



February 15, 2026

# St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community  
Sterling Heights



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

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

## Notes from Fr. Steve

St. Rene Goupil: A quiet witness of courage and faith. St. Rene Goupil, the patron saint of our parish, is one of the North American Martyrs whose faith was lived not loudly, but faithfully—day by day, moment by moment, even to the point of sacrifice.

Rene Goupil was born in 1608 in Angers, France. As a young man, he felt drawn to religious life and entered the Jesuit novitiate. Poor health forced him to leave formal training, but Rene never let go of his desire to serve God. He became a trained surgeon and later volunteered his skills to assist the Jesuit missionaries in New France (present-day Canada and the northeastern United States). Though not an ordained priest, Rene served as a *donné*—a lay assistant—offering his talents freely for the sake of the Gospel.

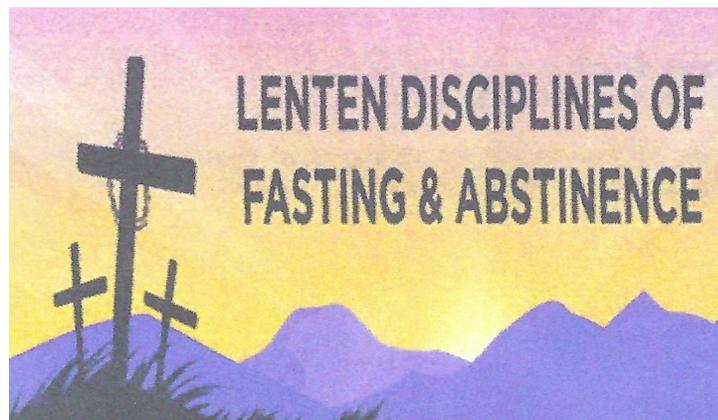
In 1642, while traveling with Jesuit missionaries, Rene was captured by the Mohawk people. During his captivity, he endured harsh treatment and suffering, including the mutilation of his thumb, which prevented him from performing surgical work. Despite this, Rene remained steadfast in prayer, charity, and trust in God. His faith never wavered. When he was seen making the Sign of the Cross—an act of devotion that offended his captors—he was killed on September 29, 1642, near present-day Auriesville, New York. He became the first of the Jesuit martyrs to die in North America.

St. Rene Goupil was canonized in 1930 along with the other North American Martyrs. His spirituality is rooted in humble service, quiet perseverance, and total trust in God's will. Rene reminds us that holiness is not limited to priests or religious, but is lived out through faithfulness in ordinary responsibilities and extraordinary trials. He shows us that suffering, when united to Christ, can become a powerful witness of love.

As our parish patron, St. Rene Goupil invites us to serve generously, remain faithful in hardship, and never underestimate the power of small, courageous acts of faith. May his example inspire us to live the Gospel with humility, courage, an deep trust in God. St. Rene Goupil pray for us!

Please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and hope. God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics who observe fasting during Lent follow these general rules:

1. **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.



**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**  
 Mass will be celebrated at  
**9:30 a.m.**  
 &  
**7:00 p.m.**

## Getting Ready for Lent

Ash Wednesday is right around the corner, marking the beginning of Lent—a sacred season that invites us to slow down, reflect, and turn our hearts back towards God. Lent isn't about being perfect or doing big, impressive sacrifices. It's about making space for prayer, repentance, and renewal in the middle of everyday life. As the ashes remind us of our dependence on God, Lent gently calls us to walk more closely with Him in the weeks ahead.

### Two simple ways to make Lent meaningful this year:

#### 1. Use the Little Black Book.

Set aside just a few minutes each day to read and pray with the *Little Black Book*. Its short daily reflections are easy to fit into busy schedules and help keep your focus on God throughout Lent.

#### 2. Choose one small, consistent sacrifice or practice.

Instead of taking on too much, pick one simple thing—like limiting screen time, praying each morning, or doing one intentional act of kindness a day—and stick with it. Small, faithful steps can lead to real spiritual growth.

Lent is a journey, not a checklist. Start simply, stay consistent, and let God do the rest.



### Ash Wednesday

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him.

The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though all of us came from dust and to dust we will return, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state. The only thing we can take with us? Our hearts and whether or not we loved.



