



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community  
February 16, 2025

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE NOW HUNGRY,  
FOR YOU WILL BE SATISFIED." - LK 6:21

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



## Notes from Fr. Steve

In a recent pastoral letter, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of the Archdiocese of Detroit announced a strategic initiative to restructure the archdiocese's parishes into "families of parishes." This plan aims to address challenges such as declining parish membership and a shortage of clergy, while fostering a more mission-orientated Church.

The "families of parishes" model will group existing parishes into clusters that collaborate in sharing resources, ministries, and clergy. This approach seeks to strengthen parish communities, enhance the quality of pastoral care, and better serve the faithful across southeast Michigan.

Archbishop Vigneron emphasized that this structuring is not merely a response to current challenges but also an opportunity for spiritual renewal. He envisions a Church that is "unleashing the Gospel" by becoming more outward-focused and mission driven. This initiative builds upon previous efforts, including the 2017 pastoral letter "Unleash the Gospel," which called for a radical transformation of the Church's culture to better evangelize in today's world.

The archbishop acknowledged that change can be difficult but expressed confidence that this new model will lead to more vibrant and sustainable parish communities. He called upon all members of the archdiocese to embrace this transition with faith and to actively participate in the mission of spreading the Gospel.

Further details about the implementation of the "families of parishes" model will be shared in the coming months, with the goal of fully transitioning to this new structure in the near future. Parishioners are encouraged to stay informed through official archdiocesan communications and to engage in dialogue with their local parish leaders.

This initiative reflects the Archdiocese of Detroit's commitment to adapting to changing circumstances while remaining steadfast in its mission to proclaim the Gospel and serve the people of God.

In the next month the archdiocese will begin to hold meetings to lay their plans for the next year and the future of every parish. The priests and parish staff will meet this month. More detailed information will be forth coming. If you receive Detroit Catholic on the web, you can find detailed information on that site.

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

### Welcome, Archbishop-elect Weisenburger!



Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, as the sixth Archbishop of Detroit. The archbishop-elect succeeds Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, who has served the archdiocese since 2009.

The new archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on March 18. Additional details about the installation liturgy and other welcome events will be shared in the coming days.

## Readings for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

### Reading II *1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20*

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

### Gospel *Luke 6:17, 20-26*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

## Readings for the Week

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**Sunday, February 16, 2025:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Monday, February 17, 2025:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday, February 20, 2025:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

**Friday, February 21, 2025:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

**Saturday, February 22, 2025:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

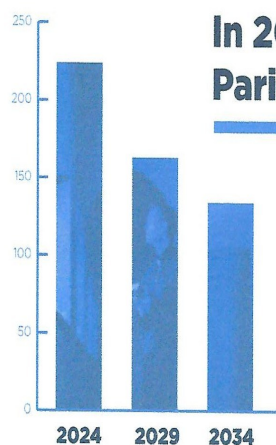
**Sunday, February 23, 2025:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



To provide clarity on our current circumstances and next steps, this Appendix offers key data points that illuminate both the challenges we face and the pressing need to continue aligning our resources within the broader Families of Parishes framework.

The data brings into sharp relief some of the challenges we face as a local Church, including fewer priests to care for our parishes, declining Mass attendance, and a surplus of aging church buildings that require more financial resources than we have.

The data is sobering but not defeating. Throughout history, the Church has continually responded to societal changes—like those depicted in this data—with apostolic boldness and faithfulness, leaving behind the “second tunic” and adapting her methods without compromising her timeless message. We will rise to the challenge and continue this legacy in our own time, creating Mission-Ready parishes with a clear sense of mission to form joyful disciples.

