

GOOD NEWS

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St. Rene Goupil Rectory

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www.strenegoupilchicago.com

Peace and Justice Responds With Your Help chair: Betty Sivek

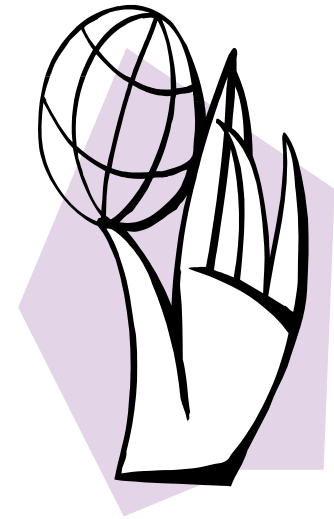
Purpose:

To respond to Catholic social teaching and the option for the poor and vulnerable. Our concern is to bring dignity to the human person as a child of God in the world with rights and responsibilities.

Our ministry is involved in four ways:
— Direct service through making people aware of the Catholic Charities St. Blase Food Pantry;
— The Maria Shelter for homeless women and children;
— Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach sending medical supplies to clinics and hospitals in dire need around the world; and
— We educate through evenings of reflection, movie nights, bulletin articles on legislative issues such as the abolishment of the death penalty and immigration, and Operation Rice Bowl. We empower small farmers/growers through our Fair Trade Experiences and hope-

fully we will have a Winter Indoor Farmers Market in early 2012. We advocate for others when an injustice happens.

Our real need is to welcome more people to our ministry. We meet on the third Friday of every other month and welcome all. You will find us on the parish website www.strenegoupilchicago.com click on “our ministries”, then click on “human concerns,” finally click on “Peace and Justice.”



We reflect Matthew's Gospel: "Whatever you do to the least of my people, you do to me."

Future Events for Ministry of Care

Participating in the upcoming "Coffee and More..."

Anointing of Sick on the weekend of May 21st and May 22nd.

Two New Members Join Our Team!

Our accomplishment this past year was to add new ministers to our team and we are very pleased to have added two more individuals. We now would like to have more homebound request us to visit them. All the homebound, friend or relative needs to do is to call the rectory to set up these visits.

The purpose of the Ministry of Care is to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and to bring parish news and convey that the parish remembers them. Also visits to the bereaved are made.

We have been active in the parish since 1984 and feel we

are a vital part of St. Rene, which in our quiet way must continue. helping in this ministry nourishes our spiritual life.

If you are considering this ministry please call Ann or the rectory.

Chair: Ann Tuszynski

We Need A Transportation Angel—Can You Help?

Chair: Joanna Baxter

Hello St. Rene Parishioners,

Our organization is SPRED. We are a small community of faith welcoming persons with developmental disabilities and special needs. Our community is comprised of 8 adults and 7 friends. In the past year we have come together 12 times as a total community and 24 times with just adults. This group has friends 22 and older who are all parishioners of St. Rene like you. You may have seen us participating in a SPRED mass here or at the “Coffee and More.” We are

grateful for all of your support and compassion.

In the upcoming year, starting in September, we are looking for a catechist (adult) and a transportation angel. A catechist is a person who joins us at weekly meetings and has a special friend who needs you. As a transportation angel you would be picking up our friends every other week, taking them to church at 7pm, and then picking them up from church at 9pm to drive back home.

We have been very blessed this year with a group of dedicated adults and friends who have formed a special bond that exemplifies faith. Also, we have been continually supported and blessed with Fr. Tom’s interaction and commitment to our group. If you would like to be a part of this group please contact Joanna Baxter at 773-320-2703.

**Share Your Faith
With Us!**

Celebrating God’s Presence Among Us

Chair: Kay Marks

New School year will begin October 1st; registration will be held on August 20th and 27th, and September 3rd, 10th and 17th.

