

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday
OF LENT

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” -Jn 2:14-15a

Notes from Fr. Steve

Many of the people in our parish once went to church at St. Florian's in Hamtramck. I did not know much about St. Florian so I thought I would do a little research, and share those findings with all of you.

St. Florian lived in the third century AD in the area of modern day Austria and Bavaria. He was the commander of the Roman Imperial Army.

At the same time in history the Church's followers were going through intense persecution. The emperors sent an edict to all of the Roman provinces that all of the followers of Christ be executed. The governor of where Florian was stationed was a vicious man named Aquilinus. He began rounding up Christians in the town of Lauruacum and brought them before a judge where they were tried and executed.

When Florian heard of this he gave away all of his personal wealth to the poor, gathered forty of his soldiers and left for the town of Lauruacum. When he reached the town he publically declared himself a Christian and refused to bow down to statues of idols and worship them.

Florian was seized by the governor's soldiers and savagely tortured. Seeing that Florian could not be overcome by pain of the body he was sentenced to die. They tied a large mill stone around his neck and threw him from a bridge into a river and was drowned in order to terrify his followers. St. Florian's body was recovered by a pious woman and was given a proper burial. In 1138 Pope Lucius III gave some of his relics to King Casmir of Poland and to the Bishop of Cracow.

Since that time St. Florian has been regarded as the patron of Poland. Many miracles of healing are attributed to his intercession and he is invoked as a powerful protector in times of danger from fire and water.

It is said Florian stopped a town from burning down by throwing a single bucket of water on the blaze and then became known as the patron saint of firefighters.

St. Florian's Feast Day is May 4th, he is the patron saint of those in battle against fire, barrel makers, chimney sweeps, drowning victims, fire prevention, firefighters, floods and harvests.

Prayer to St. Florian

Almighty God, Protector of all people,

Your strength, power and wisdom are a beacon of light to all people:

Give special guidance to Firefighters,

So that they may be protected from harm while performing their duty.

Help me with your loving care while I work to save the lives and property of all people, young and old.

Give me the courage, the alertness,

To protect my neighbors and all others,

I pledge to aid when involved in a fire or accident. Amen.

St. Florian certainly is a heroic figure in our Catholic History. You will note how the people in his time had different needs, for instance being the patron saint of barrel makers. We often forget the role of the saints of history. They stand out for the causes they stood for in their own time and day. While St. Florian lived in a different time, he lived and followed Christ. Imagine, selling all you have, and giving the proceeds to the poor and going to your death because you followed Christ. This makes his life and giving witness to Christ, a model for all generations. Please this Lent consider how you are called in such small ways to give witness and follow Christ.

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

Fr. Steve

Because many have returned to Mass, there is no need to send the bulletin to everyone in the parish. If you are not able to attend Mass and would like the bulletin sent to you, please return the tag with your offertory envelope in your next mailing, to continue your mailing.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____



**Friday's during Lent
after the
9:30 a.m. Mass
And
7:00 p.m.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

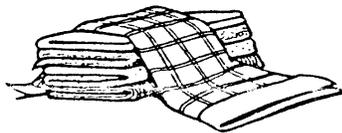
In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Lenten Towel Drive

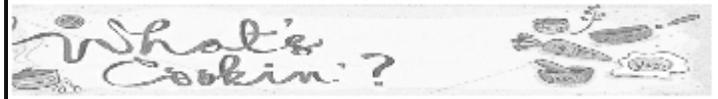


It is that time of year again...time for our annual Lenten Towel Project. We will be collecting brand-new bath towels and wash clothes during the Lenten season; from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. These may be placed in the wooden bin near the library. These shelters are so appreciative of the help we provide every year.

The towels and wash-clothes will once again be distributed to the Salvation Army's MATTS (Macomb's Answer To Temporary Shelter) program and Turning Point (a shelter for abused women and children).

Lent is a wonderful time of prayer and sacrifice. Please pray to see if it is in your heart to give a little help to these people who need so much.

May Gods bless you this Lent.



Applesauce Nut Bread

- 1/3 c. shortening
- 2/3 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 c. applesauce
- 2 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. soda
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts

Cream shortening; add sugar, beat in eggs. Add mixed dry ingredients alternately with applesauce, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Put in greased loaf pan and bake at 350 F for 45-55 minutes.

