

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
August 17, 2025



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.” - Lk 12:50-52

Notes from Fr. Steve

In these past years, we have learned so much about our country's constitution, I bet you did not know the Church has a constitution. So I thought I would give you a brief history and idea of its content. When we speak of the "Constitution of the Church", we are not referring to a legal document in the civil sense, but to the divine structure and guiding principles given to the Church by Christ Himself. From its earliest days, the Church has understood itself as founded on the apostles, with Christ as its cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20).

The roots of the Church's constitution are found in the Gospels. Jesus entrusted Peter with the keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19) and commissioned the apostles to preach, teach, and baptize in His name (Matthew 28:19-20). This apostolic mission—handed down through the centuries by the successors of the apostles, our bishops—remains at the heart of the Church's identity.

Over the centuries, the Church has reflected on and clarified her own structure. In the early councils of the Church, bishops gathered to articulate the faith, safeguard unity, and define roles within the Body of Christ. The Second Vatican Council, through the document *Lumen Gentium* ("The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church"), beautifully summarized this self-understanding for our own age. It teaches that the Church is both a visible institution and a spiritual mystery—the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

The intent of the Church's constitution is simple yet profound: to preserve the faith handed down from the apostles, to maintain unity among believers, and to guide the mission of evangelization in every age. It is a living structure—rooted in Scripture, nourished by the Sacraments, and led by the Holy Spirit—that exists to bring all people into communion with God.

As members of the Church, we are called not only to respect her constitution, but to live it—by being faithful to Christ's teaching, supporting the mission of the Church, and witnessing to the Gospel in our daily lives.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This is the heartbeat of the Church's constitution—yesterday, today, and always.

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

Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered; "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-Melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-Melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

Reading II

Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and preserve in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet registered to the point of shedding blood.

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Readings for the Week

Sunday, August 17, 2025: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday, August 18, 2025: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 19, 2025: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

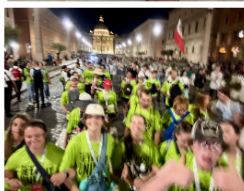
Wednesday, August 20, 2025: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 21, 2025: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 22, 2025: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 23, 2025: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 24, 2025: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



ON OUR 2025 WORLD YOUTH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE, WE...

attended Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City
climbed the Holy Stairs on our knees
toured the St. Priscilla catacombs
had nightly sessions about our day, our lives, our faith
visited the Sistine Chapel and its museum
saw the artwork and remains of the Capuchin Crypts
attended the USCCB event featuring Eucharistic adoration
and keynote speaker Bishop Barron
visited the Pisa Cathedral and Baptistry
walked completely around an entire country in less than 90 minutes (we walked the entire exterior of The Vatican Wall)
saw the David statue and other artwork of Accademia gallery
had one of our pilgrims altar serve at a local church in Pisa
visited the Tower of Pisa at 3 AM and climbed it another day
went to reconciliation at Circus Maximus administered by hundreds of priests from all over the world
visited the Davinci Museum
prayed the Rosary in St. Peter's Square of The Vatican
toured the outside and inside of The Roman Colosseum
performed the "Church Clap" dance in Pisa, at The Vatican, in St. John's Fountain and after the Vigil with Pope Leo
passed through all 4 Holy Doors of Rome
attended the outdoor Vigil with Pope Leo at Tor Vergata
saw the Florence Cathedral
were part of 1 million who slept outside at the Jubilee slumber party
had 2 pilgrims meet the Bishop of Pisa
visited the Roman Forum, Pantheon, and Trevi Fountain
swam in the Tyrrhenian Sea and at Sperlonga Beach
attended the closing mass with Pope Leo and a million youth
were acknowledged, waved to, and smiled at by Pope Leo XIV twice!





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ON
JESUS**



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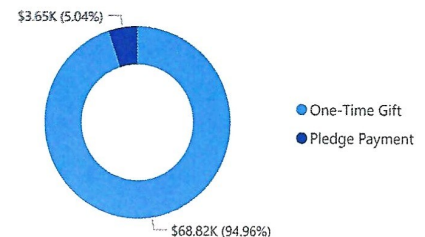
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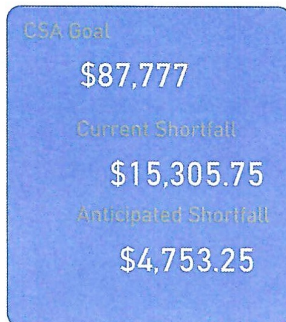
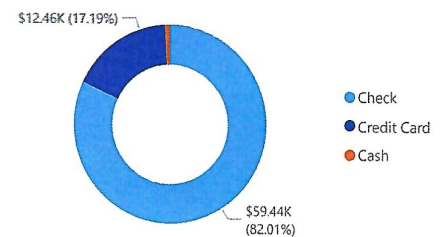
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture passages profess difficult messages. The leaders in Jeremiah's time wrongly accuse the prophet of ruining the people by encouraging them to transform their lives. Instead, they want to punish Jeremiah. In St. Luke's Gospel, the evangelist proclaims Jesus' statement: *I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing!* Christ's message is not well received and produces tension and division among family members instead of peace and harmony. As faithful stewards, our strength to seek God's will against all resistance to His Word comes from sacramental grace. The Eucharist, notably, is the "source and summit" of our faith. As described in the Letter to the Hebrews, grace allows us to *preserve in ruining the race...while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus*. Healing among family members begins with and through Christ's message of forgiveness found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding *us* down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul is having a clothing drive the weekend of August 23rd & 24th. You can drop off clothing before or after

all the masses at the truck that will be in the church parking lot. This is for clothing items only (clothes, shoes, coats, etc.) Non-clothing items are not accepted.

