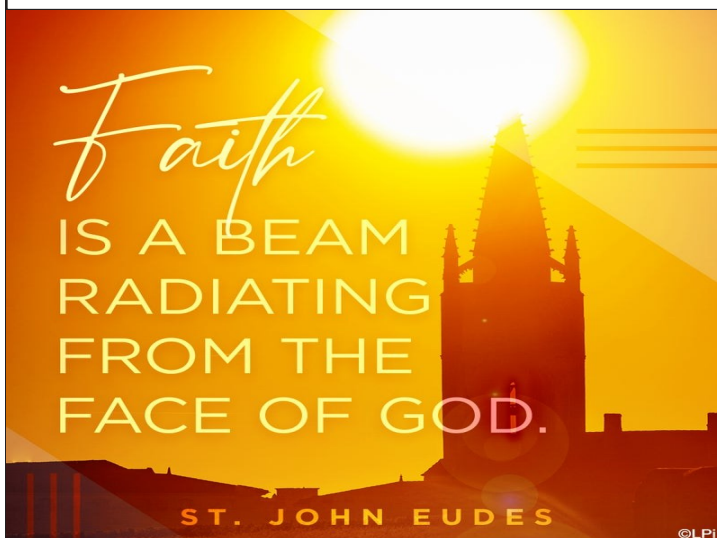
Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.

#### Gregorian Chant, Explained!

Gregorian chant is an ancient form of sacred music used in liturgical worship and prayer. Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, this type of chant focuses the singer's mind on the content of the prayer being sung, which makes it uniquely suited for use in the Mass.

Dating to the first millennium, it derives its name from Pope St. Gregory the Great, though scholarship is unclear on when exactly this type of chant originated. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, it was standard to use Gregorian chant in the Roman Rite Mass. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on Divine Worship promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1963, asserts that Gregorian chant is “specially suited to the Roman liturgy...(and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services.”

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## PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

**Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities**

Dear God,  
 Move in our community:  
 Bring Your light to the darkness,  
 Your justice to the oppressed,  
 Your hope to those in despair,  
 Your healing to those in pain.  
 Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts,  
 making us more loving, more merciful, and more  
 compassionate.  
 Amen.

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**Virtues, Explained!**  
**Wisdom**
**Mini Explanation**

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

**Wisdom, Explained!**

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom?

Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about “wisdom.” Wisdom is not mere scholarlyness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (*Sum. II-II, 45, Art. 2*).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.

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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD  
 IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Chess, Not Checkers**

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

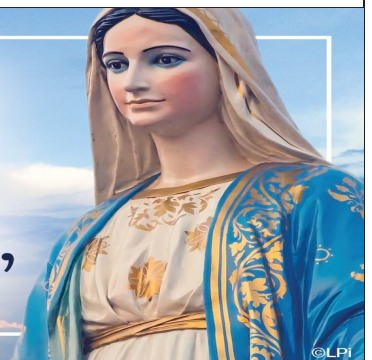
What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

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**“SO LONG AS  
 SHE IS IN  
 YOUR MIND,  
 YOU ARE  
 SAFE FROM  
 DECEPTION.”**  
 ST. BERNARD





## Prayer for Peace of Mind

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you knowing that you love me, care for me, and will never abandon me.

I want to be like Mary, who, in spite of her sorrows and great pain, was able to enjoy peace of mind in the midst of her suffering, confident that God was at her side to give her courage.

Help me to know that my suffering and pain too will pass, as you guide me along the right path and that only goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life. Jesus, heal my heart and grant me peace of mind. Amen.