Priestly Vocations: Discernment Group

The Office of Priestly Vocations' discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood is having its third meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021 – 7:00-8:30pm. New members can join at any time, as there is no requirement to have been at the previous meeting. The first two nights were a great success with many men excited to talk about their possible vocation to the priesthood. Meetings are led by Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, and will include prayer, group discussion on discernment, light refreshments, and fellowship with other-like-minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/>.

Prayer During A Health Crisis

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.

Readings for Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/29

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. For the Lord will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you.

"You shall not kill.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Reading II

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, March 7, 2021: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday, March 8, 2021: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3;43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9, 2021: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10, 2021: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11, 2021: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 12, 2021: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 13, 2021: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 14, 2021: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 32, 4-5, 6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

9:30 a.m.

+Cyril Nkachukwu
+Rita Abraham
+Bette Maybee

Thursday, March 11, 2021

9:30 a.m.

+Fr. Micheal Cooney
+Charles Jennings

Friday, March 12, 2021

9:30 a.m.

+Josephine Martineau
+Bette Maybee

Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:00 p.m.

+Gerald Hurley
+Rita Gatt
+Robert & Karen Brooks
+Danilo Maribbay
+Franklin Langenstein

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:30 a.m.

+Joseph Schultz
+Tom & Helen Burns

10:30 a.m.

+Delfin Divina
+Bernadette Cook
+Rita Abraham
+Patricia Dominski & Family
+Jessie Ancona

5:30 p.m.

+Margaret Wilson

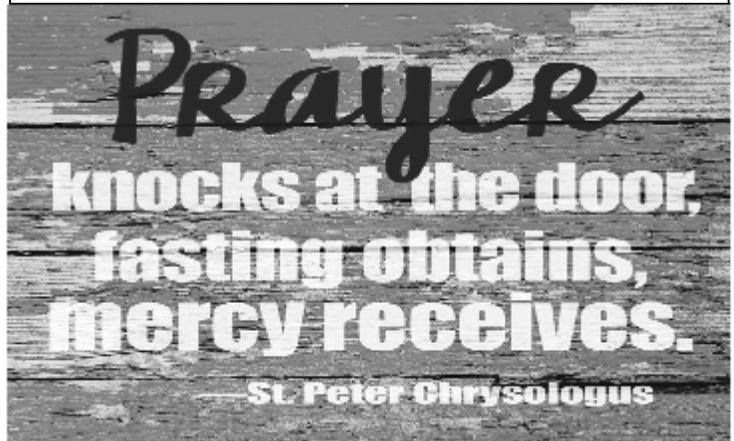


**Daylight Savings
Time Begins
on
Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Trust in God

During a time of crisis or uncertainty, we may find ourselves struggling with fear and anxiety. This is a natural reaction. But St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Philippians to “have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (4:6). Then, he assures us, “the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (v.7). With steadfast prayer and thanksgiving, then, we do our best to put our trust in the Lord.

Let our reactions reflect the trust and peace that can only be found in him. Stay close to Jesus and the Blessed Mother in prayer, asking that those who are suffering from the disease or from any related anxiety may find healing and peace.



Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our suffering and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under the protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

REQUEST FOR 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

CANDLES

If you would like St. Rene to light a candle for you, please send in your donation of \$1.00 per candle and we will light it for you. Please fill out the form below. This donation needs to be separate from your contribution.

Name: _____

Quantity: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____



Neighbors In Need

In such stressful times, St. Vincent de Paul members want to remind all parishioners that our mission is to help anyone who lives within the St. Rene Parish boundaries. We may be able to help with utility bills, clothing, household items and non-perishable food. Because of COVID restrictions our pantry is closed except for emergencies. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. For someone outside our parish boundaries, suggest they call their local church. All information is kept strictly confidential.



**PLEASE
BE
GENEROUS**

Adoration Chapel

We are happy to announce the Adoration Chapel will open again, with a different schedule. The chapel will be open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 7 pm. The chapel is small, so the capacity will be limited to 4 people at a time. Masks **MUST** be worn. Please limit your visit to 15 minutes in consideration of those waiting to enter. The door will be latched at 3:30 pm each afternoon. You will need to knock to enter. At 7 pm it will close until the following morning. If this arrangement does not work because people will not accommodate to the mask and distance standard, we will be forced to close it again. Please help us keep the chapel open!

Hours of Commitment Needed:
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m..

