



# St. Rene Goupil Church

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

The Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012



St. Rene will be offering HoopsMania as a new fundraiser for the 2011/2012 school year. Please keep in mind this year the Archdiocese will be matching fundraising amounts for new fundraisers to stay within the parish and HoopsMania qualifies.

HoopsMania is an exciting sweepstakes fundraiser based on college basketball's national championship tournament in March. Sweepstakes participants can win \$1,000 in cash prizes based on the number of points scored by the basketball teams printed on the backs of their sweepstakes game cards. The cost per raffle ticket is \$10. In order for guaranteed winners from St. Rene and a successful fundraiser a minimum of 1400 tickets need to be sold.

Since HoopsMania starts March 15, 2012, the deadline to purchase tickets is March 9<sup>th</sup>. Ticket forms are also available in the Church Narthex.

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Father Thomas R. Kasputis</b>
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	<b>Father Peter Paurazas</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Rev. Mr. Sal Lema</b>

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS  
SUNDAY  
February 26, 2012 and March 25, 2012  
Baptismal Preparation Classes, 1PM, in Church**

## From the Desk of the Pastor

Being a healthy and faith-filled human person does not mean the absence of troubles in our lives, but rather how fast we can come to terms with our particular stress and pain of the moment and get ready for the next one. There is no magic cure for being human; life is not a solvable problem and sometimes life does not happen on our terms or provide the answers that we may be looking for. Being a follower of Jesus means knowing that healing is available, always right there in the moment and that wholeness is found in our living our lives with one another and knowing that God's love is with us always. As we rapidly approach our Lenten season, and once again ponder the suffering and dying and rising of Jesus that is our salvation, may you bring living hope to all those that you may touch.

*Father Tom K.*

O good and loving God, you embrace as your own the sufferings of the whole human race, transforming them in your Son's Passover from death to risen life. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of all, and lift us up from self-concern to freedom for service to others. Amen.

P.S. As individual Catholics we are responsible not only for taking care of our own needs but also being mindful of the needs and welfare of the Church as a parish, the Archdiocese and throughout the world. Next weekend, members of all parish communities within the Archdiocese will be asked by Francis Cardinal George to pledge and give to the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign. If you have already received the Cardinal's mailing and have not responded yet, please take advantage of this time to do so. As you know, ours is one of the few parishes in the Archdiocese that will be allowed to apply all the funds collected in this year's 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. As you try and decide what amount to pledge, consider God's gifts in your life and reflect on your gratitude for those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish is one way to express that gratitude. Please give generously to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

*Monday,*                    *February 6, St. Paul & Companions*  
 8:30 am                    **Bill Schaeffner**

*Tuesday,*                    *February 7, Weekday*  
 8:30 am                    **Michael Wendling**

*Wednesday,*                    *February 8, Weekday*  
 8:30 am                    **Marilyn A. Freeman**

*Thursday,*                    *February 9, Weekday*  
 8:30 am                    **January Deceased: Edward Ganta,  
 Ronald Ukleja**

*Friday,*                    *February 10, St. Scholastica*  
 8:30 am                    **Jose Enriqueta Pizano**

*Saturday,*                    *February 11, Weekday*  
 8:30 am                    **Guadalupe, Juan & Maria Barragan**  
 5:30 pm                    **Mary Kral**

*Sunday,*                    *February 12, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 am                    **Alfred & Lillian Brazinski**  
 9:30 am                    **John Ernst**  
 11:30 am                    **Rose Niemiec**

### Altar Servers Schedules distributed in school

*Saturday,*                    5:30 pm  
*Sunday,*                    7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

### Altar Cleaning (Altar & Rosary)

Feb 10—Feb 11— Joan Murray, Linda Dobias  
 Feb 17—Feb 18— Irene Korosa, Toni Ptak, Joan Wilhelmy  
 Feb 24—Feb 25— Jeanette Prati, Beth Lema, Pat Melody,  
 Julie Wojcik

**ST RENE SUPER BINGO** will be held on Sunday, April 15th. Cost will be the same for all the games including the 2-\$500.00 which is \$20.00 and tickets will be sold weekends beginning on February 25 and 26.

