

# St. Rene Goupil Church

New England Ave. & 64th St.  
Chicago, Il. 60638

## Christmas Day

December 25, 2011

**Pastor** Fr. Thomas R. Kasputis  
**Pastor Emeritus** Fr. Peter Paurazas  
**Deacon** Rev. Mr. Sal Lema



### From the Desk of the Pastor

*The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in flesh is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.*

*St. Charles Borromeo, 16<sup>th</sup> Century*

Christ is born for us in what we do in the here and now as Catholic Christians - coming together to show that we care enough about others to pray with and for them. In the concreteness of our day, in and out caring, our world can see, hold, and celebrate 'God with us.' Our lives are holy and filled with God. Do not be afraid to see yourself as God sees you - as beloved and favored and set loose in this world with a mission of love. May the joy of knowing that God is with you and living through you for all the world to see bless you with peace throughout all this coming new year.

**Father Tom K.**

P.S. Ours is one of the few parishes in the Archdiocese that will be allowed to apply all the funds collected through our 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal to reduce our outstanding debt with the Archdiocese. This alone would be a great help to us. But an even greater benefit is the fact that the Archdiocese will **match** all money collected, dollar for dollar. During the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>, all who have responded to the Appeal within the past several years will receive a letter from Cardinal George. Although this letter will speak in general terms about the larger needs of the Archdiocese, be assured that your gift will remain in the parish, to be used to reduce our parish debt and will be matched. Please respond to this mailing as soon as possible.

I want to thank you for all that you do for our parish and thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request and your generous response.

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*For unto us a Child is born.....Isaiah 9:6*

*Wishing our St. Rene Family immeasurable joy as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. May His love and wisdom always help guide you in the coming year.*

*Deacon Sal & Beth*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<i>Monday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 26, St. Stephen</i> <b>Anne Mrozek</b>
<i>Tuesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 27, St. John</i> <b>Henry Kosinar</b>
<i>Wednesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 28, The Holy Innocents</i> <b>Genevieve Tokarz</b>
<i>Thursday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 29, 5th Day in Christmas Octave</i> <b>George Nowak</b>
<i>Friday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 30, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i> <b>Marlene Sutkowski &amp; Daughters</b>
<i>Saturday,</i> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<i>December 31, 7th Day in Christmas Octave</i> <b>Louis Rapacz, Marlene Sutkowski &amp; Family Durack &amp; Gubista</b>
<i>Sunday,</i> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<i>January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> <b>Alfred &amp; Lillian Brazinski John &amp; Dolores Raschke Anthony Dielle</b>

## Altar Servers Schedules distributed in school

<i>Saturday,</i>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<i>Sunday,</i>	<b>7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am</b>

## Altar Cleaning (Altar & Rosary)

<b>Dec 30—Dec 31—</b>	<b>Beverly Zaleski, Mary Ann Metke, Dolores Willis</b>
<b>Jan 6—Jan 7—</b>	<b>Marie Zilka, Joan Knable, Michelle Woodson</b>
<b>Jan 13—Jan 14—</b>	<b>Mary Lou Halerz, Bernice Cieslewski</b>



## Bible Passages - For Sunday, January 1, 2012 are:



**Numbers 6: 22-27**  
**Galatians 4: 4-7**  
**Luke 2: 16-21**

## School News

### Merry Christmas from St. Rene School

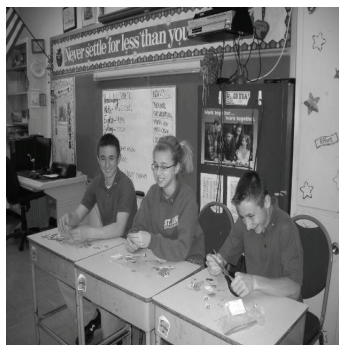
Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
The holiday season is a time to remember family & friends such as those that support our Parish school in the many ways that you do. The children of St. Rene Goupil Parish School are the future of the community & are lucky to have the support of the Parish community. It is important that parents bring their children to Mass on Sundays so that the education they are receiving at St. Rene School is reinforced by following the Catholic traditions. It is also a great opportunity for parishioners to realize that their support is worthwhile when they see how polite, thoughtful, & smart our children are. We have very dedicated & hard working teachers that are 99% certified catechists & almost all of our teachers have masters degrees in education. St. Rene is blessed to have such a talented & caring staff & a Pastor that is supportive & promotes our school. Please come to visit our school at our Open House on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wishing everyone at St. Rene Goupil Parish a very Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year.

