

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community  
January 5, 2025

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star.  
- Mt 2:10

## Notes from Fr. Steve

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, so I thought you would enjoy a little background on this feast day. On January 6, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, a significant moment in the liturgical marking the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi's visit. This feast invites us to reflect on the universality of Christ's mission and His manifestation as the Light of the World.

The word *Epiphany* comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning “manifestation” or “appearance”. Traditionally, this day commemorates the journey of the Magi—wise men from the East—who followed the star to Bethlehem, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Each gift holds profound symbolic meaning.

- **Gold** for Christ's kingship,
- **Frankincense** for His divinity,
- **Myrrh** for His sacrifice and death.
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Their homage represents humanity's recognition of Jesus as the Messiah, transcending cultural and geographical boundaries.

In many cultures, the Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated with unique traditions. In some countries, children leave shoes out to be filled with treats, symbolizing the Magi's gifts. Others bless their homes with chalk inscriptions, marking the year and invoking God's protection.

As we honor this feast, let us also consider its spiritual implications for our lives. The Magi's journey challenges us to seek Christ with perseverance and to offer Him the best of ourselves. May the star of Bethlehem continue to guide our hearts toward His light, and may we, like the Magi, bring the gift of our lives in service to His mission.

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

Fr. Steve





## EPIPHANY BLESSING

**Mini Explanation** — *Great for social media or in your bulletin*

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

### Epiphany Blessing, Explained

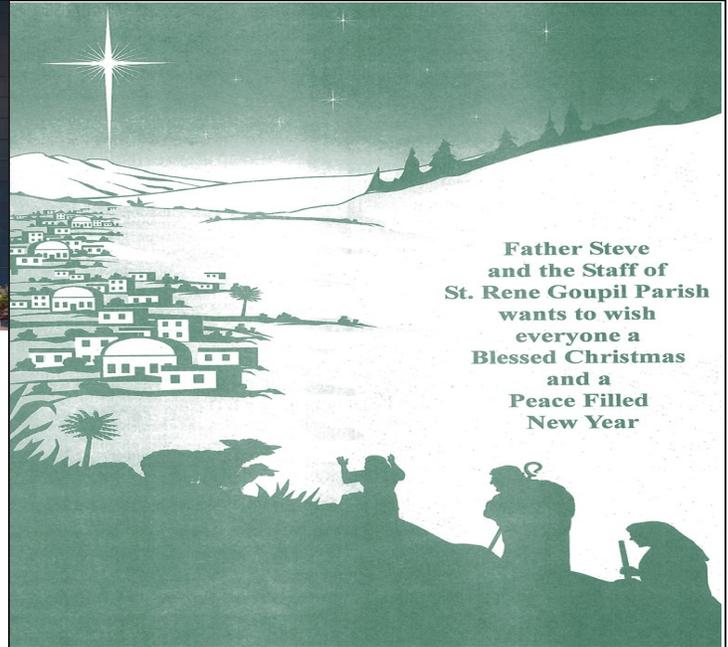
The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk. The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."



# JANUARY

The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



Father Steve and the Staff of St. Rene Goupil Parish wants to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Peace Filled New Year

### Everyday Stewardship

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

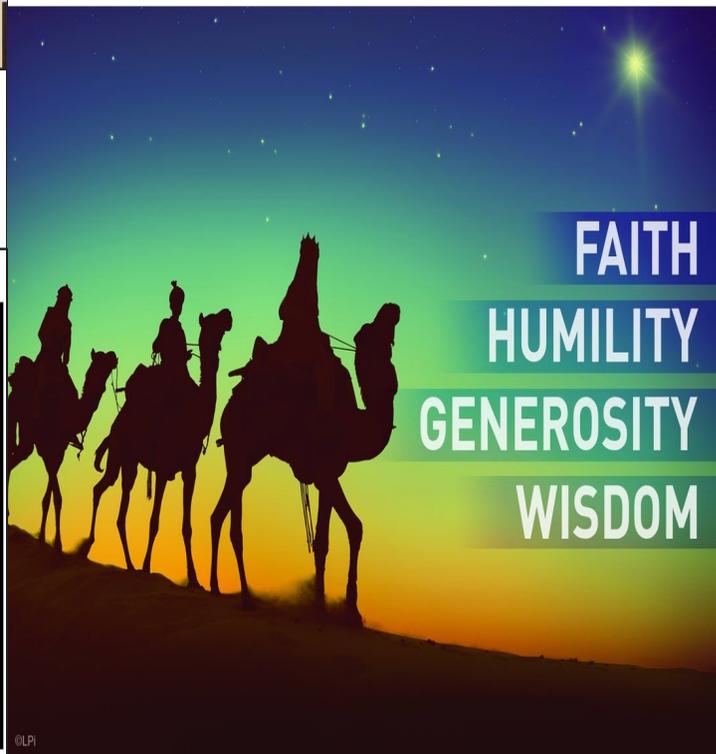
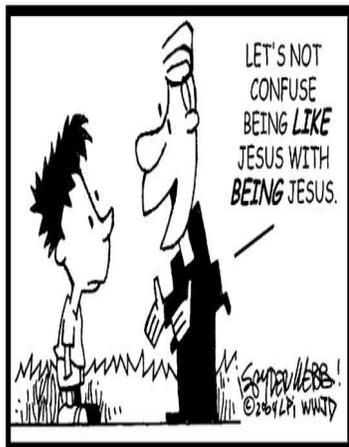
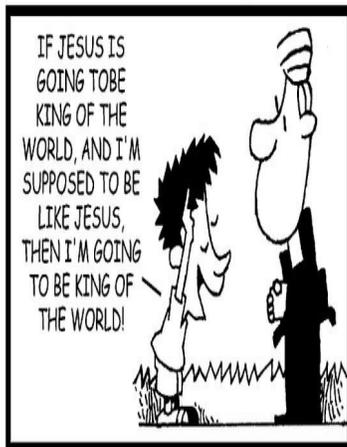


