## St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community July 20, 2025



# 16th Sunday

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#### **Notes from Fr. Steve**

Understanding Catholic Stewardship is part of our Catholic faith life. In our journey of faith, we are called to embody the principles of stewardship—a concept deeply rooted in our Catholic tradition. Stewardship goes beyond mere financial support; it encourages the responsible management of all the gifts and resources that God has entrusted to us. As articulated by the Catholic bishops, stewardship is about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, and we are called to use these gifts wisely and generously for the service of God and others.

Scripture provides numerous examples of stewardship that guide us in our spiritual journey. In Luke 16:10-12, Jesus teaches the parable of the dishonest steward, emphasizing the importance of faithful management of resources. Moreover, in 1 Peter 4:10, we are reminded that each of us has received gifts that should be used to serve others, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Being a good steward is not just a practical responsibility but a spiritual discipline that deepens our relationship with God. When we offer our time, talents, and treasure with a spirit of generosity and gratitude, we participate in God's work of love and mercy in the world. It fosters a spirit of humility, recognizing that all we have ultimately belongs to God.

In light of recent challenges, including the impact of the pandemic on our parish, our call to stewardship is more vital than ever. By supporting our parish and through active participation in ministries, we ensure that our community remains vibrant and responsive to the needs of all members.

As we reflect on our stewardship journey, let us prayerfully consider how we can grow in generosity and deepen our commitment to being faithful stewards of God's blessings. May our efforts bear fruit in building a community rooted in faith, hope and love.

Please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and hope.

Please also consider using your Time Talent and Treasure, for the building of God's Kingdom! God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve



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Thank you to the parishioners who have already pledged their support. The ministries, programs and services funded by the Catholic Services Appeal help in our parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. If you are still prayerfully considering your sacrificial gift to this year's CSA, you may send your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope you received in the mail. You are also encouraged to make your pledge and gift to our parish's campaign online at <a href="GiveCSA.org">GiveCSA.org</a> or you can scan the QR code and donate to CSA, just make sure to put CSA in the note section when you submit your donation online.

## Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reading I**Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do you as you have said." Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate. They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

## **Reading II**Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested too his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone will all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

## **Gospel** *Luke 10:38-42*

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

## Readings for the Meek

Sunday, July 20, 2025:Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42 Monday, July 21, 2025:Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42 Tuesday, July 22, 2025:Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 Wednesday, July 23, 2025:Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9 Thursday, July 24, 2025:Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17 Friday, July 25, 2025:Ex 24:3-8/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28 Saturday, July 26, 2025:Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30 Sunday, July 27, 2025:Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



## DONUT SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY

Join us for faith & fellowship after the 10:30 am Mass Sunday, July 20, 2025



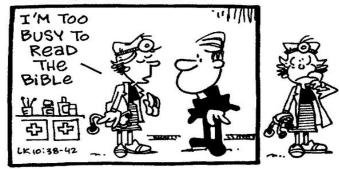
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#### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The important theme of hospitality connects today's Scripture readings. In the Book of Genesis, Abraham's kindhearted hospitality to three unknown visitors results in Sarah and him being granted a son in their old age. Nothing is impossible with God. In St. Luke's Gospel, the evangelist narrates Martha's welcoming of Jesus to their home; she, though, complains to Him when her sister, Mary, decides to listen to His teaching rather than help Martha serve the meal. Martha does not realize that Mary is extending hospitality to Jesus through her attentiveness. Hospitality is an important pillar of the threefold aspect of Hymns, Homily, and Hospitality promoted at the parish. The stewardship acts of greeters welcoming those who enter the church before Mass expresses warmth and hospitality toward newcomers and parishioners alike. Begin the evangelization process of unleashing the Gospel in your parish through hospitality.

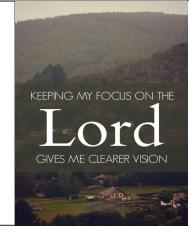
#### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





#### **Prayer for Focus**

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters. And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide. Amen.





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#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

#### Be Ready for God to "Stop By"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to *be* a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 20, 2025 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 10:38-42

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work–domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

Devotions, *Explained!* St. Bridget Prayers



#### **Mini Explanation**

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

#### St. Bridget Prayers, Explained!

St. Bridget of Sweden (d. 1373) was a noblewoman of the Middle Ages whose renowned mysticism centered on the passion of Christ. A mother of eight and an attendant at the royal court in Sweden, as a widow she founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior, advocated for reform in the church and for the return of the Pope to Rome from France.

The St. Bridget Prayers refer to 15 prayers attributed to Bridget which evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

For many years, these prayers were associated with divine promises, though in 1954 the Catholic Church declared that it could not be said that these promises were of supernatural origin. The prayers themselves remain beloved and popular devotions to Christ's passion.

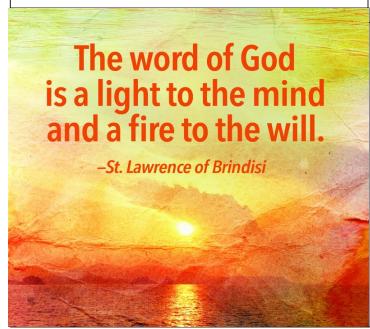
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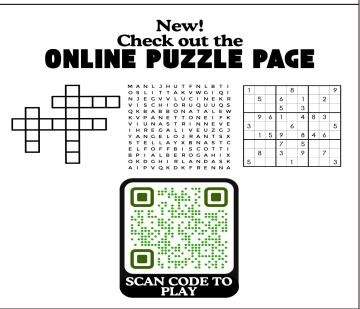
As I get older, what really matters to me changes. I remember being in high school and having to wear certain brands and to look a certain way. Now, many days I simply wear what is clean! I used to collect certain things that I no longer seem to care about much now. I wanted certain things for my children, and now I am happy if they are happy, regardless of what happens. I have changed political stances a few times. I even follow different sports teams today than I did when I was younger. Time, circumstance, wisdom, and even disillusionment all play a part in my everchanging attitude toward what really matters in life.

