

# GOOD NEWS

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## St. Rene Goupil Rectory

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on our school & parish at:  
[www.strenegoupilchicago.com](http://www.strenegoupilchicago.com)

### Girl Scouts Daisy Troop 20036

Chair: Lourdes Villa

#### Purpose:

To build girls courage, confidence & character who make the world a better place. We focus on healthy living, with programs reflecting physical & emotional health as well as esteem which are all connected.

Our Daisy Troop has had many accomplishments. Some are:

- 5 new girls have joined;
- 8 out of 13 girls have earned all their petals;
- All girls have learned the meaning of and memorized the Girl Scout promise and law;
- All girls participated in our annual cookie sales. Thanks to each girl and the support of our St. Rene parishioners we raised enough money to go on a special field trip to Sweet and Sassy in a limo!
- From our Fall sales we were able to plant 5 trees.

One of our activities that the girls will be participating in is our final patch—"Friendly and Helpful." We are putting

together a care package for our troops overseas. Soon we will all bridge to Brownies.

Our troop is very thankful of the parishioners support by buying our girl scout cookies. We ask that you pray for our scouts that they continue to grow.

Future goals for the girls as they get older are challenging them more. We plan to do an overnight camping trip in the Fall. Our biggest goal will be to raise money for a trip to Washington, D.C. The purpose of our trip is to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouts near the Washington Monument!



#### Accomplishment For This Year

The 6-7-8- graders performed a community service project which consisted of making blankets for the sick children in the hospital.

### 6-7-8 Club

The purpose of this organization is to have all 6th, 7th, & 8th graders get together two times a month. The first meeting is in-house, and we do bean bags, community service projects and parties. It's for the group to all come together to have a good time, getting to know each other. We also have one meeting

monthly that consists of a field trip. We go ice skating, haunted hay rides, go to baseball and hockey games, space golf, etc. All are the kinds of fun outings that the kids love.

This year, 2011/2012, we will be going out to do a community project, possibly a soup kitchen or visiting The Ronald

McDonald House.

The future goal for this group is to bring more 6th, 7th and 8th graders together to do special things. It really is a nice club for all of them to get to know one another as well as other kids in different grades.

Chair: Joanne Nemcovic

## Altar & Rosary

Chair: Eileen Healy

The purpose of A&R is to take care of the needs of the altar and the cleaning of the altar and sacristy.

This group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the Narthex. Our duties include cleaning of the altar and sacristy. We also supply the church with the wine and hosts that is needed, also vestments and altar clothes, and altar server outfits that need to be replaced. We do it with an honor and a smile and we feel so much closer to the Lord.

An accomplishment this past year was that A&R purchased garments for the altar servers.

We hold bake sales twice a year and

thank all who support us. We also hold a money raffle in December.

Our yearly dues are \$5.00. Each member is remembered at the time of her passing—a visit is made by the members to her wake and to the funeral mass to bid farewell and to thank her for all her help she has given throughout the years while a member.

A future goal is to invite more of the women of the parish to join our group and continue to support our organization. We also thank all who support us. We gave a donation at the end of the year of \$2,000. to St. Rene. We welcome all women to join.

## STATISTICS HITS ON OUR WEB-SITE

	Date	Hits	Date	Hits
Bulletins	6-28	13,859	8-30	14,168
Pastor	6-28	2,115	8-30	2,178
Parish	6-28	5,539	8-30	5,635
Happenings				
Our	6-28	2,251	8-30	2,312
Ministries				
Ask the	6-28	963	8-30	1,006
Deacon				
Parish	6-28	3,868	8-30	3,940
Calendar				
School	6-28	42,353	8-30	43,721
Home Page				

Numbers indicate viewers checking our site out. Please give the rectory updated information on the church part of web-site; and Laureen Lash any information for the school part. We look best to potential newcomers when items are current and up-to-date.

## An Unemployed Network Program

Chair: Betty Sivek

Times are difficult for many people. It seems that many of us know someone whether a neighbor, friend or even a family member who has lost their job. In the job market so many people are applying that it becomes disheartening. People need a support network to draw strength & encouragement in these tough times. The experiences of people in their effort to find work is quite a story. We know there are parishes in the Archdiocese who have a support network for the unemployed. But they are in the suburbs. Two members of our Peace & Justice ministry would like to begin this unemployed network program in our parish. Prayer, refreshments, &

a variety of support & networking would make this a unique gathering. We have 4 people at St. Rene who have expressed interest. We know there are others. At the Coffee & More there will be a sign up sheet. Stop by to talk with Carolann Murrillo & Betty Sivek who are spearheading this. Besides your name & phone number, tell us if you would like a morning or evening gathering & whether you want to meet once or twice a month. This is not a pity party but a real connection & link to resources available. Come & see what we can do together to bring hope to those who keep looking for work.

On Tuesday, October 11, at 7pm till 9pm, in our church narthex, Thomas Howard will speak. There will be a small group discussion, refreshments, & prayer. Thomas is part of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Peace & Justice Office & is its program director for justice education. He feels privileged to connect advocacy with education. Come & hear his talk. He worked in the western suburbs as its Youth Ministry Coordinator. So all are invited from youth to seniors! Come & refresh yourself.