Sincerely,  
Paula Calvert, Principal

### 8th Grade

The Class of 2011 has been very busy preparing for their Confirmation. Service is an integral part of the preparation for the sacrament & the students have been giving of themselves for the good of others. In addition, the students are collecting eyeglasses which will be donated to the Lion's Club for the Blind. This service project will help people in need of eyeglasses. If you have glasses you no longer use, please drop them in the collection box in the narthex of the church or send them to the school. Another project Grade 8 sponsors is collecting Big G Box Tops for Education which benefits the entire school, so please eat General Mills products & send the Big G label to school. So far this school year around \$500.00 has been raised from the box top collection.

The students enjoyed reading the novel, The Outsiders. They have written & illustrated chapter lines summarizing the novel & created character sketches. The children have taken a look at themselves & shared their gifts and talents in class, & the Confirmation retreat was held on December 3. The Class of 2011 will take the High School Entrance Exam in January. Please keep them in your prayers & know that they will be praying for you each day. Happy holidays to all.





Dear Heavenly Father,  
 We place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

***Please Take Note*** IN CASE OF ILLNESS — As a church family, we care about you and your family. Please notify us as soon as possible, or have your family/friends notify us, when you are sick, hospitalized or homebound.

***Please Pray For Our Sick*** Patrick Mullins IV, Rose Gallichio, Sophie Setlak, Doreen Kroll, Steve Czopkiewicz, Emily Diraffeale, Peter Paterimos, Rev. Ronald Turcich, OSA, John Schultz, Jo Motyka, Vincent Ciccio, Ron Neubert, Dolores Sorrentino, Vincent Barton, Robert Civinilli, Joseph Vassella, Janet Szponer, Donna Szponer, Dorothy Walsh, Sophie Rovensky, Richard Zilka, Penny Rogalin, Eileen Healy, Betty Piccioni, Hailey Flemm, Joan Russo, Lou Russo, Alice Cello, George Vojtech, Anna Tomassini, Nicole Ciampaglia, Dominic Ciampaglia, Vincent Tonissen, Rich Lenart, Bob Franden, Ann O’Neal, Gabrielle Ziemba, Rosemary Halpin, Chuck Biondo, April Lenart, Betty Baker, Theresa Siedlicki, Ed Heidekruger, Rochelle & Dan Piegari, Rose Lindsay, Tim Lindsay, Larry Adkins, Alan Badowski, Bobbie & Joanie Wilson, Ron Nemchausky, Mary Lou Hobe, Jenny Catterson, Mary Combs, Doug Combs, Jeanne Valenti, Rebecca Leshik, Michael McDonald, David Bouvia, Virginia Korzenowski, Donna Clark, Tony Boudos, Arlene Boudas, Angelique Trevino, Lynn Ternand, George Ternand, Michael Ternand, Sandy Kehoe, Diane Fiorenza, Susan Szumanski, Leon Boyes

**Struggles & Liberation**

Archbishop Oscar Romero said, “The world of the poor teaches us that liberation will arrive only when the poor are not simply on the receiving end of handouts from governments or from the churches, but when they themselves are the masters & protagonists of their own struggle & liberation.”

We in the Peace & Justice ministry choose to accompany the poor in their struggles for human dignity. Come learn more about us. Visit our parish webpage, then click on “our ministries,” then click on “human concerns,” finally click on “peace & justice.”

There will be another gathering of our Unemployment Network of Services on Tuesday, January 3, 10:30am-11:30am, in our Church narthex. Anyone still seeking work is welcomed. Anyone who has leads on work please let us know. We all need to help those who have lost their jobs.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to our membership, their families & friends. We wish to thank the people of the parish for making it possible to meet some of the needs of our neighbors during 2011. Our plans for the new year include continuing the outreach to parishioners who need spiritual & material assistance.

**COURTYARD ENGRAVED GARDEN PAVERS**

St. Rene’s Courtyard celebrates baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, our friendships, our families and loved ones who have walked the paths of our Parish before us. There is still plenty of room in the Courtyard waiting for *your* engraved garden paver. We just need your order form! Orders are placed in the early Spring and late Summer. The next order will be placed around **March 1** for placement in the Courtyard in mid-Spring. The cost of each paver is \$65, which includes three lines of text (\$75 with a symbol). Order forms are available in the narthex, on-line or at the rectory. An engraved paver makes a great gift idea for that “hard to get” person!

**RCIA**

The Sacrament of Confirmation, along with Baptism, & Eucharist, constitute the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation.

On Saturday, December 3, 2011 the following eleven persons completed the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Rene Parish.

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| <b>Dawn Crescent</b>        | <b>Daniel Quezada</b> |
| <b>Olivia Frank</b>         | <b>Juan Salazar</b>   |
| <b>Alec Guzman</b>          | <b>Samuel Salazar</b> |
| <b>Alexandro Mani</b>       | <b>Ana Soria</b>      |
| <b>Daniel McLernon, Jr.</b> | <b>Blanca Soria</b>   |
| <b>Katrina Montes</b>       |                       |

Bishop Andrew Wypych anointed them with sacred chrism as they received the gift of the Holy Spirit at the noon mass at Our Lady of Snows Parish. Please keep them & the other Confirmandi in your prayers.

