December 28, 2025

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community

Sterling Heights

Notes from Fr. Steve

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the simple yet profound home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—a family chosen by God to nurture the Savior of the world. This feast emerged in the life off the Church in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as the Church sought to lift up family life as a sacred vocation and a cornerstone of faith. Celebrated during the Christmas season, it reminds us that holiness is often lived out in ordinary, daily family life.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23), we see the Holy Family facing fear, uncertainty, and hardship. Warned by an angel, Joseph courageously leads Mary and the child Jesus into Egypt to protect Him from danger. Later, trusting once again in God's guidance, the family returns and settles in Nazareth. Their story is one of trust, obedience, sacrifice, and deep love—virtues that continue to shape Christian families today.

The Holy Family teaches us that love within the family is not passive; it is active, faithful, and shared. Families are called to care for one another, to listen to God's voice, and to make their homes places where faith is lived and passed on. By our words and actions, we are invited to share our family life with others—offering hospitality, compassion, forgiveness, and encouragement—so that God's love may be made visible in the world.

As we honor the Holy Family, may all families find strength in God's presence, peace in times of challenge, and joy in moments of blessing. May the coming year be filled with renewed faith, deeper love, and hope for the future.

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring healing, comfort, and peace!

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year! God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve

In Celebration of the Christmas Holiday the Parish Office will be closed December 24th at 12 Noon through January 1st

For the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 1, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Sending you
the warmest of wishes
for a holiday filled with
FAMILY & LOVE
FRIENDS & LAUGHTER
SEASON'S
greetings
and best wishes for a JUST and PEACEFUL
NEW YEAR
Father Steve
and
the Staff of St. Rene Goupil Parish

Readings for the The Holy Family

Reading I
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves him self from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins— a house raised in justice to you.

Reading II
Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, a God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Gospel
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.* When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he has been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean.*

Readings for the Week

Sunday, December 28, 2025: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday, December 29, 2025:1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday, December 30, 2025:1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday, December 31, 2025:1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday, January 1, 2026: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday, January 2, 2026:1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday, January 3, 2026:1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Sunday, January 4, 2026: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER

DECEMBER 28, 2025: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2: 13-15, 19-23

AN ANGEL WARNED JOSEPH THAT HEROD WANTED TO HARM BABY JESUS, SO JOSEPH TOOK MARY AND JESUS TO EGYPT TO KEEP THEM SAFE. AFTER HEROD DIED, GOD TOLD JOSEPH THEY COULD RETURN. THEY MOVED TO NAZARETH, WHERE JESUS GREW UP—JUST AS GOD HAD PROMISED LONG AGO.

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a loving family who show us how to love and care for one another.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY WORD SEARCH

F	Y	B	K	I	D	O	A	P	H	H	M	M	B
G	E	R	P	G	X	J	R	P	W	G	O	O	A
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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

HOLY FAMILY MEAL

Share a simple meal together with no phones or distractions. Before eating, each person names one thing they love about their family.

FAMILY HEART POSTER

Draw a big heart on paper and write inside it words that describe your family—loving, helping, patient, funny, etc. Display it somewhere in your home for the week.

FIND THESE WORDS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE

NAZARETH, FULFILL, PROPHET, JOSEPH
MOTHER, BEHOLD, DREAM, EGYPT
ANGEL, CHILD, APPEAR

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR KEEPING JESUS SAFE AND GUIDING HIS FAMILY—PLEASE GUIDE AND PROTECT OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY.
AMEN

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 30, 2025
9:30 a.m.
+Antonio Andrion (3rd R.A.)
+Diane Broski (8th R.A.)
+Genivine Arisukuwi
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Thursday, January 1, 2026
9:30 a.m.
+Karin Nieto
+Robert Urick
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
+Manuel Yatooma

Friday, January 2, 2026
9:30 a.m.
+Joyce Clashman
+Dee Mullaney
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Saturday, January 3, 2026
4:00 p.m.
+Joan Herbert
+Felix & Rita Gatt
+Marlene Breaz
+Rose Marie Calmi
+Franklin Langenstein
+Barbara Borowski (3rd R.A.)
+Richard Koehler
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
+Stephen Leonardi
+Bradley Leonard Plec

Sunday, January 4, 2026
8:30 a.m.
+Mary Carnaghi
Agocs, Santor & Seaver Families
+Genoveva Paunan
10:30 a.m.
+Helen Pomper (Birthday)
Members oft the Caudal Family
Members of the Feliciano Family
+Walt Kalcevic
+Rose Zappa
+Sam Zappa
Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus-St. Nicholas Council & Their Families
+Edward Wozniak
+Mary Vierik
+Geraldine Vierik
+Irene Wozniak
+Veronica Dzuris
+Rose Wisniewski
+Stella Czajkowski
+Leonard Czajkowski

5:30 p.m.
Living & Deceased Members of St. Rene Parish

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

Thank you for your generous donations of socks for the homeless. The final count this year was 1,113 pairs! The shelters that these are distributed to every year are extremely appreciative as they can help so many homeless keep their feet warm.