*The altar flowers
this weekend
are for
the
Wedding Anniversary
of
Carlito & Flaminia Alo*

Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,

In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.

Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?"** he asks, **"No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51).** He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

Devotions, Explained!

Gregorian Chant

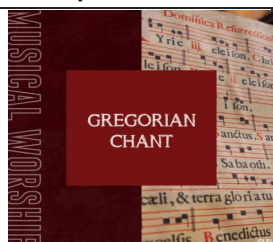
Mini Explanation

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."



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Set the Earth on Fire

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

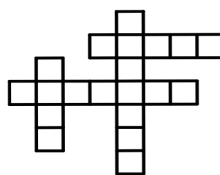
Jesus said in Luke 12, "*I have come to set the earth on fire.*" Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets *us* on fire.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Short Prayer for Family Protection and Guidance

Almighty Protector, You are the shield we can't see, the guard who never sleeps. God, I'm handing my family to You because I can't do this alone. Keep watch when I can't. Stand in the gaps I don't know are there. Protect them, guide them, and hold us close to You, always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, August 19, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Marie Sprenger
+Phyllis Natale
+Joe Archer
+Leo Sienicki
+Michael Zajac

Thursday, August 21, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Betty Eschrich
+Annette Bachiu

Friday, August 22, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Francis Dolinski
+Judith Hanson
+Cynthia Greenlee
+Rose Marie Sobota

Saturday, August 23, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Jerry Nowakowski
+Walter Broski
+Steven Herbert
+Zigmund Pazik
+John & Julia Rzeppa
+Franklin Langenstein
+Marian & Lottie Kobus
+Crispina Hernandez
+Helen & Julia Boryr
+Jack McGlinchey
+Jim Pawlik (Birthday)
+Ken Wyniemko
+Eugene Zielinski

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+John Wyrwicz
+Barbara Liwo

10:30 a.m.

+Danilo Medina
+Debbie Waller

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Members of St. Rene Goupil Parish

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

REMEMBER in your prayers

HEAVENLY FATHER,

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

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

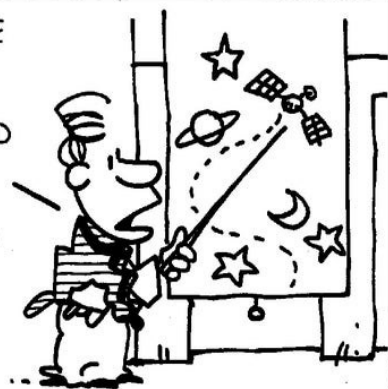
May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide us as we hear the words "Follow me" and joyfully give witness to the hope that flows from the Body and Blood of Jesus, whom we truly receive in the Most Holy Eucharist.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A SPACE VEHICLE THAT ISN'T CONSTANTLY BEING CORRECTED ON ITS COURSE WILL END UP A MILLION MILES FROM ITS DESTINATION.



THINK OF THE CONFESSIONAL AS YOUR PERSONAL EARTH TRACKING STATION ON YOUR JOURNEY TO HEAVEN!

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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 our parish website.



eucharisticrevival.org

CSA 2025



Do you love me? Feed my sheep.

Jn 21:15-17,19



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for August 23 & 24

	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	Steve Szeliga	Ana Divina	Corina Sison	Ricky Yulo
Altar Servers	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto	Paul Havern	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	A. Sitchon F. Sitchon	Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenes Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	R. Kranson	K. Nieto	C. Sison	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for August

Week	Tuesday, August 19, 2025	Thursday, August 21, 2025	Friday, August 22, 2025
Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	B. Wyrwicz	D. Monterosso	L. Youkhana
Sacristan	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson

Altar Care Team:

Friday, August
22nd
Team 3
Teresita Bugante
Helen DeVera
Ofelia Cunanan
Divina Divina
Marietta Martinez

Church Vacuuming :
Friday, August 22nd
OPEN

Altar Linen:
August:
Denise Link



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!

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

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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.
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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 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.



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**Our Sunday Offering
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If you have borrowed a Pyx from the Church office and are no longer in need of using it, could you please return it to the office.
Thank You!

Our St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul conference is a small group, always looking for new members.

The meetings are open to interested visitors on the 1st 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: tuna, canned chicken, cooking oil, dish detergent, hand soap and laundry detergent.



Creamy Baked Chicken Breasts



8 split chicken breasts, skinned and boned

8 slices Swiss or Mozzarella cheese

1 (10 3/4 oz.) can cream of chicken, mushroom or celery soup, undiluted

1/4 c. dry white wine

1 c. herb seasoned stuffing mix

Arrange chicken in lightly greased 13x9 inch baking pan. Top with stuffing mix, then place cheese slices on top of stuffing mix. Combine soup and wine; stir well. Pour evenly over chicken. Bake at 350 F for 45 to 55 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

**PERFECT LOVE OF
GOD MEANS THE
COMPLETE UNION
OF OUR WILL
WITH GOD'S.**

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI



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

THE 12 PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT:

- Basilica of Ste. Anne, Detroit
- Blessed Solanus Casey Center, Detroit
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield
- National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak
- Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Riverview
- Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township
- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Madonna University)
- Shrine of Jesus the Divine Mercy, Clinton Township
- Shrine of St. John Paul II, Orchard Lake
- St. Joseph Shrine, Detroit
- Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac

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

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force
Josey Blades (Air Force)
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano
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LCPL Miguel Menzer
SPC Matthew Muellenhagen
Maj. Eric Olson

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Anthony Roszko (Army)
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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 @ 1:00 p.m.
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,
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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.

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