Please call Mary Peterson if you are willing to commit to one of these hours.
(586)979-1469 or (586)738-1154

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for March 13 & 14

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30AM	Sunday 10:30AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Barbara Kiernan	Jovita Engalan	Corina Sison	Alex Sitchon
Altar Servers	Nathan Gonzales Isabella Gonzales	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Na	
Eucharistic Ministers	M Passalacqua	Open Open Open	A Sitchon	Open Open Open
Ushers	<u>Bill Broaddus</u> Dave Hintz Tom Pluta Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Dudley Nick Rieser	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Martin Simpao Gene Wiklanski Richard Satora Al Gyenese Sam Lumetta	<u>Bob Abraham</u> Ed Stivers Gary Novelli Elmor Monteiro Paul Lize Chris Norris	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Duane Zawacki Mike Galuszka Carl Siglin Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi Nancy DeLaCruz Matt Kazyak
Sacristan	M Stanczyk	K Nieto	G Yeck	V Jennings



**Our Sunday Offering
February 27 & 28**

**Thank you for your
generous response.**

God Bless you!

From the Vatican

Pope Francis gave a Papal Indult in March at the Vatican that said, Because of the Pandemic, anyone who prays a sincere “Act of Contrition”, receives the same absolution from their sins as they would have in making a confession”.

STAY CONNECTED

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

1. Visit www.formed.org and click “Sign up.”
2. Click “I belong to a Parish or Organization.”
3. Type “Faith at Home Detroit” in the center box under Create New Account. (You’ll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click “Next.”
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you’re registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

Spiritual Communion

With a contrite and a pure and loving heart say:
My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire to possess Thee within my soul. Since I cannot receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
 (Pause)

As though Thou were already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit me not that I should ever be separated from Thee.

The Council of Trent requires for a spiritual communion an ardent desire, lively faith, and fervent charity.

It is recommended that you keep this card with your daily prayers to be recited often.

Copies of this card available from:
Our Lady of the Rosary Library
 4016 Preston Hwy. • Louisville, KY 40213
 2¢ each plus \$2.00 P & H in U.S.
 Outside U.S. See Our Order Form For P & H
 To review other material that we offer, visit our webpage: olrl.org

**Daily Offering
of the
Most Precious Blood**

With a contrite and a pure and loving heart say:

O MARY, Immaculate Mother of JESUS, offer, we beseech thee, to the Eternal Father, the Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, to prevent at least one mortal sin from being committed somewhere in the world this day. [night]

“If every night, before we went to sleep,” says Father Faber, “we begged our dear Lady to offer up to God the Precious Blood of her Divine Son for grace to hinder one mortal sin somewhere in the world, during that night, and then renewed the same offering in the morning of the hours of daylight, surely such an offering, and by such hands, could not fail to win the grace desired, and then each one of us might probably hinder numbers of mortal sins every year.”

— All for Jesus

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

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

Please Pray for our Sick

Magdalena Arche	Gina Demarzio	Barbara Kusiak	Rose Mary Shaner
Raymond Anderson	Joan Droz	Christine Laubach	William Stanley
Ramzi Azara	Steve Femmineo	Marion Leckman	Edward Stivers
Bernice Barc	Sylvester Galuska	Lori Lemam	Angeline Szelak
Sally Boa	Pat, Mike & Bill Goodwin	Julie Lombardo	Charlie Tocco
Amy Bonrostro	Chester Gorski	Sam Lumetta	Talon Tolliver
Josephine & George Bouharb	Jeanette Groen	Lucy Maloziec	Chris Vertrees
Mike & Brenda Boyle	Diane Guappone	Joyce Mike	Michael Waggener
Karla Bocker	Barbara Haapala	Dee Mullaney	Helen Walczak
Ellen Burton	Noel Herberger	Al Napolitano	Molly Yandell
Marion Calverley	Jeffrey Johannes	Louie Nieto	Marsha Zanardelli
Rachel Canavesio	Pat Johnson	Judith Ochss	Daniel Zaniewski
Ligaya Carandang	Fran Karpinski	Donna O'Toole	
Cresenciano Carandang	Ronnie Ketvirtis	Remmie Rento Papa	
Matthew Cass	Camille Keyes	Bob Pawlik	
Walter Ciesielski	Roxann, Rick & Tony Klee	Christopher Plec	
James Coakley	Sue Knudsen	Mary Posner	
Judy Coloske	Michael Knudsen	Jim Rossbach	
Teresita Covacha	Josephine Kuhlman	Edwin Schlicht	

While we know that many people are continuously suffering from pain and illness, the main function for our sick list is to offer prayers for those urgently needing prayer (i.e. someone who is experiencing an acute illness or serious injury...) In our efforts to maintain an updated list, names will stay on the list for four weeks and can be requested by immediate family members only. All others who are sick will be remembered and prayed for with the phrase "and for all our parishioners and family members who are sick, living with chronic health troubles, and / or are in assisted living or nursing homes." Thank you for your understanding.