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

Mr. & Mrs. William Serra

## 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) program 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.**

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank you for your participation in being compliant with our Safe Environments requirements. As a reminder all volunteers who are giving their time to the Church are required to take Protecting God’s Children, have a criminal background check conducted, and sign a Code of Conduct in order to volunteer or be employed in any parish or school within the Archdiocese of Detroit. With you working in partnership with our due diligence, we are ensuring that all members of the Church are creating an environment of awareness for all forms of maltreatment to our children and vulnerable adults. This is for the protection of those among us and for us to continue to have healthy boundaries with all active members within our community.

Should you have any questions around this program, please contact The Archdiocese of Detroit's Safe Environment Manager, Maegan Pierson via email at: [protectchildren@aod.org](mailto:protectchildren@aod.org)

In Christ,

Maegan

**ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT RE-CERTIFICATION  
POLICY  
(Revised January 2026)**

To work or volunteer in the Archdiocese of Detroit, all clergy, staff, and volunteers:

- Must attend original 3 hr. VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” Adult Awareness Session,
- Must re-certify every three years on/or before the expiration date on the face of their current certificate. See the sample dateline below. The participant has 30 days after their expiration date to complete the recertification; if not, they must be inactivated in VIRTUS and will not be able to work or volunteer until completion of training.

<u>“Protecting God’s Children” Training</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Recertification Year</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Recertification Year</u>
2023	2026	2029
2024	2027	2030
2025	2028	2031
2026	2029	2032

**Option #1 Retake VIRTUS® 3 hr. “Protecting God’s Children.”**

**Option #2: VIRTUS® 30 minute “Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0 ” Recertification**

Participants whose current certificate has not yet expired may attend 30 minute. “Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0” recertification. This module is an online training that provides best practices for employees, volunteers, caring adults and parents, equipping them on how to be better protectors of children, and on how to teach children to better protect themselves. This online module builds from the foundation of the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide™, and provides easy conversation starters, bulleted tips and quick summaries of pertinent information.

**Important Notice**

Participants must keep their original VIRTUS® Protecting All God’s Children and any additional recertification certificates as proof of compliance, which can be located when logging into the VIRTUS platform. Only a “copy” of the certificate should be given to the parish/school where you work or volunteer.

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Shirley Schima

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Healing for Ricardo Martinez



**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

**Ash Wednesday**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Karin Nieto (Birthday)

+Marge Lewandowski

Special Intention of the Tominna Family

Healing for Ricardo Martinez

**7:00 p.m.**

+Mary Sitto

Healing for Ricardo Martinez

**Thursday, February 19, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Ann McCloy

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Healing for Ricardo Martinez

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Stella Sabo

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Healing for Ricardo Martinez

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Franklin Langenstein

+Marie Forman

+Jerry DeClark

+Kenneth Wyniemko

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

+Walter Broski

+Jerry Nowakowski (4th R.A.)

+Jesus Tan

+Marian & Lottie Kobus

Healing for Ricardo Martinez

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Karin Nieto

+Barbara Liwo

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

+Angelina Testa

Healing for Colleen Ison

Healing for Ricardo Martinez

**10:30 a.m.**

+Marie Forman

+Josephine Martineau

Healing for Ricardo Martinez

**5:30 p.m.**

Healing for Ricardo Martinez

+Elena Laboga

## ★ St. Rene Volunteers ★

We will be hosting a **Protecting God's Children** class here at St. Rene on

May 05, 2026 from 6 pm - 9 pm

This class is for any volunteers that have not taken the class and need to do so to continue to volunteer.

A light meal will be served.

(This is mandatory for ALL volunteers per the AOD)

This class will be open to all parishes in the AOD and will fill up fast.

Contact Jeannie Novak at [JWJCatholic@gmail.com](mailto:JWJCatholic@gmail.com) and she will call you to get you added to the class OR fill out the form below.



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May 05, 2026 from 6 pm - 9 pm

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

or Contact Jeannie Novak at [JWJCatholic@gmail.com](mailto:JWJCatholic@gmail.com)

### First-Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis at St. Rene Goupil

We are blessed to welcome a first-class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis to St. René Goupil Parish.

The relic will be available for veneration  
February 17–February 22, 2026.

Saint Carlo Acutis was a modern-day saint who had a deep love for the Eucharist and showed that holiness is possible at any age.

*Parishioners are invited to spend time in prayer, asking for his intercession and being inspired by his joyful faith.*

All are welcome to come and participate during this special time of grace.



# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



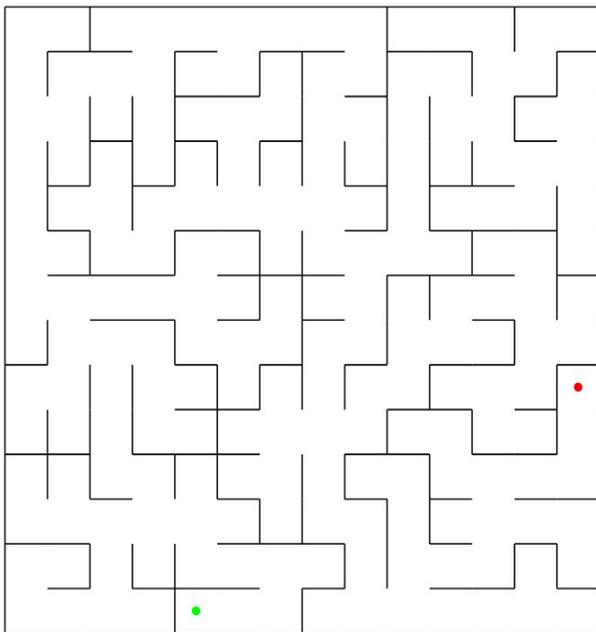
**FEBRUARY 15, 2026: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

TODAY, JESUS TEACHES THAT FOLLOWING GOD'S RULES IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO HAVE KIND HEARTS AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. HE WANTS US TO BE HONEST, FORGIVE OTHERS, AND SHOW LOVE IN EVERYTHING WE SAY AND DO.

Jesus wants you to do more than follow rules, He wants you to be kind, honest, loving in your heart and caring in your actions while forgiving others,

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME KINDNESS MAZE



KINDNESS

## Family Activity

### EVERYDAY HONESTY JAR

Have everyone write down an everyday situation they have witnessed (someone is sad, I forgot to do my chores). Put the slips of paper in a jar or box. Pick them out one at a time and respond what you can honestly do to make the situation better.

What would Jesus do?

### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MAZE

FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH THE MAZE ABOVE, STARTING AT THE RED DOT (RULES) AND ENDING AT THE GREEN DOT (KINDNESS).



DEAR JESUS,  
HELP ME TO BE  
HONEST, KIND, AND  
LOVING IN ALL  
I SAY AND DO.

AMEN.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Don't Live a Lie

One day, my son was explaining to his mother that he felt she had lied to him. It was nothing very important, but he wanted to take this opportunity to share how important telling the truth is to him. He explained that he simply tells it like it is in all aspects of his life. But an hour later, we caught him in a lie! Again, it was not about a matter of life and death, but it was a lie. When confronted with his own previous words on how important the telling the truth was to him, he just smiled. Yes, the guilty often have no words of defense.

Jesus said it best in Matthew 5: "Let your 'yes' mean 'yes' and your 'no' mean 'no.'" He was warning his disciples about false oaths and then instructing them on the fullness of the Hebrew laws. We may try to do what we say and say what we mean, but it can be all too easy to fall short. We call ourselves disciples yet provide evidence to the contrary by our actions (or lack of them).

Even if we feel that we have lied to no one, we may have lied to ourselves. We portray ourselves as generous, thankful, and loving people, yet fail to answer God's call in a situation because we perceive the cost to be too great. Jesus did not simply mean for his message to be about two words. He also meant that when you say you are a disciple, make sure you are a disciple as well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## REQUEST FOR 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMEN

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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 website.

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

## Readings for the Week

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**Sunday, February 15, 2026:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Monday, February 16, 2026:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 19, 2026:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 20, 2026:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 21, 2026:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 22, 2026:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4: 1-11

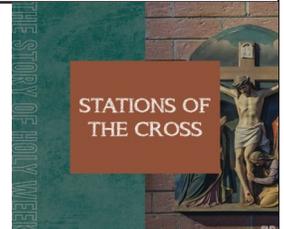
### Devotions, *Explained!* Stations of the Cross

#### Mini Explanation

Since the earliest days of the church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.

#### Stations of the Cross, *Explained*

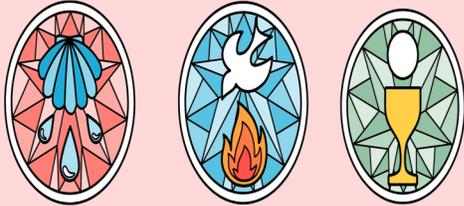
In the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way. In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ. Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources, such as the meeting of Mother and Son and St. Veronica wiping the face of Christ.



## Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Would you like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Communion in the Catholic faith?

