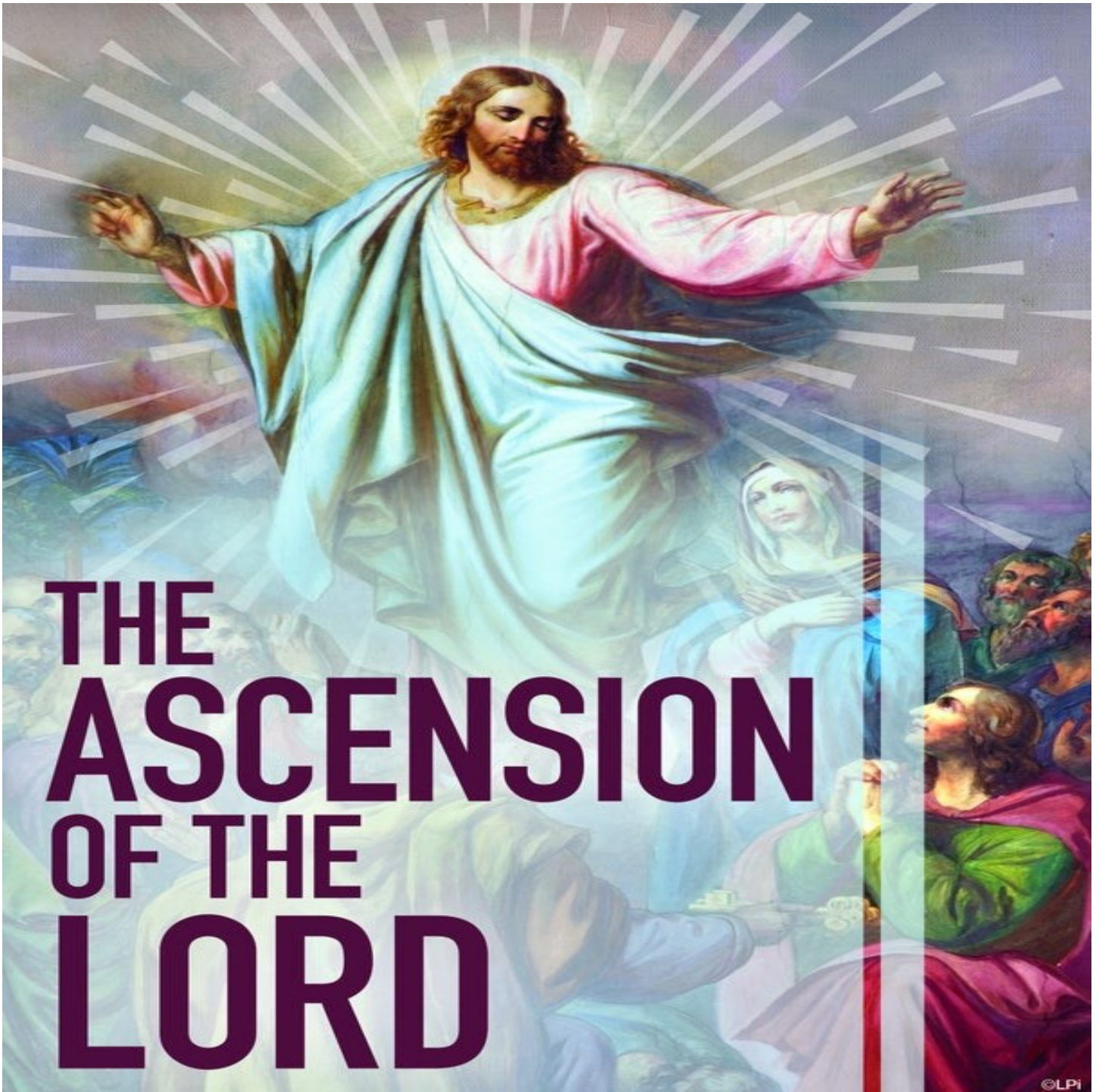




May 17, 2026

# St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community  
Sterling Heights



**THE  
ASCENSION  
OF THE  
LORD**

## Notes from Fr. Steve

The Feast of the Ascension: Christ's is Christ's return to the Father and show us our mission forward. Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus gathered His disciples, blessed them, and ascended into heaven before their eyes. The Feast of the Ascension celebrates this glorious moment when Christ returned to the Father, completing His earthly ministry and opening the gates of heaven for humanity. This feast is traditionally celebrated forty days after Easter, recalling the timeline described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:1-11).