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

Corporal Joshua Arrington (Marines)	Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon	Chief Daniel Przybylinski (Navy)
Sgt. Major Justin Ball	Christopher Grubby (Navy)	Justin Quinn (Marines)
Sr. Airman Greg Baumgartner	Pfc. Kevin Heath	Anthony Roszko (Army)
Josey Blades (Air Force)	Lt. Christopher Kerr	CPL Marcus Sierra (Marines)
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon	Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)	Lt. Greg Siuta
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)	In Afghanistan	Maj. Allison Stewart
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano	Lt. Joseph Kraft	Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)	Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)	ISG Robert Sutton
Nicolas Fooy (Navy)	Sgt. Chris Libecki	Sgt. Matthew Sweetman
Lt Col David Fries	Mark Locricchio (Army)	Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)
Maj. Laura Geldhof	Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)	CPL Cameron Wilson (Marines)
Joe Gill, Navy	LCPL Miguel Menzer	
	SPC Matthew Muellenhagen	
	Maj. Eric Olson	

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.

ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE GRIEF COUNSELING SERVICES

Grief Support Groups are offered for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death. The group provides a supportive, safe and friendly environment to share their grief journey and to begin the healing process in a group setting by Reverence Hospice, a service of St. John Providence Health System. There is no charge. These groups are open to anyone who has lost a loved one due to death.

Locally, St. John Macomb/Oakland Hospital Education Center, 27351 Dequindre in Madison Heights every First and Third Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Utica Untied Methodist Church, 8650 Canal Road in Sterling Heights, every 3rd Thursday of the month 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To register call Lora Blake (586) 292-1359 or Becky Hall (586) 292-1359.

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 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
Rev. Mr. Dave Fleming, Deacon
Michael Novak,
Director of Evangelization & Education

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

Legion of Mary

Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469

Divine Mercy

Diane Broaddus (586) 977-1978

Ushers

Bill Broaddus (586) 977-1978

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

St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus

Jim Pawlik (586) 268-2849

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

See page 8 in the bulletin

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:

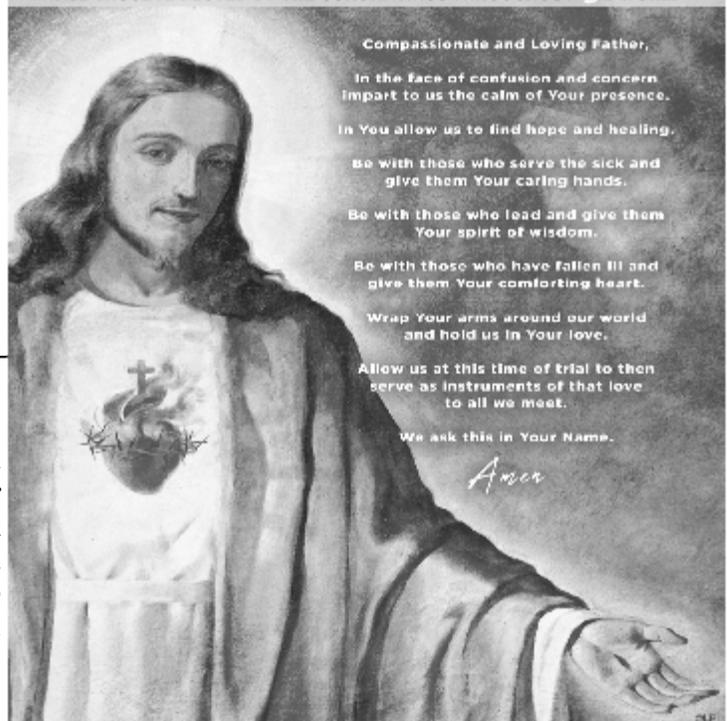
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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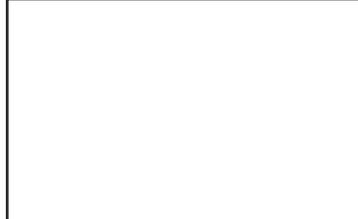
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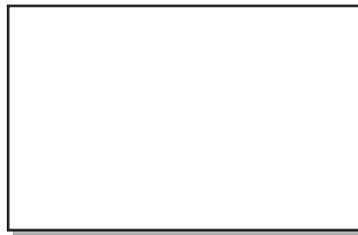


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