*Do not be afraid — I am with you!  
I am your God — let nothing terrify you!  
I will make you strong and help you;  
I will protect you and save you.  
Isaiah 41:10*

## Detroit Catholic

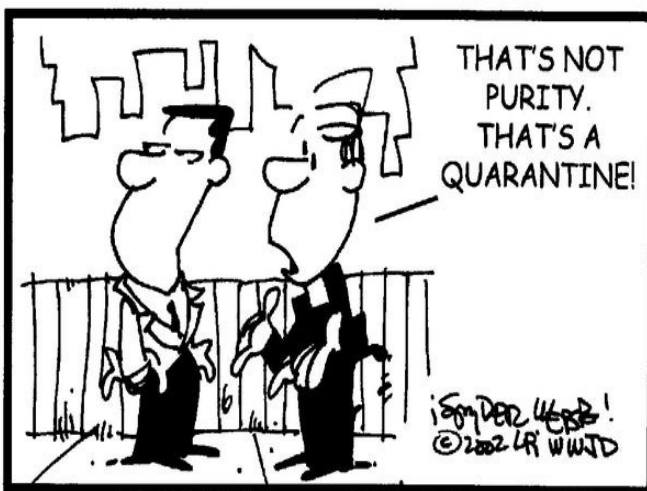
Because we no longer have the Michigan Catholic, the archdiocese has an on-line web news resource. It is called the “**Detroit Catholic**” please go to Detroit Catholic online and subscribe free of charge! The archbishop prints his thoughts, and records homilies so that they can be shared with all of the people in the archdiocese! Go to <https://www.detroitcatholic.com>

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I KEEP MYSELF  
PURE FROM  
THOSE WHO  
DON'T BELIEVE  
THE SAME AS  
WE DO.



THAT'S NOT  
PURITY.  
THAT'S A  
QUARANTINE!



# IMPORTANT

## BULLETIN UPDATE

With the cost of postage on the rise, if you have returned to Mass and no longer need the Church bulletin mailed to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it.

You can find our bulletin online each week at [strene.org](http://strene.org) our parish website.

## Volunteer Opportunities

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!**



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

## Weekend Liturgy Schedule for August 22 & 23

|                              | <b>Saturday<br/>4:00PM</b>                                                                                                  | <b>Sunday<br/>8:30 AM</b>                                                                                                       | <b>Sunday<br/>10:30 AM</b>                                                                      | <b>Sunday<br/>5:30 PM</b>                                    |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Presider</b>              | Fr. Steve                                                                                                                   | Fr. Joy                                                                                                                         | Fr. Steve                                                                                       | Fr. Tim                                                      |
| <b>Lector</b>                | L. Doyle                                                                                                                    | W. Lillie                                                                                                                       | L. Youkhana                                                                                     | J. Engalan                                                   |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | Lance Tolentino                                                                                                             | Rom Beltran                                                                                                                     | Phat Le<br>Phong Le                                                                             |                                                              |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | K. Moravek<br>L. Nosek                                                                                                      | Open<br>Open                                                                                                                    | T. Monteiro<br>E. Monteiro                                                                      | Open<br>Open                                                 |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Tom Pluta<br>Dave Hintz<br>Todd Messineo<br>Karen Messineo<br>Jim Moravek<br>Omar Oszust<br>Don Sundstrom<br>Christian Baca | Tom Dutkiewicz<br>Luis Nieto<br>Mike Kazyak<br>Ed Stivers<br>Sharon Olszewski<br>Frank Iannotti<br>Rom Beltran<br>Vicki Beltran | Terry Shaughnessy<br>Ralph Fackler<br>Wilmar Suan<br>Joe Meli<br>Chris Norris<br>Elmor Monteiro | Paul Hornung<br>Mike Galuszka<br>Ofelia Fermil<br>Fred Rossi |
| <b>Sacristan</b>             | K. Moravek                                                                                                                  | R. Beltran                                                                                                                      | T. Monteiro                                                                                     | Open                                                         |

**Altar Care Team:**  
**Friday, August 21st**  
**Team 1**  
 Bibiane Gagnon  
 Gloria Cruz  
 Suong Le

## Weekday Liturgy Schedule for August

| <b>Week</b>                 | Tuesday,<br>August 18, 2026 | Thursday,<br>August 20, 2026 | Friday,<br>August 21, 2026 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Celebrant</b>            | Fr. Steve                   | Fr. Joy                      | Fr. Steve                  |
| <b>Lector</b>               | B. Wyrwicz                  | L. Youkhana                  | L. Hance                   |
| <b>Sacristan</b>            | R. Beltran                  | J. Carlisle                  | J. Carlisle                |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | M. Peterson                 | M. Peterson                  | M. Peterson                |

**Church  
Vacuuming :**  
**Friday, August 21st**  
**OPEN**

**August  
Denise Link**

Due to licensing through the USCCB, we are no longer able to print the readings each week.