From the earliest centuries of Christianity, believers honored the Ascension as a joyful and hope-filled feast. By the fourth century, it was already widely celebrated throughout the Church. The Ascension reminds us that Jesus did not abandon His followers; rather, He promised the gift of the Holy Spirit and entrusted His disciples with continuing His mission in the world. Before ascending, Christ gave the command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

For the disciples, the Ascension was both an ending and a beginning. They no longer walked beside Jesus in the same physical way, yet they were now called to become witnesses of His love, mercy, and truth. Strengthened by faith, they went forth with courage, spreading the Gospel even in the face of hardship and persecution. As modern-day disciples, we are invited to learn several important lessons from this feast.

First, the Ascension reminds us to keep our hearts fixed on heaven. In a world filled with distractions, anxieties, and constant busyness, Christ calls us to remember that our ultimate hope is found in God. The Ascension encourages us to live with purpose, trusting that Jesus reigns with the Father and remains present with us always.

Second, the feast challenges us to continue Christ's mission here on earth. We are called to be His hands and feet through acts of charity, forgiveness, compassion, and evangelization. Every Christian has a role in building God's kingdom—within our families, workplaces, schools, and communities.

Finally, the Ascension teaches us about trust. The disciples did not fully know what would come next, but they obeyed Christ and waited faithfully for the Holy Spirit. In the same way, we are called to trust God even when the future seems uncertain.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, may we remember that Christ has gone before us to prepare the way to eternal life. May we also embrace our calling to be faithful witnesses in the world, living each day with hope, courage, and joy.

I want to thank all of you who came out to our parish listening sessions, for the re-structuring of the archdiocese. I hope that you found the meeting informative and that it answered your questions or concerns on the future direction of St. Rene.

If you have not given your CSA donation as of yet, please take time to give your vital support. Please remember our number of active parishioners is based on your sacrifices to the parish and the CSA. No matter what gift you make I encourage you to give generously! If you need a CSA donation card please call the parish office.

We have so many people in the parish who are seriously ill, please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort, and hope. May God bless you and those you love!

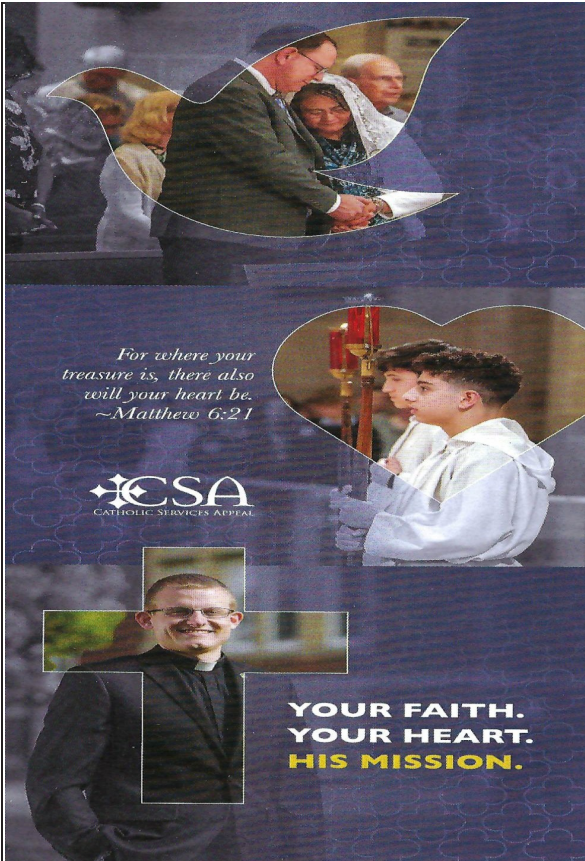
Fr. Steve

**YOUR FAITH.  
YOUR HEART.  
HIS MISSION.**

*For where your treasure is,  
there also will your heart be.  
~Matthew 6:21*



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



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**Please consider making a gift to  
the Catholic Services Appeal**



**SCAN CODE**



If you or a loved one has cancer, please come for Healing, prayer and a blessing. A Relic of the True Cross will be present. This service will take place in the St. Peregrine Garden, in the event of bad weather we will meet in the Church.

**This Sunday  
Sunday, May 17, 2026  
12:00 p.m.**

**Almighty ever-living God,**

we know that all gifts come from you.

As good stewards we return them to you with heartfelt charity and gratitude.

May our service of prayer joyfully align our hearts to follow your will,

so that our talents may bring hope for the renewal of Christ's mission in our Archdiocese.

