

Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019**



Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog



"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love." Ephesians 15: 15-16

At any given moment in time, we are either moving closer to God or away from God. There is no standing still when it comes to the spiritual life.

The famous quote by Samuel Smiles gives us food for thought. He wrote, "Sow a thought, and you reap an act; Sow an act, and you reap a habit; Sow a habit and you reap a character; Sow a character and you reap a destiny."

The little things we do each and every day matter; sometimes small things that seem rather insignificant, but when added up, make a huge difference in the great scheme of things. Using a sports analogy, everybody on the football team wants to make it to the end zone, but the journey to the end zone consists of proper blocks being made, running the ball effectively, making snap passes, and being disciplined enough not to jump off-side.

One of the beloved spiritual directors at Mundelein Seminary used to strongly encourage his directees, as soon as they woke up in the morning, to make the Sign of the Cross, and then make their bed. This, he believed, got the day off to a proper start by acknowledging God and then making sure when you come back at night, you had a nicely-made bed to sleep in.

Christian discipleship is about being disciplined in the ways of Jesus, He who is the Way, and the

Truth, and the Life. Growth seldom occurs during "easy times." If we're being honest, we'd say we learned more about life after undergoing tough times. Just as our physical muscles are strengthened by resistance, so too are our spiritual muscles strengthened by denying what we want and surrendering to what God wants from us. Being a Christian means saying "yes" to God and "no" to anything that pulls away from God.

Pay attention to your thoughts, because your thoughts soon become your actions, and what you do over and over again becomes a habit; this affects who you are as a person, and this, in turn, has a direct effect on your eternal destiny.

The narrow gate is the Way of Jesus. The wide gate is the way of the world. God gives us the freedom to walk through either one. May the choices we make today lead us closer to God, which, in reality, brings us closer to others.

Farewell, My Good Man.

Adam Chlebek is going off to college. We will miss him dearly. Actually, I personally will miss him dearly. When I arrived at St. Rene, there were many things on my mind. However, I NEVER ONCE had to worry about Adam. He is a professional, faith-filled, composed young man.

He has played the pipe organ and piano here for over two years. He's

been a steady presence at our liturgies, all the while going to high school and being a teenager. No doubt, the Lord has given Adam a great gift, and Adam hasn't buried that gift. Instead, he has received it well, and has put it to good use. Adam can make our beautiful intimate church sound like we're praying in one of Europe's grand cathedrals. Our ears will have to adjust.

Please join me this weekend in saying thank you to Adam. Wish him well. Let him know we're going to pray for him. And in his honor, let's give him our best this weekend with our singing, especially as he leads us in his last hymn at St. Rene ... Holy God We Praise Thy Name.

God bless you, Adam, all the days of your life.

Quote of the Week:

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent" - Victor Hugo





Wishing you much
joy & happiness
as you begin
a new chapter
in your life.

About two and-a-half years ago, I began playing Masses at St. Rene. I had come to the church before and, remembering the beautiful pipe organ and piano that graced the sanctuary, I was excited to play for the Masses. What I was not expecting when I began was how beautifully and eagerly you as a congregation sang.

What a time it has been! It's been an absolute joy and privilege to preside over the music for all of the liturgies here on two beautiful instruments. It's been an amazing time forming and leading the Christmas choir, and seeing and hearing how much more beautiful Christmas was with them. I loved every school night I stayed up to plan music for the next 3 months; I loved every minute spent practicing on this pipe organ. I loved every minute I spent getting to know you as a parish and as individuals. I cannot express how much you have helped me grow over these last couple of years - both as a church musician, but more importantly, as your brother in Christ. I hope that I have helped you grow in some capacity.

I want to thank Fr. Bob, our pastor, for the care that he puts into every Mass here at St Rene. His care for this parish and you, its parishioners; and his love and value for the role of music in the liturgy made my time here all the more rewarding. I want to thank my family - my parents, sister, and grandparents - who were here practically every weekend for Mass, and put up with me practicing music for Masses every week at home. Lastly, I want to thank

you, the parishioners. From the start you've welcomed me with open arms, and an eagerness to worship in song; you've given me some of the best stories to tell to my family after church; you've made these last two years absolutely wonderful, and I want to thank you for everything.