God bless all of you who gave so generously!

Everyday Stewardship

I have heard people say, "You don't get to choose your family!" I believe that to be only partially true. I did not choose my father and mother, but my family is greater than my family tree of ancestors. My family includes those who have been there when both my father and mother passed away. My family includes those who came to see my newborn children in the hospital. My family includes those who celebrated with me my greatest triumphs and consoled me in my greatest times of trial. Each and every one of them I have chosen to be a part of my family.

Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts, seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. When we fully empty ourselves into another and into the reality of God we find ourselves transformed. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism.

It is in that transformation that we find ourselves connected to others in a profound way. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit. Our family, the body of Christ, grows and becomes stronger. In this family, a man can be father to a Son not of his flesh and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin. In this family, we find our hope and our home. And we must never make the mistake of thinking that is not a choice.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

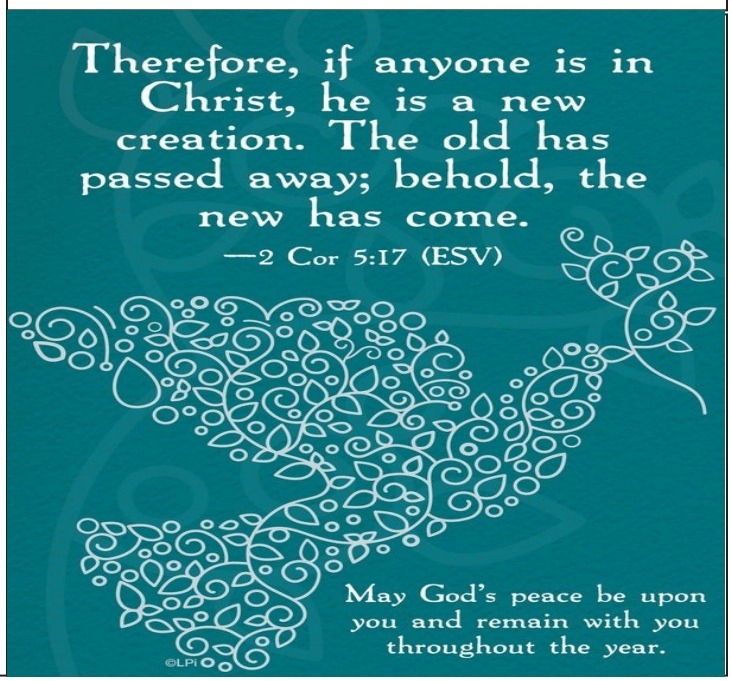
God's GPS Never Fails

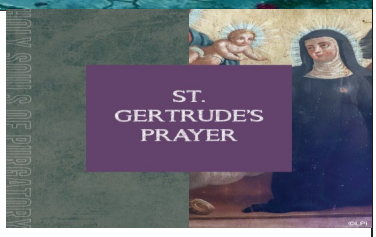
I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost!" or "Rerouting!" The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction. And I haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





Devotions, *Explained!*
St. Gertrude's Prayer

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St. Gertrude, often called "St. Gertrude the Great," was a Benedictine nun who lived in 13th-century Saxony, present-day Germany. A mystic, she received visions of Christ beginning at the age of 25. She was also a prolific writer and devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is often invoked as an intercessor for the Holy Souls of Purgatory. Her feast day is celebrated on November 16.

The St. Gertrude Prayer reads: "Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen."

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 28, 2025
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.
But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.
In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee…" (Matthew 2:13, 20).** First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.
May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.
— *Father John Muir*

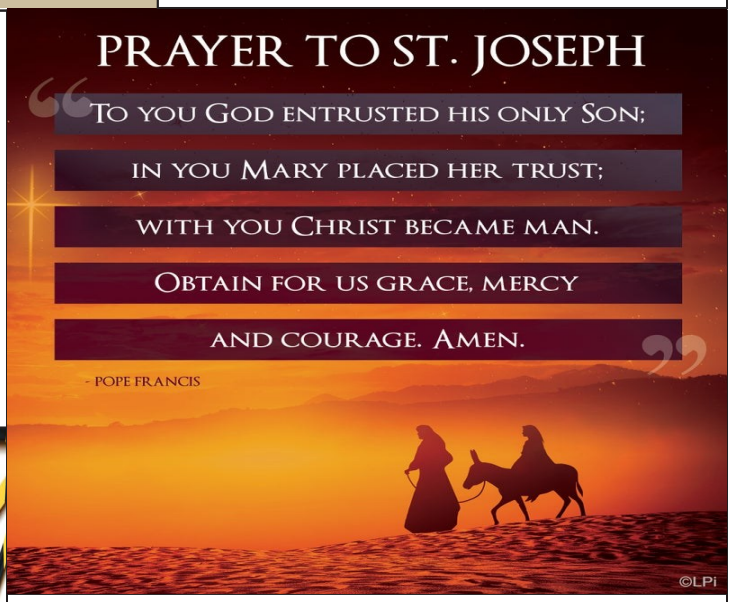
Prayer to the Holy Family

O Jesus, look graciously upon our family here before You. Once more we consecrate ourselves before You - our trials and joys - that our home may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love, and faith. Protect and bless all of us, both absent and present, and be merciful to those departed. O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations. O Joseph, holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Be present at the pillow of the sick and dying so that we may all be united to Jesus and Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Rene would like to thank all the members of St. Rene for their generous donations to SVDP over the year. Many neighbors in need have been given food, shelter and other assistance due to your charitable contributions and support. May God bless you and your families during this Holy Christmas Season!