Our 2nd grade Brownie Troop will be selling Girl Scout cookies before & after mass on February 11th at 5:30pm & February 12th at 9:30am & 11:30am. Our newest cookie—Savannah Smiles—is sure to tempt your sweet tooth!

Bible Passages - For Sunday, February 12, 2012 are:



Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46  
 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1  
 Mark 1: 40-45

### School News

#### Second Grade

The second grade students are working hard to become money experts! Since returning from Christmas break, the children in Ms. Boyes' class have been working hard to identify and count coins and to discover various combinations of coins that have equivalent values. The second graders also participated in a "How Much Is Your Name Worth?" activity—each letter of the alphabet was assigned a value, and the students had to add up the values of both their first and last names. This fun project allowed the children to show their knowledge of both identifying coin values and adding coin amounts. The most exciting part of the name project was discovering which cost more, our first name or last name!  
 Ms. Boyes



#### Monthly Offering for DECEMBER 2011

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Basket</u>	<u>PPay</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nov 2011	\$18,179.61	\$3,656.00	\$21,835.61
Nov 2010	<u>24,296.36</u>	<u>3,419.50</u>	<u>27,715.86</u>
	\$ (6,116.75)	\$ 236.50	\$(5,880.25)
<b>Calendar Year-to-Date (Basket &amp; PPay)</b>			
2011			\$ 342,366.25
2010			<u>354,641.71</u>
	<b>Variance</b>		\$ (12,275.47)
<b><u>Actual vs. Budget</u></b>			
Actual— Dec 2011		\$ 21,835.61	
Budget— Dec 2011		<u>28,400.00</u>	
	<b>Variance</b>	\$ (6,564.39)	
<b>Calendar Year-to-Date</b>			
Actual		\$ 342,366.25	
Budget		<u>340,800.00</u>	
	<b>Variance</b>	\$ 1,566.25	

(Offering will be shown only on a monthly basis)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Change</u>
Christmas Collection*	\$22,237.77	\$23,694.44	\$ 1,456.67
Christmas Flowers*	\$ 1,097.00	1,468.00	371.00
<b>TOTAL CHRISTMAS*</b>	<b>\$23,334.77</b>	<b>\$25,162.44</b>	<b>\$1,827.67</b>


\*These numbers not part of the Sunday collection numbers above.



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 Boudos, Angelique Trevino, Lynn Ternand, George Ternand, Michael Ternand, Sandy Kehoe, Diane Fiorenza, Susan Szumanski, Leon Boyes, Geri Tomaselli, Eugene Brogan, Linda Carrig, Mary Butti, Don Reding, Bob Swiderski

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God’s love for the recently deceased:  
  
**John Kupczyk**

**Won’t You Join Us?**

The Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, February 7, in the narthex. The meeting will begin at 1pm with recitation of the rosary, business meeting, social hour and followed with a presentation by our guest, Terri Paoelli, who is a certified clinical exercise specialist that implements exercise as a form of prevention of chronic disease as well as for therapeutic purposes. She recently opened the Perfectly Balanced Shop on 63rd Street.

Hostesses will be Anna Brasic, Gloria Bodoki, Mary Lou Halerz, Lorraine Pasinski, and Lillian Pasinski.

**ST. RENE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SURVEY FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE.**

We would like to understand how parents in our area make elementary schools decisions for their children, & we would greatly appreciate your input through a brief online survey. We recognize that many factors go into these important decisions, & we respect all of the different choices you have made. Understanding your views will help us improve our local Catholic school program & will also enable us to understand the perspectives & needs of those who have not chosen Catholic school. We would greatly appreciate your help with our survey whether your children attend Catholic school or not. While the survey is offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago, the response will be specific to each school so that we can better understand parents’ views in our specific community. To access the survey, please go to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SchoolSurvey> English. The survey will be available online until Monday, February 6.