My time at this parish ends today. I am going off to college, and I say goodbye to you. You will receive someone new to oversee the music, and I want you to know that you are in good hands. I hope that you will welcome this new person the same way that you accepted me into your parish.

I've been so humbled to call St. Rene home, and with a home, it is that even if you leave, a part of you will always remain there. I will never forget all of the memories I have made at this parish. I might be leaving for now, but I would love to come back and visit if I am ever in town; I hope that you would be glad to see me again, just as I would be glad to see all of you again.

Know that you are in my prayers. I ask for yours as I embark on this new chapter of my life. May God bless you all!

Sancta Caecilia, Ora pro nobis.

With gratitude,
Adam Chlebek

A Prayer for "Renew My Church"

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.*

*In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.*

*Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us*

*to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

*May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all
the saints.*

*May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.*

*We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen*



St. Rene Altar & Rosary Society

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in the church narthex at 1:00 pm. (doors open at noon). The officers will host an ice cream party with all the trimmings after recitation of the rosary and the business meeting.

Joan Jaskierski, the membership chairman, will be happy to take your blue membership envelope if you have not turned it in already.



St. Rene Seniors

Mark your calendars! The first senior meeting for the 2019-2020 year will be held on Wednesday, September 4. Doors will open at 11:30 am. and the meeting will begin at 12 pm. Please come join us. Newcomers are always welcome.

PRAYER PRIMER !!!

"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

4 Tuesday Evenings - 1 hour each

September 3, 10, 17, 24

7:00 pm — St. Rene Daily Chapel

Led by Fr. Bob Regan
Pastor, St. Rene Goupil Parish

We will discuss the purpose of prayer and explore various forms of prayer. Beginners and experienced disciples welcome.

Please register in the church narthex or by calling the parish office.

Course is free.
Just bring
your Holy Bible,
a journal,
and a hungry heart.



Need A Laugh???

Then Save the Date

Comedy, Comedy, Comedy

Sunday, September 22, 2019

2:00 pm—4:30 pm

St. Rene Church's Flannery Hall

Come join St. Rene Church
for an afternoon of delight
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and in the Parish Office



Super Bingo/Raffle
September 15

Doors open at 12:30
Games begin at 1:30

\$20/Person



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Can you knit or crochet? Would you like to make someone feel a warm hug who is sick or in need of kindness?

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office (773-229-8523) and leave your name and phone number. You will be contacted by a fellow parishioner who will get you involved in our St. Rene Prayer Shawl Ministry.

This can be an amazing ministry and certainly falls under the heading of a work of mercy—caring for the sick.



Faith Formation Office
(773) 229-8523

Coordinator:
Peg Siebenaler

Email: strenfaithformation@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

**Hurry and register before
September 1st
and we will waive the
\$25.00 registration fee.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 8/25: Faith Formation Registrations
in the Narthex of the Church
8:30am until 11:30am
- 9/11: Faith Formation Registrations
in the School 6:00pm until 8:00pm
(Faith Formation Orientation)
- 9/15: Catechetical Sunday
- 9/18: First Class / Mass at 6:00pm
(Mandatory)
- 9/25: Classes for all levels
- 10/9: Classes for all levels
- 10/16: Classes for all levels
- 10/19: HOLY FIRE
- 10/23: Classes for all levels
- 10/30: Classes for all levels



Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 St. Rene Faith Formation School Year!

OUR FIRST CLASS IS A MASS!

Come and Connect
with God in a special way
at our
Beginning of the Year Family Mass
for All our
Faith Formation Families
on Wednesday, September 18th at 6pm

Students and their families
should gather in the Church.

Please bring a non-perishable food item
to place in the baskets for the needy.



HURRY CLASSES BEGIN SOON!

*There's still time to register for the
2019-2020 Faith Formation Classes.*

We are now in the process of organizing classes and recruiting Catechists, so it is important for you to send in your registration as soon as possible.

Registration materials are available in the Narthex. You may also stop into the Parish Office to register. Both new and returning families need to register for next year.