Our next Adult Confirmation will be in June 2012. If you, or someone you know, is interested in receiving this Sacrament, please contact Ben Shafer at 773-586-5099 or bene47@aol.com.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

**January 22, 2012 & February 26, 2012, 1PM, in Church**

Start the New Year by learning about your faith

Adult Faith Formation Program’s third course begins January 4, 2012. Registrations are now being taken for the third course in our Fostering Faith adult formation series, *Liturgy of the Church, Sacraments & Prayer*, that will be conducted in Flannery Hall the four Wednesdays of January, 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th. Classes are from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. All are invited. A \$20 fee is requested on the first class. To register & for more information, please contact Deacon Sal at 708 293-0810.



Anyone having difficulty walking up to the Communion Station is encouraged to tell the ushers that she/he would like the Eucharistic Minister bring Communion to the pew. We are most happy to do that for you.

## ***Events Around Town***

***St. Symphorosa is looking for a part-time cook*** to provide a 12pm noon, dinner type meal for the four priests of the rectory. In addition to the cooking, other responsibilities will be to prepare left-overs for an evening meal, shopping, and keeping the kitchen clean. Hours would be Monday through Friday, approximately four hours per day on average. If interested, submit a resume or letter of interest with references to Joseph Dillon, Business Manager, St. Symphorosa, 6135 S. Austin Avenue, Chicago, IL 60638. No phone calls please.

### **Volunteer Tutors Needed**

The Congregation of St. Joseph of LaGrange Park is greatly in need of volunteers for its adult literacy program, School on Wheels. Tutors are needed to teach one hour or so per week from 9am-2pm or evenings from 3pm-8pm in Cicero, Hodgkins or Summit. A two-day training will be provided on Saturday, January 14, 2012 and on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9am-3pm. Volunteers must attend both training days. No prior second language skills are needed. For more information, call 708-482-5060.

***“Who can be afraid of a Baby?”*** Fr. Rich Simon ponders this in his brief audio reflection for Christmas—and you can have a free copy. Go to [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) and type keyword “baby” to listen or download. Chicago 950AM, Chicago West 930AM.

**An exhibit of 160 first-class relics will be on display** and the glove of Padre Pio is being brought from the Padre Pio Center in Pennsylvania. St. Louis Marian Conference Millennium Hotel, on January 13-15, 2012, is presenting Archbishop Robert Carlson, Fr. Chris Kubat, and others. Please visit [www.marianconferences-catholicevents-midwest.com](http://www.marianconferences-catholicevents-midwest.com). Registration fee is \$35; enclose copy of bulletin notice for a \$5. discount.

***Queen of Peace High School Entrance Exam*** on January 14, 2012 for the Class of 2016 at 8am. Eighth grade girls should bring two #2 pencils, calculator, and \$25 testing fee, and arrive no later than 8am. Pre-registration is not required. For more information visit [www.queenofpeacehs.org](http://www.queenofpeacehs.org) or contact Recruitment Coordinator Mary Kate Love at 708-496-4753.

## ***On the Lighter Side***

**The Getaway!** A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for 3 hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

**Did I Say That?** Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: “Give me all your money or I'll shoot,” the man shouted, “That's not what I said!”

## General Parish Information

### Rectory

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### School & Hall

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(773) 586-4414 Fax: (773) 586-3747  
*School Principal* Mrs. Paula Calvert

### Mass Schedule

*Saturday:* 8:30 am, 5:30 pm  
*Sunday:* 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
*Holy Days:* 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm  
*Weekdays:* 8:30 am

*Confessions* Every Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

*Music Ministry* Frank Glab (773) 726-0962

*Religious Classes (C.C.D.)* for grammar school children are conducted on Saturday mornings. Kay Marks, Coordinator.

Phone Saturday Morning Only (773) 586-4426

*Baptisms* First Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm and the Third Sunday of the month during the 11:30 Mass. Arrangements must be made with the pastor.

*Marriages Arrangements* must be made with the pastor 5-6 months in advance.

*RCIA Adult Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.* Contact the Rectory, or Ben Shafer (773) 586-5099.

*Sick Calls* notify the rectory at any time if someone is seriously ill. The sick and those confined to their homes should contact the rectory so communion can be brought to them.

*SPRED (Special Religious Development)*  
Contact Joanna Baxter (773) 320-2703.

*AA Meetings* Wednesday & Saturday at 7:00 pm, in the Church Narthex.

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