**Operation Rice Bowl News**

For those parishioners who have been part of the parish for awhile, they are familiar with Operation Rice Bowl. It is a Lenten program offered here at St. Rene. A calendar and a rice bowl will be distributed at all masses on February 18 and 19 as well as on Ash Wednesday. This is an all parish event and the rice bowl and calendar will only be distributed at the masses, not in the school or religious education class. The calendar will inform you of those countries we will pray, learn, fast and give monetarily to in support of the programs offered by Catholic Relief Services. Please give your coins and dollars through out Lent. Then on the weekend following Easter we will collect your offering and send a check to Catholic Relief Services to benefit those countries. We can change a life one penny at a time.

**Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread**

When we pray the Our Father, we ask God to provide our food. The majority of us receive sufficient food. Others do not. We can be our Father’s instrument by providing “bread” for the needy. You do this by your contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.  
 Furniture Pick Up: 773-779-6700; Auto Donation: 312-655-7183. Website is: [www.svdpchicago.org](http://www.svdpchicago.org).

Tickets are on sale now for the return of **Bad Medicine**, the ultimate Bon Jovi tribute band featuring St. Rene dad Tom Salzburg on drums. \$10 pre-sale tickets are on sale at all masses & at the rectory. Enjoy raffles, cash bar, split the pot & a taco bar from Los Comales Restaurant. Tickets \$12 at the door. Doors open at 6:30pm. Call 773-586-7385 for more information.

## ***Events Around Town***

**Foran Funeral Home “We’re Steppin’ Out”** and Reaching for the STARS at the Alder Planetarium. Come aboard a futuristic starship for the ultimate visual and auditory experience, and then take a journey through space and time exploring new celestial mysteries and discovering the fascinating story that connects us to the stars. Lunch at Café Galileo’s while enjoying the view of Chicago’s skyline. Date is Thursday, February 23. Bus leaves at 10am, returns at 3pm. Meet at Foran Funeral Home parking lot. \$52. per person (includes tour and lunch). For reservations call 708-458-0208. Reserve by February 16—seating is limited.

***The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicago*** is having their 27th Annual Life Banquet Luncheon and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 11, 1pm-3:30pm. Keynote speaker is Charmaine Yoest of Americans United for Life. Registration and silent auction being at 12 noon. Luncheon and program begins at 1pm. For information call 773-794-1313 or visit their website at [www.womens-center.org](http://www.womens-center.org). Banquet held at White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee in Niles. Reservations required.

**Mayslake Ministries** is presenting “Reflecting on the Gospels of Lent with Christine Grano”. The evening or morning (depending on your preference) will be quiet and contemplative with restful rhythms of listening, prayer and response woven together with music. Join us as we begin this penitential season springing with hope. Date is Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm-9pm; or Saturday, February 18, 9am-11am. (Group discussion on the Gospels from 11am-12noon for those who wish to stay.) Where: Mayslake Ministries in Lombard. Cost: \$15/person, light snacks provided. To register please call 630-268-9000 or visit their website at [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org).

***Deacons in the Catholic Church.*** “How do I discern God’s call?” “What does God want me to be?” “How am I responding to God’s personal call?” Discernment requires a heart ready to listen and respond in prayer and reflection. Do you believe Jesus may be inviting you to inquire about this ordained ministry? Join the Institute for Diaconal Studies on Sunday, February 19 for a 12:00noon mass and dialogue at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Contact Fr. Dennis Stafford at 847-837-4562 or e-mail him at [dstafford@usml.edu](mailto:dstafford@usml.edu).

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

### Highway Painting

A guy was painting a yellow stripe down the middle of the highway with a brush and a bucket of paint. The first day, he painted two miles of stripe. The second day, he painted three hundred yards. The third day he only painted ten feet of stripes. The boss asked him why he only painted ten feet that day. The guy said, “Shoot boss, it’s a long way back to the bucket!”

### Perfect Couple!

Adam and Eve had the perfect marriage. He didn’t have to listen to her talk about men she knew before him, and she did not have to put up with his mother.

## 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, 9:30, 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 or bene47@aol.com.

*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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our website.

