



February 1, 2026

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of
evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

Notes from Fr. Steve

Most of us know about prayer. We've learned the words. We know when to stand, sit, kneel. We can recite familiar prayers by heart. And yet, if we're honest, many of us quietly wonder: *Why does my prayer feel dry? Distant? Repetitive?*

Renewing your prayer life doesn't mean learning fancy techniques or saying more words. At its heart prayer is about relationship. And like any relationship, our relationship with Jesus grows when we show up honestly, consistently, and with a willing heart.

Start where you are: One of the biggest obstacles to prayer is the feeling that we need to "get it right." But Jesus never asked for perfect prayers. He asked for real ones. Start by talking to Him the way you would talk to a trusted friend. Tell Him what's weighing on you. Tell Him what you're grateful for. Tell Him when you're confused or frustrated. Silence, too, is a form of prayer—sometimes simply sitting in God's presence is enough.

Make prayer part of your everyday life: Prayer doesn't have to be limited to church or a quiet corner at home. You can pray while driving, walking, doing the dishes, or waiting in line. A simple "Jesus, be with me today" or "Thank you, Lord" keep your heart turned toward Him. Over time, these small moments add up, gently deepening your awareness of God's presence in daily life.

Let the scripture speak to you: Reading Scripture slowly and prayerfully can renew your connection with Christ. Instead of rushing through a passage, linger with it. Ask, *What is Jesus saying to me here?* Imagine yourself in the scene. Listen for a word or phrases that stands out. Scripture becomes prayer when we allow it to shape our hearts, not just inform our minds.

Be patient with the process: Every relationship has seasons—times of closeness and times of dryness. If prayer feels empty, don't give up. God is still at work, even when you don't feel it. Faithfulness matters more than feelings. Simply showing up, day after day, is itself an act of trust and love.

Consider a prayer partner: One powerful—and often overlooked—way to deepen your prayer life is to share it with someone else. A prayer partner can be a trusted friend, spouse, or fellow parishioner who agrees to pray with you and for you. This doesn't have to be complicated. It might mean checking in once a week, sharing intentions, or praying together briefly by phone or in person. Knowing that someone else is walking with you in prayer brings encouragement, accountability, and a reminder that we are never alone in our faith journey.

Remember who prayer is about: Prayer isn't about accomplishing something; it's about encountering Someone. It's about growing closer to Jesus Christ, who already knows you, loves you, and desires a deeper relationship with you. When we make space for Him—however imperfectly—we open ourselves to grace, healing, and transformation.

Renewing your prayer life doesn't require a dramatic change. It begins with a simple decision: to turn your heart toward Jesus today and trust that He will meet you there.

If you have a moment please go online and look at the Detroit Catholic, St. Rene has two articles in the web site this week, the first recognizing Theresa Wilson's ministry here at church, the second is about the KKPM Ministry and the recent celebration of Santo Nino.

Several people have asked me how much the Christmas Collection was, I am happy to report it was over \$50,000! Also, this reflects the Christmas Collection. Some parishes add funds from the previous weeks and those after bolstering the collection and avoid the diocesan tax which is not collected from the Christmas Collection.

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

Fr. Steve

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank you for your participation in being compliant with our Safe Environments requirements. As a reminder all volunteers who are giving their time to the Church are required to take Protecting God's Children, have a criminal background check conducted, and sign a Code of Conduct in order to volunteer or be employed in any parish or school within the Archdiocese of Detroit. With you working in partnership with our due diligence, we are ensuring that all members of the Church are creating an environment of awareness for all forms of maltreatment to our children and vulnerable adults. This is for the protection of those among us and for us to continue to have healthy boundaries with all active members within our community.

Should you have any questions around this program, please contact The Archdiocese of Detroit's Safe Environment Manager, Maegan Pierson via email at:
protectchildren@aod.org

In Christ,

Maegan

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT RE-CERTIFICATION POLICY (Revised January 2026)

To work or volunteer in the Archdiocese of Detroit, all clergy, staff, and volunteers:

- Must attend original 3 hr. VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” Adult Awareness Session,
- Must re-certify every three years on/or before the expiration date on the face of their current certificate. See the sample dateline below. The participant has 30 days after their expiration date to complete the recertification; if not, they must be inactivated in VIRTUS and will not be able to work or volunteer until completion of training.