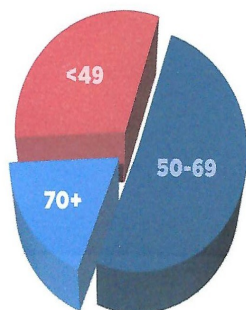


### In 2024, Active Priests in Parish Ministry totaled 224

⚠ In 2029, projections indicate Active Priests in Parish Ministry **will decline to 163.**

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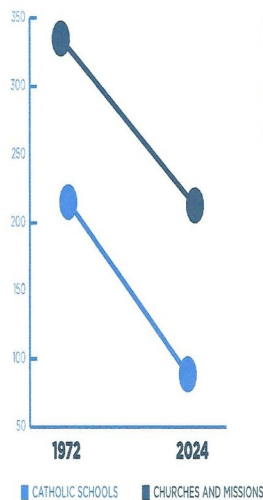
### In 2024, most Active Priests were 50+ years old



51.3% of Active Priests in AOD were **between the ages of 50-69.**

17.9% of Active Priests in AOD were **over 70 years old.**

30.8% were **younger than 49.**



### Fewer Catholic schools, churches, and missions

⚠ Total churches & missions **have decreased from 335 in 1972 to 213 in 2024.**

⚠ Total Catholic schools **have decreased from 223 in 1972 to 81 in 2024.**

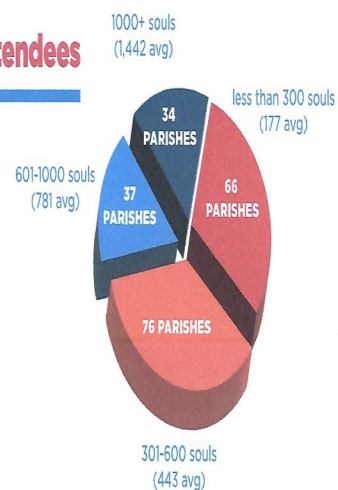
⚠ Total Student Population **decreased by 67.3% between 1980 to 2024.**

⚠ Total Student Population **decreased by 50.8% between 2000 to 2024.**

### The majority of parishes have fewer than 500 regular Mass attendees

Total average weekend Mass attendance in the AOD includes:

66 parishes with fewer than 300 souls (177 avg);  
76 parishes with 301-600 souls (443 avg);  
37 parishes with 601-1000 (781 avg);  
and 34 parishes with 1000+ souls (1,442 avg).





## Since 2000 (Last 24 Years)

**2 in 10** children  
who are baptized Catholic  
**do not receive First Communion**  
(41,000 children)

**4 in 10** children  
who are baptized Catholic  
**do not receive Confirmation**  
(141,000 children)

Registered Parishioners  
**decreased by 35.1%**

First Communions  
**decreased by 61%**

Infant Baptisms  
**decreased by 68.1%**

Confirmations  
**decreased by 54%**

Interfaith Marriages  
**decreased by 79%**

Catholic Marriages  
**decreased by 69%**

## Nationwide Trends



85% of 8th Graders **stop practicing their faith by age 21**

SOURCE: CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



83% of Catholic Millennials **do not attend Mass weekly**

SOURCE: CENTER FOR APPLIED RESEARCH IN THE APOSTOLATE



52% of those raised Catholic  
**have left the Church**

SOURCE: PEW RESEARCH CENTER



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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 6:17, 20-26

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of"** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— Father John Muir



## REQUEST FOR 2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

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### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A common theme of giving gifts connects today's Scripture passages. In the Book of Samuel, King Saul is delivered into David's hands, yet David allows Saul to live. St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, professes Christ to be *the last Adam...a life-giving spirit*. By Adam's sin, humanity is barred from eternal salvation. By Jesus' sacrificial gift on the cross and His Resurrection—the Good News of Salvation—He open the gates to the heavenly Kingdom. In the Gospel, Christ proclaims through the evangelist St. Luke: *Give, and gifts will be given to you...For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you*. In a spirit of evangelization, Jesus knocks daily on the door of our hearts, offering us the gift of a personal relationship with Him. Are we open to His invitation? In order to deepen our lives in Jesus, consider reading Archbishop Vigneron's pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*, (<https://www/unleashthegospel.org>) and attending discussion sessions offered at the parish.

### Everyday Stewardship

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

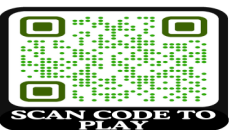
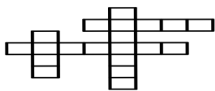
When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### New! Check out the ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



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!



Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Vincent





# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



**FEBRUARY 16, 2025: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ONE DAY, JESUS WAS SPEAKING TO A CROWD OF PEOPLE, AND HE SAID SOME VERY SPECIAL THINGS. HE TOLD THEM THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR, SAD, OR HUNGRY ARE BLESSED, BECAUSE GOD WILL HELP THEM AND MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR THEM ONE DAY. JESUS ALSO SAID THAT THOSE WHO ARE KIND, WHO LOVE OTHERS, AND WHO FORGIVE WILL BE BLESSED, TOO. JESUS WAS TEACHING THAT GOD'S LOVE IS FOR EVERYONE, AND WHEN WE FOLLOW HIS WAY, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD, WE CAN SHOW THE WORLD HOW MUCH GOD LOVES THEM.

## WORD SEARCH FOR LUKE 6:20-27

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## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Have a kindness challenge for the week where everyone in the family tries to do something kind for others, even for people who might not be kind to them. You could make a chart to track the acts of kindness, such as sharing, forgiving, or helping someone in need.

### BLESSINGS JAR

Start a "Blessings Jar" where everyone in the family can write down things they're grateful for or ways they've experienced God's love.

When someone is feeling down, they can read through the notes to be reminded of God's blessings.

## FIND THESE WORDS FOR LUKE 6:20-27

### IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE

BLESSED, KINGDOM OF GOD,  
POOR, HUNGRY, SATISFIED,  
WEEPING, LAUGH, REJOICE,  
BEHOLD, REWARD, GREAT,  
HEAVEN



DEAR JESUS,  
THANK YOU FOR TEACHING US TO LOVE  
EVERYONE, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD. HELP  
US TO BE KIND, FORGIVE OTHERS, AND  
SHOW YOUR LOVE TO EVERYONE WE  
MEET. PLEASE GIVE US THE STRENGTH  
TO LOVE THOSE WHO AREN'T KIND TO  
US, JUST LIKE YOU LOVE ALL OF US.  
AMEN.

# MASS+ INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

**FUNERAL**

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+John Carmilla Garofalo

Special Intention of Aldrin Trompeta

**Friday, February 21, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Matteo Calvitto

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Edwin Wagner

+Maybelle Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein

+Matthew Barribeau

+Jerry Nowakowski (2nd R.A.)

+Walter Broski

+Evan Gonzales (1st R.A.)

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Angeline Knurek

+Angelina Testa

+Lourdes Andrion

+Lydia Francisco

**10:30 a.m.**

+James Reaume Sr.

+James Reaume Jr.

+Charles Reaume

+Stephanie Reaume

+Wilhemia Reaume

+Helen Karash

+Leo Karash

+Leon Karash

+Phillip Karash

+Claude Fedders

+Walt Kalcevic

+Rose Zappa

+Sam Zappa

+Josephine Martineau

+David Willick

**5:30 p.m.**

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### A FAMILY PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

FATHER GOD, AS YOUR CHILDREN, WE KNOW THAT OUR STRENGTH COMES FROM YOU ALONE. YOUR WORD REMINDS US THAT THROUGH CHRIST, WE CAN DO ALL THINGS BECAUSE HE STRENGTHENS US. THE PSALMIST ALSO REMINDS US THAT YOU ARE OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH. SO IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES IN OUR FAMILY'S JOURNEY, WE RELY ON YOUR PROMISE TO GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO PERSEVERE THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES. HELP US TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER. WITH YOU, WE KNOW, THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, SO WE ASK TODAY THAT YOU STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILY BONDS AND GIVE OUR FAMILY STRENGTH FOR EACH NEW DAY. IN JESUS' NAME, WE PRAY.  
AMEN



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



.(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – IN THE END, DOES IT MATTER?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

### In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the *stuff*, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so *important*: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with *what* I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about *who* I was going to become. But the *who* is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