For 2019-20, we will continue to offer Faith Formation Classes for grades 1 – 8 on Wednesday evenings, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Please call Peggy, in the Parish Office with any questions.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, August 24, 2019

4:00pm—Ted, Anne & Tom Kollock (Maxine)

Sunday, August 25, 2019

7:30am—Pedro Medina (Family)

9:30am—Alice Tomczak (Carl & Jean Bell)

9:30am—Albert Mazzone (Burandt & Mazzone Families)

11:30am—Donna Savage (Savage Family)

Monday, August 26, 2019

8:00am—Recovery of Emily Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

8:00am—Mary Gavin (Sons)

8:00am—Fred Borowski (Geri Tomaselli)

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

8:00am—David Vasquez (Family)

8:00am—MaryAnn Whitehead (Family)

Thursday, August 29, 2019

8:00am—Zeneida Narea (Vince Narea)

Friday, August 30, 2019

8:00am—Raymond Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)

Saturday, August 31, 2019

8:00am—Edward Cechura (Family)

4:00pm—Patrick Goebig (Leahy Family)

4:00pm—Miguel Narea (John Gavin)

4:00pm—Chester Goluch (Goluch Family)

Sunday, September 1, 2019

7:30am—George Novotny (Novotny Family)

9:30am—Anthony, Josephine & Laura Pelegrino (Family)

9:30am—Alice Tomczak (Randy, Carol & Olivia Selgrad)

9:30am—Ed Surges (Laskewich Children)

9:30am—MaryAnn Whitehead (Family)

11:30am—Michael Rizzo (Family)



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Judy Adelsbach
Larry Adkins
Guadalupe Almendarez
Anthony Barone
Carl Bell
Joanne Bukowiecki
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Barb Stoyak
Allen Szudarski
Mike Tallon
Sandra Tallon
Scott Tloczek
Shirley Tloczek
Joan Wilhelmy
Richard Zaleski

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

E-7 Chief Mark Porcelli



St. Rene Devotional Candle

TAT—Maxine Carey

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Total Sunday Giving	\$4,150.00

St. Rene Utilities Fund	\$1,079.00
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Thank you for your generosity!



Altar & Rosary Society
Cleaning Schedule—Aug. 30/31

Judy Pinzine & Bernice Cieslewski

Parish Staff

Rev. Bob Regan
Pastor

Rev. Peter Paurazas
Pastor Emeritus

Karen Hoogland
Businesss Manager

Peg Siebenaler
Faith Formation

Irene Perconti
Administrative Assistant

Adam Chlebek
Organist

Joanne Tishka
Bulletin Coordinator

Stanley Silacz
Maintenance Supervisor

Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00pm
(Confessions from 3:15 - 3:45pm)

Sunday
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Saturday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Parish Office

6949 West 63rd Place
Phone (773) 229-8523

Email

office@strenegoupil.org

Website

www.strenegoupil.org

Baptism

First Sunday of the month or during weekend Mass. Parent preparation class required. Contact the Parish Office at (773) 229-8523 to register.

Marriage

Saturday afternoons at 12:30pm or 2:00pm. Please call Fr. Bob at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements.

**Reconciliation/Confession**

Saturdays from 3:15—3:45pm or in the Parish Office by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at (773) 229-8523 for a family member who is seriously ill.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Due to privacy regulations, hospitals can no longer contact the parish without family consent. Please contact the Parish Office when you or a loved one would like a visit or to be added to the prayer list.

Faith Formation Classes

Classes for Grades 1-8 are offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm.

They will meet during the school year. Please call Peg Siebenaler in the Parish Office with any questions.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This program is designed for adults who are not baptized, those who were baptized into a Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic and those Catholics who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation. Classes begin in September with the Sacraments being received at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Bob for more information.

**New Parishioners are always welcome at St. Rene.
Our doors and hearts are open to you.
Please stop in the office to join our Parish family.**

Mass	4:00PM August 31, 2019	7:30AM September 1, 2019	9:30AM September 1, 2019	11:30AM September 1, 2019
	Linda Dobias Dan Bartusiak Diane Biondo Pat Gunnell Nancy Gunnell	Mary Sarlitto Amy Shanahan James Roche Jack Kenney	Fred Bartuch Mary Bartuch Norine Abramovic Kay Marks Marie Zilka	Ben Shafer Mark Dill Carole Dill Charlie Murphy Julie Wojcik
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