<u>“Protecting God’s Children” Training</u>	<u>1st Recertification Year</u>	<u>2nd Recertification Year</u>
2023	2026	2029
2024	2027	2030
2025	2028	2031
2026	2029	2032

Option #1 Retake VIRTUS® 3 hr. “Protecting God’s Children.”

Option #2: VIRTUS® 30 minute “Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0 ” Recertification

Participants whose current certificate has not yet expired may attend 30 minute. “Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0” recertification. This module is an online training that provides best practices for employees, volunteers, caring adults and parents, equipping them on how to be better protectors of children, and on how to teach children to better protect themselves. This online module builds from the foundation of the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide™, and provides easy conversation starters, bulleted tips and quick summaries of pertinent information.

Important Notice

Participants must keep their original VIRTUS® Protecting All God’s Children and any additional recertification certificates as proof of compliance, which can be located when logging into the VIRTUS platform. Only a “copy” of the certificate should be given to the parish/school where you work or volunteer.

Theresa Wilson finds joy and fulfillment in serving her parish community in myriad ways, from book drives to serving the poor



Detroit Catholic Jan 22, 2026 Local
St. Rene Goupil Parish volunteer Theresa Wilson is the quiet, driving force behind many of the Sterling Heights parish's ministries, including its decorating committee and annual giving tree. Like many parish volunteers, Wilson doesn't seek the spotlight, but finds time to give back in the spirit of Christian charity. (Photos by Alissa Tuttle | Special to Detroit Catholic)

You can find the complete article at detroitcatholic.com

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 website.

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

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, February 1, 2026: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday, February 2, 2026: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday, February 3, 2026: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 4, 2026: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 5, 2026: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 6, 2026: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 7, 2026: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 8, 2026: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Countercultural Then and Now

Sometimes I wonder what this world will look like when my children get to be my age. Everything seems to be changing so rapidly and much of that change doesn't seem to be for the good. I do think in some ways the Church is experiencing resurgence and a strengthening, but it will have to be in the face of an increasing culture of atheism and selfishness.

Of course, I bet my parents wondered the same thing when I was a child. As much as things change, they remain the same. When Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, I would guess some parents there were having the same kind of worries. But Jesus proposed a way of life in the beatitudes that was countercultural then and is countercultural now.

In his book, *Life of Christ*, Fulton Sheen said this: "The Sermon on the Mount is so much at variance with all that our world holds dear that the world will crucify anyone who tries to live up to its values." Living a stewardship way of life means bringing the beatitudes into our daily lives in a profound way. However, it also means living in a way that others may not understand or they may even turn away from us because of it. But with the reward in the end being the kingdom of heaven, the choice is really a matter of life and death, *eternally* speaking.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



FEBRUARY 1, 2026: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

IN MATTHEW 5:1-12, ALSO CALLED THE BEATTITUDES, TELLS HOW JESUS TAUGHT THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE KIND, GENTLE, AND CARE ABOUT OTHERS ARE TRULY BLESSED. HE SHOWS THAT GOD LOVES THOSE WHO TRUST HIM, HELP OTHERS, AND TRY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

Jesus teaches that being kind and loving makes us truly happy in God's eyes.
He reminds us that God cares for everyone who helps others.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORD SEARCH

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Family Activity

HEART HUNT

Have everyone cut out a heart from red construction paper or use white paper, cut out hearts, and let everyone color them. Have each person write a word from today's gospel on their heart and then each person go to a different room to hide their heart. Find them all together.

FIND THESE WORDS FOR THE 4TH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ABOVE
BLESSED, REWARD, KINGDOM, HEAVEN,
COMFORTED, MEEK, SATISFIED, GREAT,
PEACEMAKERS, REJOICE, POOR, GLAD



DEAR GOD,
HELP ME TO BE KIND,
LOVING, GENTLE, AND
GOOD, SO I CAN MAKE
YOU HAPPY.
AMEN.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Donald Ray

+Bradley Leonard Plec

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Thursday, February 5, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Gloria Koehler

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Friday, February 6, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Fern Russman

+Richard Calverley

+Marian & Lottie Kobus

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Saturday, February 7, 2026

4:00 p.m.

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Franklin Langenstein

+Joyce Clashman

+Marian & Lottie Kobus

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

+Richard Joseph Cabula

+Alan Robb

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:30 a.m.

+Frances Rozolosky

+Karin Nieto

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

+Peter Formanczyk (7th R.A.)

10:30 a.m.

+Sparky Klee

+Joseph Hance (9th R.A.)