Ms. Concetta Parrino

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Today, in St. Matthew's Gospel, the evangelist examines the Magi tracking a star to Bethlehem, meeting the infant Jesus, and presenting Him offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. St. Matthew proclaims that the Magi *prostrated themselves and did Him homage* before presenting these gifts. In other words, these kings lay face down, respectfully praising and glorifying our Lord. What a tremendous sign of humility and reverence! As faithful stewards, we should follow the Magi's example and approach the Holy Eucharist humbly and reverently at Mass, recognizing the consecrated bread and wine as the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior. If your parish has a perpetual adoration chapel, schedule weekly quiet time with the Lord. If not, attend the next Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

### EPIPHANY



## Readings for the Week

**Sunday, January 5, 2025:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday, January 6, 2025:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 7, 2025:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 9, 2025:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday, January 10, 2025:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday, January 11, 2025:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday, January 12, 2025:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Readings for The Epiphany of the Lord

### Reading I *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come; the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

### Reading II *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

### Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler; who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.





## Epiphany of the Lord

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.



The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

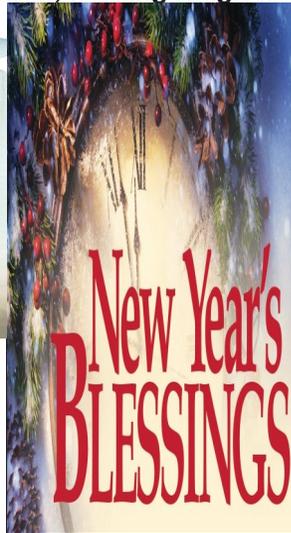
This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

## Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,

With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will.

Amen.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The Epiphany of the Lord Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "**Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh**" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— *Father John Muir*



# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



**JANUARY 5, 2025: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD IS A SPECIAL DAY WHEN WE REMEMBER THE VISIT OF THE THREE WISE MEN, OR KINGS, WHO TRAVELED FROM FAR AWAY TO SEE BABY JESUS. THEY FOLLOWED A BRIGHT STAR IN THE SKY THAT LED THEM TO WHERE JESUS WAS BORN. THE WISE MEN BROUGHT GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH TO HONOR JESUS. THE EPIPHANY SHOWS US THAT JESUS IS THE KING FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST FOR PEOPLE IN ONE COUNTRY, BUT FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. IT REMINDS US TO SHARE LOVE AND KINDNESS WITH OTHERS, JUST LIKE THE WISE MEN DID.

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD WORD SEARCH

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FIND THESE WORDS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE:

EPIPHANY, SPECIAL, REMEMBER, VISIT, THREE, WISE MEN, KINGS, TRAVEL, STAR, FAR AWAY, BRIGHT, GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, MYRRH, HONOR, GIFTS, LED, SHARE

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Take a family trip to visit a Nativity Scene in your church or community and reflect on the Magi. Gather around the scene and discuss the significance of the visit of the three Magi, focusing on the symbolism of the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (sharing love and kindness with others.)

Epiphany Star Craft: Create a craft project where each family member makes a star, symbolizing the Star of Bethlehem that guided the Magi to Jesus. You can decorate stars with glitter, paint, or other materials. Once finished, hang them around the house as reminders of the Epiphany.