May the Holy Spirit guide us to generously entrust our financial treasures for the good of rebuilding the Church,

and to look toward our true treasure in heaven.

**Amen.**

*Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.*

*Saint Anne, pray for us.*

*Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.*



**DONUT SUNDAY  
This SUNDAY**

Join us for  
faith & fellowship  
after the  
10:30 am Mass  
Sunday, May 17, 2026

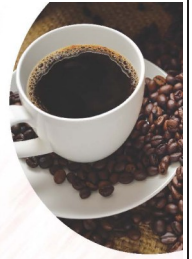
### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!

# Breakfast Club



### Please Join Pomeroy Living as we Host St. Rene's Tuesday Breakfast Club

Breakfast will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.



**NEXT BREAKFAST: TUESDAY, MAY 19TH**

**10:00AM-11:30AM**

*Space is limited to 60 so make sure to reserve your spot today!*



**RSVP to Kristen in the parish office by: Friday, May 15th**



**Pomeroy Sterling Assisted**  
2200 15 Mile Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

**Pomeroy Sterling Skilled**  
34643 Ketsin Dr  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310



**St. Rene Goupil Parish**  
35955 Ryan Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310



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

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Casciano

## Morning Prayer "Mama Mary, guide me today"

Dear Mama Mary,  
As I rise to greet this new day,  
I offer You my thoughts, my words, my actions.  
Hold my hand and walk with me,  
So I may choose kindness over anger,  
Faith over fear,  
Peace over worry.

Wrap me in your mantle of protection.  
Intercede for me to your Son, Jesus,  
That I may live this day with grace,  
Love others as He loves me,  
And glorify God in all I do.  
Amen.

*Mary's Blessings*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
**MAY HIS LOVE  
BE WITH US,  
ALWAYS**





# Diaconate Vocation Awareness

INFORMATION NIGHT

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night for all who are discerning a call to the Diaconate. Please pass along the following information if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know.

*For married men, wives are highly encouraged to attend.*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

Check-in: 6:30 p.m.  
Presentation: 7-8:30 p.m.

**ST. ISIDORE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
18201 23 Mile Rd  
Macomb, MI 48042



**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Joyce Clashman  
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families  
+Pat Johnson  
+Chris Vertrees  
+Norma Prall

**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families  
+Judy Durocher

**Friday, May 22, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families  
+Mary Hackett

**Saturday, May 23, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Marie Forman  
+Kenneth Wyniemko  
+Walter Broski (7th R.A.)  
+Jerry Nowakowski  
+Franklin Langenstein  
+Frank Leonardi  
+Frances Ciesniewki  
+Mary Sitto  
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families  
+Norma Prall

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.**

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families  
+Betty Eschrich

**10:30 a.m.**

+John Daude  
+Mary Hackett  
+Josephine Kuhlman  
+Jessie Ancona  
+Healing for Kimberly Phipps

**5:30 p.m.**

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Goupil Parish

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF EASTER**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ."  
-Jn 17:1-3

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**REMEMBER** in your prayers

# JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY

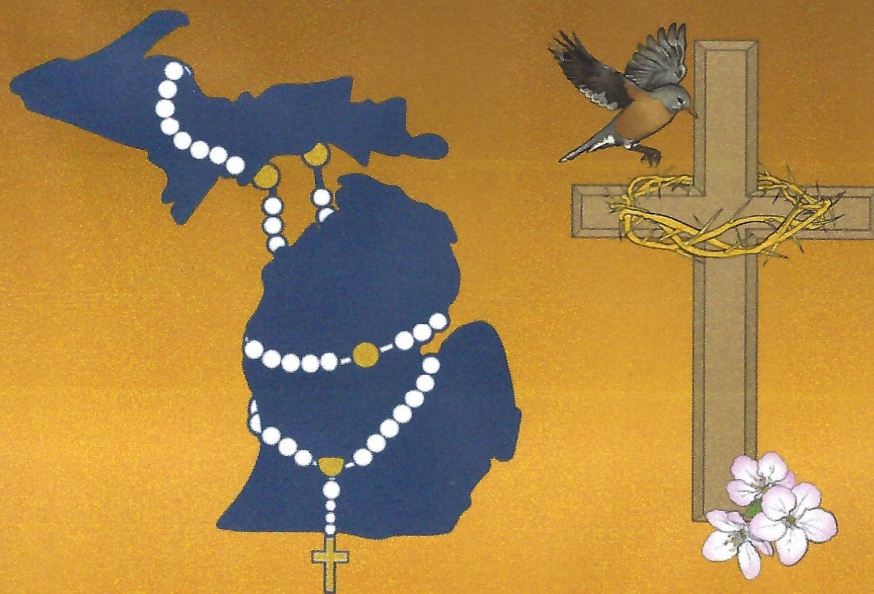
## Youth spotlight: Anna Friedrich

Anna Friedrich is a senior at Oakland University, majoring in Graphic Design. She is set to graduate this May with a Bachelor of Arts. When she joined the pilgrimage to Rome for World Youth Jubilee 2025, she volunteered to design a t-shirt that reflected both her faith and her home state of Michigan. The design featured two illustrations: on the front, the outline of Michigan with a rosary draped across it; on the back, a gold cross incorporating an apple blossom and a robin. For Anna, the shirts became more than just a design project; they were a testament to her faith. In Rome, the shirts were worn by all 25 of our pilgrims, standing out among thousands of Catholics from around the world. Together, they represented not only a shared belief, but also a sense of identity, unity, and pride carried far from home.



### Anna's World Youth Jubilee quote from YouTube video:

"It's been a dream of mine to visit Italy. The history and culture are fascinating. However, I could have never expected to make so many lifelong friendships. From sharing meals to many long hours of public transportation, we all grew closer as a group. Neither the Colosseum, Leaning Tower of Pisa, nor the Sistine Chapel will compare to the relationships we all made."



#### MICHIGAN LOGO (Front of Shirt)

This design features the state of Michigan wrapped in a rosary, symbolizing our spiritual connection and shared devotion as we journey together in faith. The rosary, a traditional Catholic devotion in honor of the Virgin Mary, also references **St. Anne**, the mother of the Virgin Mary and the **patron saint of Michigan**.

Each bead and golden centerpiece marks our steps of prayer and reflection, uniting us across the Upper and Lower Peninsulas as one pilgrim people. The cross resting at the base reminds us of Christ's presence guiding our path to Rome for the **Jubilee of Youth 2025**.

Surrounding the image are the words "Rome Pilgrimage" and "Jubilee of Youth 2025," grounding this moment in time as a milestone of faith, unity, and spiritual renewal for our group and young people from around the world

#### CROSS ILLUSTRATION (back of shirt)

At the center of this design stands a **wooden cross**, the ultimate symbol of Christ's love and sacrifice. Resting atop is a **golden crown of thorns**, a powerful reminder of the suffering Jesus endured to offer us **eternal life**.

The **cross**, once an instrument of death, has become for us the very symbol of **life**: a life redeemed, renewed, and everlasting through Christ's resurrection.

To the **upper left**, a **robin**, Michigan's state bird, gently approaches the cross. Paired with the **apple blossoms** at the base, Michigan's state flower. These natural elements represent both our **home state** and the **new life** Christ gives.

Just as the robin sings the arrival of spring and the apple blossom marks the start of growth, they echo the new beginning we receive through **Jesus' sacrifice**. Together, this design roots our faith in the beauty of Michigan and the **eternal life** we've been given.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**May 17, 2026**  
**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**John 17:1-11a**

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "**Consecrate them in the truth.**" (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

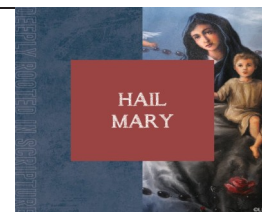
And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— *Father John Muir*

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**Devotions, Explained!**  
**Hail Mary**



**Mini Explanation**

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11<sup>th</sup> century.

**Hail Mary, Explained**

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus" — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11<sup>th</sup> century.

An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677.

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## Readings for the Week

**Sunday, May 17, 2026:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-2

**Monday, May 18, 2026:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026:** Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday, May 21, 2026:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday, May 22, 2026:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 23, 2026:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday, May 24, 2026:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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**Virtues, Explained!**  
**Loyalty**



**Mini Explanation**

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. We are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church, and to the Christian way of life.

**Loyalty, Explained!**

Pope Paul VI, in *Ecclesia Suam*, considered “loyalty, perseverance and self-sacrifice” to be the distinguishing marks of a Christian in a modern world that increasingly embraces relativism.

“The follower of Christ is not pliant and cowardly, but loyal and strong,” he wrote.

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. As Catholics, we are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church (the Magisterium), and to the Christian way of life.