Do you want to explore and grow in your faith life?



The St. Rene Goupil R.C.I.A. program begins soon and concludes at the Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026.

For more information contact Mike Novak @ 586-939-7500 ext. 109

## Virtues, Explained! Gentleness

### Mini Explanation

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who “reveals to men who Jesus is” (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death.

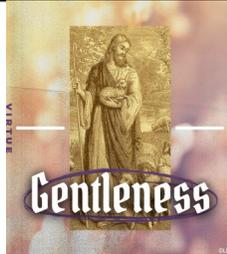
### Gentleness, Explained!

As followers of Christ, we are commanded to “always be prepared to offer an explanation ... to justify the hope that is in you.”

But the success of that evangelism hinges entirely on the very next instructions this passage contains: “However, do so with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15).

The word “gentleness” has come to be associated with softness and fragility — but there is no virtue that requires greater strength. As one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who “reveals to men who Jesus is” (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death.

“Every virtue is a good thing, but most of all gentleness and meekness,” said St. John Chrysostom. “This shows us men; this makes us to differ from wild beasts; this fits us to vie with Angels.”



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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

### The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

**Blessing of Love**

Heavenly Father,  
Ignite us with Your love.  
Reveal to us Your will,  
guide us in Your path.  
Pour Your blessings upon us,  
You who are the giver of every good thing.  
Help us to live, work, act, and speak  
in ways that bring honor and glory to You.  
Amen.



**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>

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 15, 2026  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 5:17-37

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn’t keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: “NO.” It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn’t say no, my yes was in danger. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says, “**Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the Evil One**” (Matthew 5:37). He’s not just giving advice about polite speech. He’s showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom. The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

**Lenten Challenge:** Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it’s a sincere “yes” to something important, or a humble “no” to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— *Father John Muir*



**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.



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



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!

**Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 21 & 22**

	<b>Saturday 4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30 PM</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Kiernan	Jovita Engalan	Dori Fooy	Ricky Yulo
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Eli Wing-Nga	Rom Beltran	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	L. Nosek G. Labinski	Open Open	C. Sison T. Monteiro	Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti Rom Beltran Vicki Beltran	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
<b>Sacristan</b>	G. Labinski	R. Beltran	C. Sison	Open

**Weekend Liturgy Schedule for Ash Wednesday**

<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy
<b>Mass Time</b>	9:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Wyrwicz	Rob Wilson
<b>Sacristan</b>	G. Labinski	K. Moravek
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	G. Labinski	K. Moravek



**Altar Care Team:  
Friday, February 20th  
Team 2**

**Roxann Klee  
Suong Le  
Antonina Notarantonio**

**Church  
Vacuuming :  
Friday, February 20th  
OPEN**

**Altar Linen:  
February  
Theresa Wilson**

**Weekday Liturgy Schedule for February**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 17, 2026</b>	<b>Thursday, February 19, 2026</b>	<b>Friday, February 20, 2026</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
<b>Lector</b>	B. Wyrwicz	M. Peterson	L. Hance
<b>Sacristan</b>	R. Beltran	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson

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.

## French Onion Soup



- 1/2 stick butter
- 6 onions, sliced thin
- 4 beef bouillon cubes
- 6 cans beef consommé (found in soup cans section)
- 4 cans water
- 1/2 to 3/4 c. sweet vermouth
- Pepper
- 1 c. Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 c. med. Sharp Colby cheese, shredded
- 1/2 c. Parmesan cheese

Melt butter; sauté onions until transparent and tender. Add everything except vermouth. Cover and simmer 1 hour. Add vermouth. Cook 1 1/2 to 2 hours. To serve, mix the three cheeses, put in little crocks or serving item and add croutons and cheese on top. Bake at 350 F until bubbly.



**PLEASE  
REMEMBER  
ST. RENE  
GOUPIL  
PARISH  
IN YOUR  
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## 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 masses](http://aod.org/live-masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



**Our Sunday Offering  
February 7 & 8  
Thank you for your  
generous response.  
God Bless you!**

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>



**If you have borrowed a Pyx from the Church Office and are no longer in need of using it; please return it to the office, so that others may borrow them. Thank you!**



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)  
 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**  
**Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.,**  
**Thursday @ 8:00 a.m. and Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.**  
**TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

## SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

35955 Ryan Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 939-7500  
Fax (586) 939-7839

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 Music

### ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

**Legion of Mary**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Divine Mercy**

#### Ushers

**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.