+Rose Marie Sobota

+Marie Forman

+Richard DeBelen

5:30 p.m.

+Neil Almalbis

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Would you like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Communion in the Catholic faith?

Do you want to explore and grow in your faith life?



The St. Rene Goupil R.C.I.A. program begins soon and concludes at the Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026.

For more information contact Mike Novak @ 586-939-7500 ext. 109

Devotions, Explained!

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat

Mini Explanation

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat, Explained

Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat. On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.



REMEMBER in your prayers

In Brief: Viva Senor Santo Nino: A joyful celebration of faith and Filipino culture at St. Rene Goupil Parish Detroit Catholic Jan 22, 2026 Local



You can find the complete article at detroitcatholic.com

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad"** (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval. Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near.

When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— *Father John Muir*

DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE 5 PATRON SAINTS OF NURSES! ST. AGATHA, ST. CAMILLUS, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, ST. JOHN OF GOD, AND RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.

Virtues, Explained! Kindness



Mini Explanation

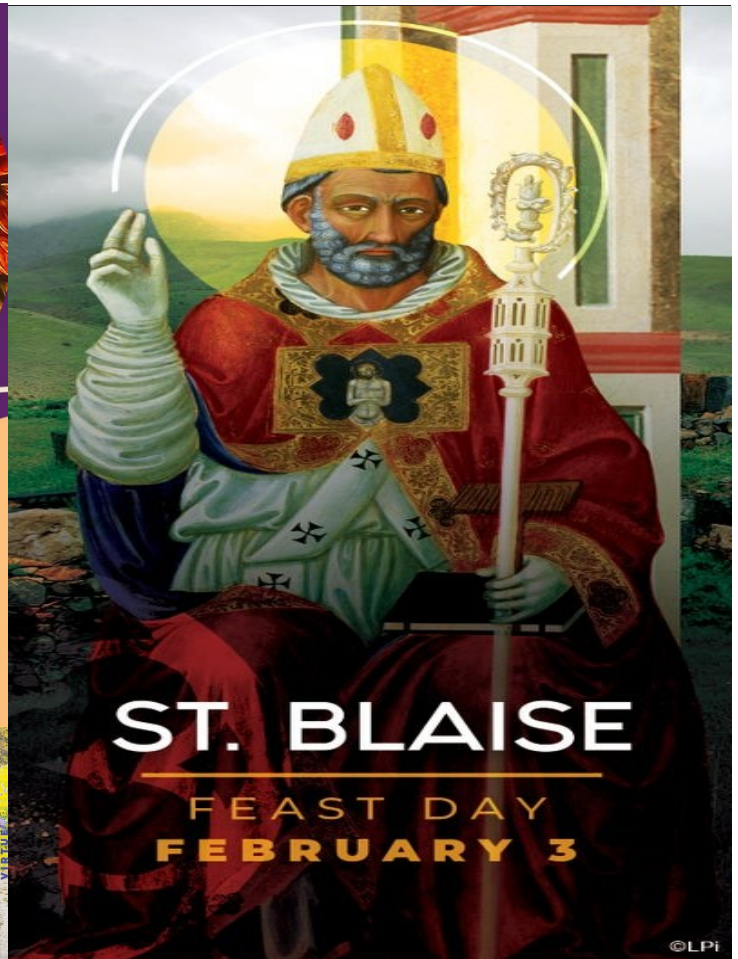
Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God, who has adopted us as His own.

Kindness, Explained!

In the modern lexicon, the quality of “kindness” is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God’s children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God’s own plan of loving kindness for us.



St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,
You are good and gracious, every
moment of every day. You invite
us to be meek, merciful, clean of
heart, peacemakers. Give us the
grace to seek these virtues, and to
seek you. May your blessing ac-
company us on our way.
Amen.



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>



BULLETIN UPDATE

With the cost of post-
age 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 ap-
preciate it.

You can find our bulle-
tin online each week at
strene.org our parish
website.



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ST. MATTHEW PARISH
ST. VINCENT De PAUL CONFERENCE
6021 WHITTIER AVENUE
DETROIT, MI 48224

January 7, 2026

Theresa Wilson
Christian Service Coordinator
St. Rene Goupil Parish
35922 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Dear Theresa and St. René Goupil Families,

St. Matthew Catholic Parish in Detroit and our St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to extend once again a huge thank you to all the families of St. Rene Goupil Parish for your wonderful donation of the many sweatshirts and children's toys given to us at the beginning of December. The sweatshirts and plentiful toys were distributed just prior to Christmas as gifts along with a lot of non-perishable food to twenty-seven low-income struggling families and their seventy-eight children who live on the east side of Detroit where are our parish serves.