Loyalty is distinct from admiration for a person or institution, and even from respect. Admiration and respect can be rightfully earned and rightfully lost. Virtuous loyalty does not swerve from its object, and it flows forth from the one who gives it.

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. But saying the words isn’t enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there, inviting the Spirit to move among them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

**When Words Fail**

I love words (obviously; I’m a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like “Father” and “Son” because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That’s why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

“Now glorify me, Father, with you,” Jesus says, “with the glory that I had with you before the world began.”

*Before the world began.*

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let’s not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son *became*.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn’t enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.



“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” — Mt 28:18b-19

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### 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>

### Everyday Stewardship

I don't think I am giving away anything to say that Knights of Columbus are supposed to always carry with them a rosary. Even before I became a Knight, often I would carry a rosary with me. Like most good habits, at times I would slowly become oblivious and forget to have it with me. Many weeks and months of carrying it in my pocket would give way to a couple weeks of wondering where it went. To stick with any practice you have to be intentional and mindful of what you are doing.

A good prayer life requires commitment. Carrying a rosary isn't really prayer, because the prayers are not being said. However, a rosary or other religious article does serve as a reminder of who we are and to whom we belong. A prayer life should not be one where we simply seek to recite words, but one where we walk in the presence of God at all times. Prayer is about presence.

An everyday steward will find success in cultivating a prayer life by inviting God into all aspects and moments of the day. Recited prayer throughout the day serves as the formal ritual part of our relationship with God. In all relationships we have standard things we say to each other about love, our needs, and our hopes for that person. It is what takes place between the words that sometimes makes the difference.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### 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.



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!



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

**Weekend Liturgy Schedule for May 23 & 24**

	<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>	Ricky Yulo	Barbara Wyrwicz	Louis Youkhana	Ana Divina
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Phat Le Phong Le	Rom Beltran	Open	Open
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K. Moravek G. Labinski	Open Open	L. Youkhana T. Monteiro	Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Don Sundstrom Christian Baca	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti Rom Beltran Vicki Beltran	Terry Shaughnessy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
<b>Sacristan</b>	K. Moravek	R. Beltran	T. Monteiro	Open

**Altar Care Team:  
Friday, May 22nd  
Team 3**

**Teresita Bugante  
Helen DeVera  
Ofelia Cunanan  
Divina Divina  
Marietta Martinez**

**Church  
Vacuuming :  
Friday, May 22nd  
OPEN**

**Altar Linen:  
May  
Khristine Cochiosue**

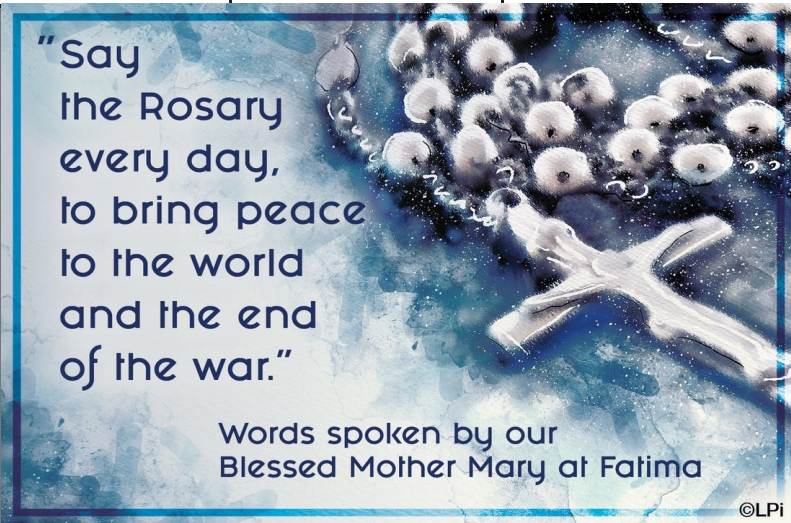
**Weekday Liturgy Schedule for May**

<b>Week</b>	Tuesday, May 19, 2026	Thursday, May 21, 2026	Friday, May 22, 2026
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
<b>Lector</b>	M. Peterson	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana
<b>Sacristan</b>	B. Wyrwicz	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	L. Youkhana	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson

Due to licensing through the USCCB, we are no longer able to print the readings each week.

If you wish to access the readings, you may do so at the following web-site.