St. Rene Religious Education Program celebrates God’s presence among us by creating a Christian environment for children who attend public schools

primary grades through junior high. Our Catechists share their time, talent

and faith with our young people on Saturday mornings. Once a month there are special Masses for our students and their families that focus on liturgical themes (i.e. St. Rene Feast Day, St. Joseph, Thanksgiving, Lady of Guadalupe, etc.). The children participate actively by serving at the altar, reading, and the presentation of gifts. After the Mass Fr. Tom talks to the parents and answers any questions that they may have.

As our school year comes to a close we will hold our annual May crowning. Our second graders will participate in a special way and one of our 7th grade girls will crown Mary. After the Crowning report cards and awards will be presented to our students by their teachers.

In the Fall the Sisters of St. Paul will come to our program and have a book sale in which students are able to purchase religious books to enrich their faith.

Carl Bell Received Into the Church

Chair: Ben Shafer

An accomplishment this past year has been Carl Bell who was received into the church at the Easter Vigil on April 23, 2011.

Accomplishments last year include: on December 4, 2010 the following adults were confirmed: Joanna Rys, Anna Rys, Natalia Rys, Paul Jones; in June of the same year these individuals were confirmed: Anna Leja, Mireya

Gallegos, Elizabeth Gallegos, Barbara Bindas.

Congratulations to all.

The purpose of RCIA is to help adults accept God’s call to become Catholic; & to help catechized to receive the sacraments of Confirmation, the Eucharist, & Reconciliation. Any adults wishing to become fully initiated Catholics attend weekly meetings

at various times of the year. Adult Confirmation will be on June 18 at Incarnation Parish, from 7p-8:30pm. The next Confirmation will be in December of 2011.

Super Bingo Raises Over \$16,000 A Year!

Chair: Jerry Raschke

Bingo has been a part of our parish community for over 25 years. For the past 10 years our Super Bingo is held twice a year and continues to support our school by raising over \$16,000 a year. We are very grateful for all of the volunteers and all of our bingo players who support this cause. We are also grateful for our local businesses and high schools that purchase an ad in our annual Bingo Ad Book. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with our bingo and to place an ad in our ad

book. Contact our rectory at 773-229-8523 if you can help.

**Our next Super Bingo
will be held
November 6, 2011.
Hope to see
you there!!**



We Represent Our Parish Membership

Chair: Karen Walsh

Our Parish Council has four new members! We work to be a diverse group that represents our parish membership. We host periodic leadership meetings in order to improve communication between organizations and also to involve parish leaders in discussion that address parish needs, and develop a vision for the future. We host "Coffee and More" ministry weekends in the narthex to bring

awareness of our parish's ministries and to promote stewardship.

One of our future goals is to participate with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan for 2011-16. For 2011 the theme is "Year of the Teens and 18 to 24 Year-Olds", we will ask our ministries and parishioners to participate in the process that can help engage and

address the needs of the youth of our parish.

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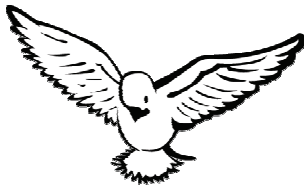
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You Can Become An Active Apostle!

Chair: Deacon Sal & Beth Lema

The purpose of CRHP is to invigorate St. Rene parish by helping adult men and women become vibrant, holy and active apostles who take initiative in their personal and spiritual lives, and in parish life.



Since CRHP's inception over 100 parishioners have experienced their own spiritual renewal.

In October of 2010 both the men's and women's retreats took place. Discernment and formation of the next two teams began in November of 2010 and will continue until October of 2011.

Our group is a self-funded ministry. St. Rene graciously pays for the main meals of the retreat. Monetary donations would be appreciated.

Some of our activities during this past Lent included when CRHP alumni participated in the Stations of the Cross, coming together as a community in prayer and reflection. CRHP alumni answer the call to serve by

helping in the set up, take down, kitchen duties, cooking and praying with the presenting teams and for the current retreats. Our ministry will also continue to invite men and women of our parish to the CRHP process. We are hoping to organize another corporate communion over the summer and a social family gathering after the mass.