DEAR GOD,  
 THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU GAVE ME TO STRENGTHEN MY FAITH. I PRAY THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS THROUGHOUT MY LIFE.

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# PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

TO YOU GOD ENTRUSTED HIS ONLY SON;

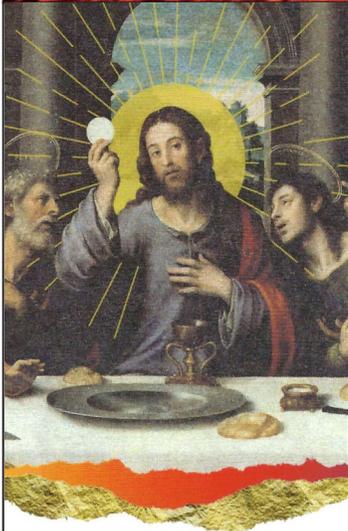
IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST;

WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN.

OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY

AND COURAGE. AMEN.

- POPE FRANCIS



## 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)

## Everyday Stewardship

### Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

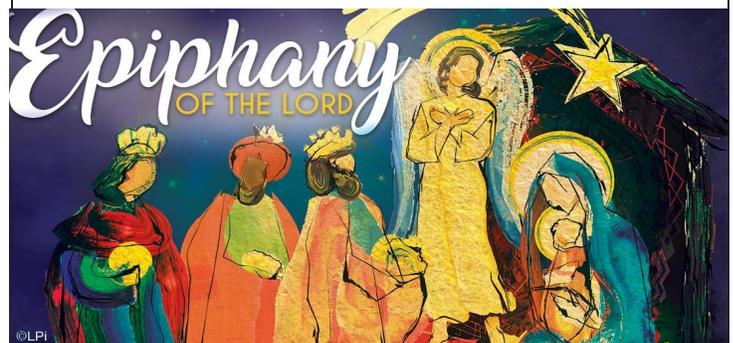
In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Weekend Liturgy Schedule for January 11 & 12

	<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>	Lorraine Doyle	Wendi Lillie	Thess Monteiro	Ana Divina
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Phat Le Phong Le	Karin Nieto	Paul Havern	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K. Moravek L. Nosek	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	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 Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
<b>Sacristan</b>	K. Moravek	K. Nieto	T. Monteiro	Open

### Weekday Liturgy Schedule for January

<b>Week</b>	Tuesday, January 7, 2025	Thursday, January 9, 2025	Friday, January 10, 2025
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
<b>Lector</b>	Barb Wyrwicz	Louis Youkhana	Mary Peterson
<b>Sacristan</b>	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Karin Nieto	Mary Peterson	Louis Youkhana

**Altar Care Team:**

Friday, January  
10th  
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 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:**

January:

Khristine Cochiosue

**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.



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.

**Items needed for food pantry:**

Vegetable oil, salad dressing, spaghetti, fruit in a can, jam, canned potatoes, dehydrated mashed potatoes, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo and hand soap.

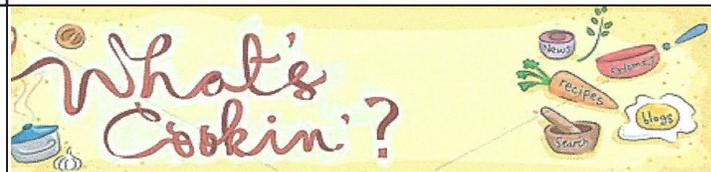


**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. RENE GOUPIL PARISH IN YOUR WILL**

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.



SCAN CODE TO DONATE TO ST. RENE GOUPIL



**Quick Taco Bake**

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1 pkg. taco mix
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 2 c. Bisquick
- 2 eggs
- 1 c. milk

Heat oven to 350 F. Brown meat and onions; drain. In a 13x9x2 inch baking dish, stir in taco mix (dry) tomato sauce and corn. Sprinkle cheese over meat mixture. In a bowl, stir Bisquick, egg and milk. Spread over meat mixture. Bake for 25 minutes.



**Our Sunday Offering  
December 28 & 29  
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.

**BLESSINGS  
ON OUR  
NEW YEAR**



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.



**COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN?**

**In marriage, communication is more than just talking.**  
**At some point, did you or your spouse stop sharing things that were important?**  
 The distance between a husband and wife can sometimes feel like it is so wide it cannot be repaired... **but it CAN!**

Retrouvaille is designed to help married couples understand each other and reconnect.

Private ~ Confidential ~ Effective

**The next Retrouvaille Marriage Saving Weekend:**  
**January 10-12, 2025 Farmington Hills, Michigan**

**Find out more: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230**

**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!**

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Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate  
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus  
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon  
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*Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128*  
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*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

Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this In Your Name.  
*Amen*