If you wish to access the readings, you may do so at the following web-site.

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>





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, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, RICE, CANNED CHICKEN, RAMEN NOODLES, SOUP, FRUIT JUICE AND SHAMPOO.**

## Beef Skillet Fiesta



1 lb. ground beef  
1 tbsp. salad oil  
1/4 c. diced onion  
1 tsp. chili powder  
1 (1 lb.) can tomatoes  
1 1/4 c. bouillon (1 cube)  
1/2 green pepper, cut into thin strips  
1 1/3 c. Minute Rice  
2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1 (12 oz.) can whole kernel corn

Brown meat in oil over high heat in skillet, leaving meat in coarse chunks. Add onion, reduce heat to medium and cook onion until tender, but not browned. Add seasonings, tomatoes, corn and bouillon. Bring to a boil. Stir in green pepper; boil again. Stir in rice. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand 5 minutes. Fluff and serve 4.



**PLEASE  
REMEMBER  
ST. RENE  
GOUPIL  
PARISH  
IN YOUR**



And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." — Mt. 15:22, 24-25

Scripture from the Catholic Bible, 1984, 1985, 1986



**Our Sunday Offering  
August 8 & 9  
Thank you for your  
generous response.  
God Bless you!**

## WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

You can find St. Rene's bulletin on our website at [strene.org](http://strene.org)

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](http://Parishesonline.com) then search by zip code. You can go online to the [aod.org/live](http://aod.org/live) masses to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.

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  
TO ST. RENE GOUPIL**

**Archdiocesan Restructuring QR Code Link  
Strengthening the Church for the Next Generation  
<https://www.restructuring.aod.org>**



The names for the prayer list for the sick is now done by personal intercession. Please drop the names of those needing prayers for healing in the petition box in the gathering area. We are asking that you take 2 names from the basket and pray for those people by name every day for four weeks. If an emergency comes up please call the parish office and we will get members of the community to pray and offer intercessions for them at daily mass.



**Lord, I put my family in your hands today.**

I can't control everything that happens to them but I can remember to cover them in prayer. Please keep them safe and healthy always.



### Please Pray for the Family Members of our Parishioners serving in the Military:

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force  
Josey Blades (Air Force)  
Captain Curtis Bradley (Army)  
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon  
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)  
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano  
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)  
P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)  
Lt Col David Fries  
Maj. Laura Geldhof

Joe Gill, Navy  
Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon  
Christopher Grubby (Navy)  
Pfc. Kevin Heath  
Lt. Christopher Kerr  
Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)  
Lt. Joseph Kraft  
Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)  
Sgt. Chris Libeck  
Mark Locricchio (Army)  
Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)  
LCPL Miguel Menzer

SPC Matthew Muellenhagen  
Maj. Eric Olson  
Chief Daniel Przybylinski (Navy)  
Justin Quinn (Marines)  
Anthony Roszko (Army)  
Lt. Greg Siuta  
Maj. Allison Stewart  
Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.  
ISG Robert Sutton  
Sgt. Matthew Sweetman  
Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

### Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.  
Amen.



### Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

**Uncommitted Hours**  
**Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday @ 7:00 a.m. & Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.**



## 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

Director of Music

### ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

#### Legion of Mary

Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469  
Divine Mercy

#### Ushers

Karen Messineo (248) 808-8502

#### Perpetual Adoration

Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469

#### Catholic Social Services of Macomb

Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300

#### St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)

(586) 718-4523  
Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C  
(586) 556-2122

### Weekend Liturgy Schedule

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

### Weekday Mass

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

### Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

## WELCOME

If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500 or go to our web site at [strene.org](http://strene.org).

## St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

### Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage.

Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

### Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

**Penance:** Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

### Marriage:

Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

### Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.



## Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known  
as we restructure the parishes and ministries  
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.

Help us hear your voice  
in the quiet of our own hearts,  
in the wisdom of others,  
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us  
in every step of the process.

Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.  
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.  
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.  
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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