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



eucharisticrevival.org

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.

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 January 3 & 4

	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	B. Kiernan	W. Lillie	D. Arche	A. Divina
Altar Servers	Eli Wing-Nga	Rom Beltran	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Labinski L. Nosek	Open Open	C. Sison T. Monteiro	Open Open
Ushers	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
Sacristan	G. Labinski	R. Beltran	C. Sison	Open

Altar Care Team:
Friday, January 2nd
Team 1
Bibiane Gagnon
Gloria Cruz
Suong Le

Church Vacuuming :
Friday, January 2nd
OPEN

Altar Linen:
January
Khristine Cochiaosue

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for December &January

Week	Tuesday, December 30, 2025	Thursday, January 1, 2026	Friday, January 2, 2026
Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	B. Wyrwicz	D. Monterosso	L. Hance
Sacristan	R. Beltran	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana

The St. Vincent de Paul pantry will be closed for the holidays from December 18th and will re-open for the January 7th pantry.

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

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: laundry soap, hand soap, dish soap, toothpaste and toilet paper.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. RENE GOUPIL PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Tithes & Gifts

Our Sunday Offering December 20 & 21 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

Skinny Minestrone Soup

16 oz. ground turkey, browned and drained
2 c. onion, diced
3 c. carrots, shredded
4 tbsp. basil, dried
56 oz. tomatoes, diced
8 c. hot water
8 tsp. beef bouillon
4 c. cabbage, chopped
3 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
4 c. zucchini, sliced
24 oz. Great Northern beans

Spray nonstick Dutch oven with cooking spray. Brown turkey until pink color disappears. Add onion, carrots, and basil; cook for 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes with liquid, bouillon, water, cabbage, salt and pepper. Bring soup to boil; reduce heat and simmer covered for 45 minutes. Add zucchini and cook 10 minutes. Stir in beans with liquid and cook another 20 minutes.

WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at Parishesonline.com then search by zip code.

You can go online to the aod.org/live masses to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.

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

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

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

Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

Uncommitted Hours
Monday @ 12 Noon, Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.,
Thursday @ 8:00 a.m. and Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 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,
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.

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.

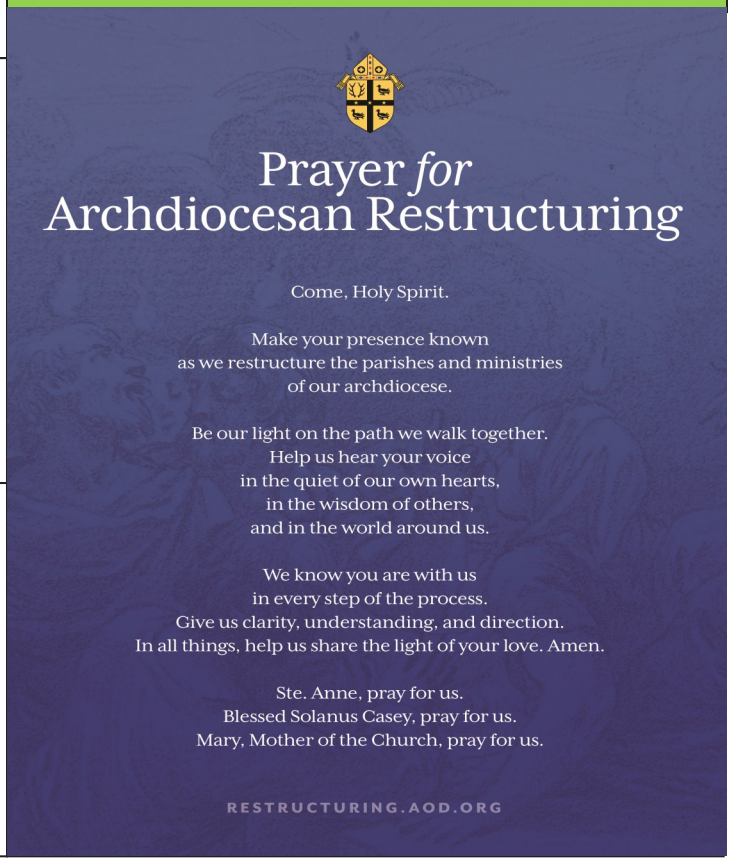
Baptism:

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.