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



Our St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul conference is a small group, always looking for new members. The meetings are open to interested visitors on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7PM at the parish. Please join us. We believe in the intrinsic value of every person – to serve and be served. Please join us in fostering the common bond of humanity to bring wholeness and healing for all. Contact George Downey at (586) 904-5171 for information on how to attend the meeting or for more information. Our conference helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know if anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



## Lemon Raspberry Jello



- 1 c. milk
- 16 lg. marshmallows
- 3 oz. pkg. lemon Jello
- 1 lg. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 c. boiling water
- 1 c. crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 c. nuts (optional)
- 1 pkg. Dream Whip
- 2 pkgs. red frozen raspberries
- 2 pkgs. red raspberry Jello
- 3 c. boiling water

Scald milk and add marshmallows; stir until dissolved and set aside. Soften cream cheese. Mix in dry lemon Jello. Slowly add 1 cup boiling water to Jello mixture. Stir well, then add to marshmallow mixture; chill. Add pineapple and nuts. Fold in Dream Whip. Pour into 9x13 inch pan. Let sit.

### TOPPING:

Dissolve Jello in 3 cups boiling water. Add frozen raspberries. Pour over first mixture; chill.



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

## WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

You can find St. Rene's bulletin on our website at [strene.org](http://strene.org)

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](http://Parishesonline.com) then search by zip code. You can go online to the [aod.org/live/masses](http://aod.org/live/masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.

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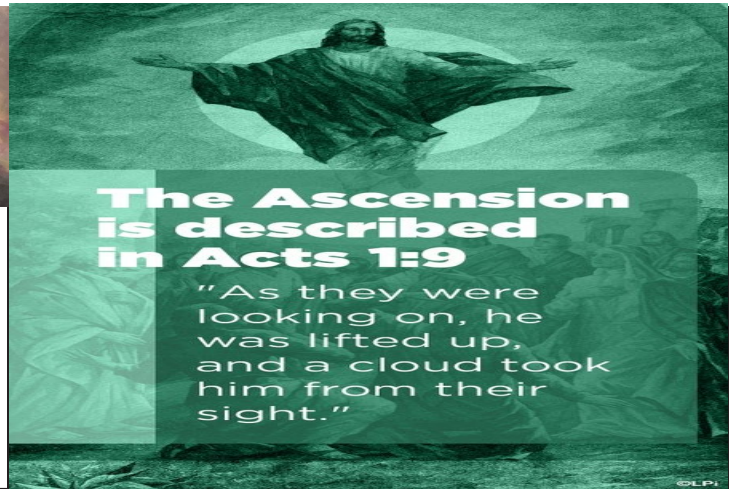
**Our Sunday Offering  
May 9 & 10  
Thank you for your  
generous response.  
God Bless you!**

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.



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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 Ascension is described in Acts 1:9**

“As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.”



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

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| MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force<br>Josey Blades (Air Force)<br>Captain Curtis Bradley (Army)<br>Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon<br>Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)<br>P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano<br>Nicholas Foglyano (Army)<br>P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)<br>Lt Col David Fries<br>Maj. Laura Geldhof | Joe Gill, Navy<br>Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon<br>Christopher Grubby (Navy)<br>Pfc. Kevin Heath<br>Lt. Christopher Kerr<br>Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)<br>Lt. Joseph Kraft<br>Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)<br>Sgt. Chris Libeck<br>Mark Locricchio (Army)<br>Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)<br>LCPL Miguel Menzer | SPC Matthew Muellenhagen<br>Maj. Eric Olson<br>Chief Daniel Przybylinski (Navy)<br>Justin Quinn (Marines)<br>Anthony Roszko (Army)<br>Lt. Greg Siuta<br>Maj. Allison Stewart<br>Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.<br>ISG Robert Sutton<br>Sgt. Matthew Sweetman<br>Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal) |
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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 @ 7:00 a.m., Thursday @ 8:00 a.m. and**  
**Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. , 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.**  
**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  
  
Director of Music

### ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

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

**Ushers**  
*Karen Messineo (248) 808-8502*

**Perpetual Adoration**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*

**Catholic Social Services  
of Macomb**  
*Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300*  
**St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)**  
*(586) 718-4523*  
**Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C**  
*(586) 556-2122*

### Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.

### Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.

### Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

## WELCOME

**If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500 or go to our web site at [strene.org](http://strene.org).**

## St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

### Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage.

Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

### Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

**Penance:** Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

### Marriage:

Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

### Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.



## Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known  
as we restructure the parishes and ministries  
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.  
Help us hear your voice  
in the quiet of our own hearts,  
in the wisdom of others,  
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us  
in every step of the process.  
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.  
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.  
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.  
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.