All has changed except my faith. My faith is the one constant in my life. It is the most precious of all the gifts God has given to me. Life hasn't been a constant high, and there have been several low valleys along the way. It has been my faith that has seen me through all times, good and bad. If anything has changed, it is that Jesus matters more today than he did yesterday.

What really matters to you? What's the main thing in your life? I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics, wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time. All those things are enticing, but they are things that change. Even your family grows and changes as the years go by, as does your relationship with them. The one thing that does not change is God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It can bring great peace to your life when what matters to you is the one thing that remains constant. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. That main thing is Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS







### Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:30 a.m.

- +Richard Calverly
- +Bishop Thomas Gumbleton Santoro, Seaver & Agocs Families

## Thursday, July 24, 2025 9:30 a.m.

+Timothy Peterson Santoro, Seaver & Agocs Families

## Friday, July 25, 2025 9:30 a.m.

+Bishop Kevin Britt Fr. Chris Alar (Birthday) Santoro, Seaver & Agocs Families

## Saturday, July 26, 2025 4:00 p.m.

- +Marilyn Cavataio (1st R.A.)
- +David Gronson
- +Jerry Nowakowski
- +Walter Broski
- +Steven Herbert
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Edwin Wagner
- +Gerald Lewinski

Santoro, Seaver & Agocs Families

+Marian & Lottie Kobus

### Sunday, July 27, 2025 8:30 a.m.

- +Maria Luz Sales (5th R.A.)
- +Barbara Liwo
- +Soul Of John Biel

Felecia Rice (Healing)

+Linda Sue Sesta

#### 10:30 a.m.

- +Josephine Martineau
- +Roland Dionisio
- +Frank & Sally Sabota
- +Rose Marie Sobota

Santoro, Seaver & Agocs Families

#### 5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Members of St. Rene Goupil Parish



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

#### Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed.*There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

#### HEAVENLY FATHER.

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

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

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

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.



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"Lord, be my shield in times of trouble, surrounding me with your divine protection."

"Guardian Angel, watch over me day and night, guide my steps, and protect me from harm."

"May the Lord grant me traveling mercies, protecting me on every journey."



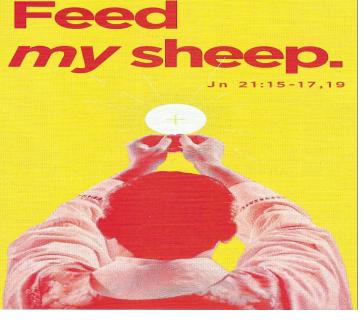
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule for July 26 & 27						
	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM		Sunday 5:30 PM	
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve		Fr. Tim	
Lector	Steve Szeliga	Louis Youkhana	Dorothy Are	che	Ricky Yulo	
Altar Servers	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le		Open	
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Nosek G. Labinski	Open Open	H. DeVera C. Sison		Open Open	
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro		Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi	
Sacristan	R. Kranson	K. Nieto	H. DeVera		Open	
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Lector	B. Wyrwicz	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana
Sacristan	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson

#### **Altar Care Team:**

Friday, July 25th Team 2

Roxann Klee Karin Nieto Antonina Notarantonio

Church Vacuuming: Friday, July 25th

Jim Moravek

Altar Linen: July: Aiby Sales



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!

#### **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 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 <a href="https://www.help.formed.org">www.help.formed.org</a> or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



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Our Sunday Offering July 12 & 13 Thank you for your generous response. God Bless you!

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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; could you please return it to the office.

Thank You!

Our St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul conference is a small group, always looking for new members. The meetings are open to interested visitors on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 7PM at the parish. Please join us. We believe in the

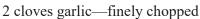


intrinsic value of every person – to serve and be served. Please join us in fostering the common bond of humanity to bring wholeness and healing for all. Contact George Downey at (586)904-5171 for information on how to attend the meeting or for more information.

Our conference helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know if anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential. Pantry items needed: tuna, canned chicken, cooking oil, dish detergent, hand soap and laundry detergent

#### **Quick Chicken Cacciatore**

4 boneless chicken breasts Flour



4 Tbsp. olive oil

26 oz. jar pasta sauce

1 small green bell pepper—cut into strips

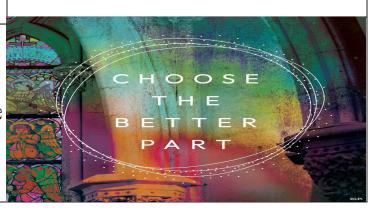
1 small red bell pepper—cut into strips

2 slices Provolone cheese—cut in half

7 oz. pkg. OR 2 cups elbow macaroni, cooked and drained

chopped parsley

Coat chicken in flour. In large skillet brown chicken and garlic in 3 Tbsp. oil; remove chicken from pan. Add pasta sauce then chicken. Bring to a boil; reduce heat; cover and simmer 20 minutes, adding peppers during last 5 minutes. Uncover; top each chicken breast with half of a cheese slice. Toss hot cooked macaroni with remaining 1 Tbsp. oil and parsley. Serve chicken and sauce. Refrigerate leftovers.





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:

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#### 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 @ 2:00 p.m. & Thursday @ 1:00 p.m. TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C

#### **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.