SAVING A  
SEAT FOR  
YOU



# 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.



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

### Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 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>                | Dorothy Arche   | Ana Divina   | Louis Youkhana   | Jovita Engalan  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | Paul Havern   | Karin Nieto  | Phat Le<br>Phong Le  | Open  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | K. Moravek<br>L. Nosek  | Open<br>Open   | L. Youkhana<br>A. Sitchon  | Open<br>Open  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | <u>Tom Pluta</u><br>Dave Hintz<br>Todd Messineo<br>Karen Messineo<br>Nick Rieser<br>Jim Moravek<br>Omar Oszust<br>Gary Novelli<br>Don Sundstrom | <u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u><br>Luis Nieto<br>Al Gyenese<br>Mike Kazyak<br>Ed Stivers<br>Sharon Olszewski<br>Frank Iannotti | <u>Terry Shaughnessy</u><br>Tom Fooy<br>Ralph Fackler<br>Wilmar Suan<br>Joe Meli<br>Chrisie Fish<br>Chris Norris<br>Elmor Monteiro | <u>Paul Hornung</u><br>Mike Galuszka<br>Ofelia Fermil<br>Fred Rossi |
| <b>Sacristan</b>             | K. Moravek  | K. Nieto   | L. Youkhana  | Open  |

### Weekday Liturgy Schedule for January

| <b>Week</b>                 | Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | Thursday, February 20, 2025 | Friday, February 21, 2025 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Presider</b>             | Fr. Steve                  | Fr. Joy                     | Fr. Steve                 |
| <b>Lector</b>               | M. Peterson                | L. Youkhana                 | L. Hance                  |
| <b>Sacristan</b>            | B. Wyrwicz                 | K. Nieto                    | K. Nieto                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | K. Nieto                   | H. DeVera                   | L. Youkhana               |

#### Altar Care Team:

Friday, February  
21st  
Team 1

Bibiane Gagnon  
Joyce Fackler



If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, (**Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass**) Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (**both Youth and Adults for the Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass**). We are also looking for Lectors, Sacristans for our weekday Masses. Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). Volunteers to help vacuum the Church on Friday's after Mass. If you're interested in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please contact the parish office and we will gladly pass your information on to the person in charge of the assignments and have them contact you.

Thank you in advance for volunteering!  
God Bless!

#### Altar Linen:

February:  
Theresa Wilson



## STAY CONNECTED

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

1. Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click "Sign up."
2. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
3. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you're registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at [www.help.formed.org](http://www.help.formed.org) or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



## PLEASE REMEMBER ST. RENE GOUPIL PARISH IN YOUR WILL

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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TO ST. RENE GOUPIL

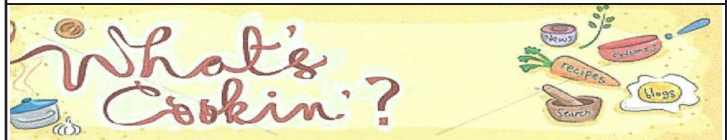


**Our Sunday Offering  
February 8 & 9  
Thank you for your  
generous response.**

**God Bless you!**

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](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.

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



## Italian Monkey Bread

3 tbsp. margarine, melted  
1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
1/2 tsp. dry mustard  
1/4 c. grated Parmesan cheese  
10 oz. can flaky refrigerated biscuits

Preheat oven to 400 F. Combine melted margarine, garlic and mustard. Coat bottom of 8 or 9 inch round pizza pan with 2 tablespoons of the melted mixture (save the rest).

Separate the 10 biscuits and cut each biscuit into 4 pieces. Arrange biscuit pieces even on pan. Drizzle the remaining margarine mixture over top. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake for 12 to 17 minutes or until golden brown. Turn onto a wire rack. Invert onto a serving plate; serve warm.

## Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of Yours.

Bless me, Lord, help me to see people as You do, and to hear their needs. Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding with Yours.

Amen.

WHEN WE PUT  
OUR PROBLEMS IN  
GOD'S HANDS,  
HE PUTS HIS  
PEACE IN OUR HEARTS.



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

## Prayer for Family Unity

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

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

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force  
Josey Blades (Air Force)  
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon  
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)  
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano  
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)  
P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)  
Lt Col David Fries  
Maj. Laura Geldhof  
Joe Gill, Navy  
Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon

Christopher Grubby (Navy)  
Pfc. Kevin Heath  
Lt. Christopher Kerr  
Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)  
Lt. Joseph Kraft  
Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)  
Sgt. Chris 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 2pm & Friday 9am**  
**TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**



## SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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(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 Worship & Music

### ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

**Legion of Mary**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Divine Mercy**  
*Karin Nieto (586) 447-6927*  
**Ushers**  
*Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128*  
**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.

## 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