We're extremely grateful for the abundance of clothing and superb toys you have provided to nearly one hundred and fifteen people whose Christmas was made that much brighter because of the concern and compassion displayed by the kind parishioners at St. Rene Goupil. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference with your tremendous help was able to be a shining light, during these very challenging times, in the lives of many in our eastside Detroit community so that those less fortunate than ourselves were able to celebrate the Christmas season even that much more!

Happy New Year to you all and thank you once again for all your generosity and kindness!

Sincerely,

Dennis Costello
St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul



If you are looking for a volun-
teer opportunity at St. Rene look
no further. We are looking for
volunteers for becoming a Lec-
tor, Sacristan, (**Lectors & Sac-
ristans 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. Volun-
teers to join the watering committee (watering the
outdoor plants). Volunteers to help vacuum the
Church on Friday's after Mass. If you're interested
in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please
contact the parish office and we will gladly pass
your information on to the person in charge of the
assignments and have them contact you.
Thank you in advance for volunteering!

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 7 & 8

	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	Lorraine Doyle	Barbara Wyrwicz	Corina Sison	Jovita Engalan
Altar Servers	Eli Wing-Nga	Rom Beltran	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Labinski L. Nosek	Open Open	C. Sison E. Monteiro	Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti Rom Beltran Vicki Beltran	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	G. Labinski	R. Beltran	C. Sison	Open

Altar Care Team: Friday, February 6th Team 3 Tersita Bugante Helen DeVera Ofelia Cunanan Divina Divina	Weekday Liturgy Schedule for January			
	Week	Tuesday, February 3, 2026	Thursday, February 5, 2026	Friday, February 6, 2026
Church Vacuuming : Friday, February 6th Jim Moravek	Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
	Lector	B. Wyrwicz	M. Peterson	L. Hance
Altar Linen: February Theresa Wilson	Sacristan	R. Beltran	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
	Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson



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



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



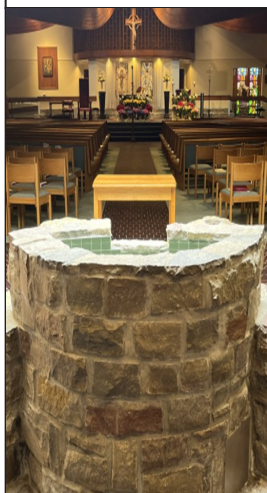
William's Family Hamburger Soup



1 tbsp. butter
3/4 lb. chopped beef
1/3 c. barley
1 (No.2) can tomatoes
3 stalks celery
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 qts. Water
1 tbsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
3 carrots, sliced
3 potatoes, diced

Brown meat in butter, crumbling constantly with fork. Add onions; cook 5 minutes. Add barley, tomatoes, water, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer gently over low heat for 1 hour. Add vegetables and Worcestershire sauce. Cover and simmer 1 more hour. Can be frozen.

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



WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

You can find St. Rene's bulletin on our website at strene.org

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

You can go online to the [aod.org/live masses](http://aod.org/live-masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



**Our Sunday Offering
January 24 & 25
Thank you for your
generous response.
God Bless you!**

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the "Pay" button. It's that simple! We thank you for your generosity.



SCAN CODE TO DONATE
TO ST. RENE GOUPIL



**If you have
borrowed a Pyx
from the Church
Office and are
no longer in
need of using it;
please return it
to the office, so
that
others may
borrow them.
Thank you!**

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



THE 12 PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT:

- Basilica of Ste. Anne, Detroit
- Blessed Solanus Casey Center, Detroit
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield
- National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak
- Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Riverview
- Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township
- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Madonna University)
- Shrine of Jesus the Divine Mercy, Clinton Township
- Shrine of St. John Paul II, Orchard Lake
- St. Joseph Shrine, Detroit
- Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac



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

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force
Josey Blades (Air Force)
Captain Curtis Bradley (Army)
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)
P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)
Lt Col David Fries
Maj. Laura Geldhof

Joe Gill, Navy
Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon
Christopher Grubby (Navy)
Pfc. Kevin Heath
Lt. Christopher Kerr
Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)
Lt. Joseph Kraft
Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)
Sgt. Chris 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 @ 1:00 p.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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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,
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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.

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.

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