



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 28, 2025

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The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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### *Merry Christmas!*

This Sunday marks the 4<sup>th</sup> day in the *Octave of Christmas*! An octave is a special time when the celebration of a very notable feast carries the highest note of jubilation for eight days. This occurs universally for the great solemnities of Christmas and Easter.

The first Sunday after Christmas is always dedicated to the Holy Family; after all, it is the first Sunday when the Holy Family is fully present to one another: Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

We look to the Holy Family with great joy and peace at this time, reflecting upon the gift that they are sharing with one another in light of Jesus' birth. They are engaged in a new blessing of love, one which they only imagined before and now they experience and would struggle to find sufficient words to speak of its fullness!

The Holy Family is an icon or image of hope for all families. We can turn to Jesus Mary & Joseph and ask for their prayers and mercy. (*The saints pray for us & Jesus has mercy on us and provides.*) When we are carrying a burden or are facing a challenge, our family can turn to the Holy Family in hope and be comforted through the assurances of faith.

As we draw more closely to the Holy Family we can see how their faithful perseverance can inspire

our own. We may be tempted to think that the Holy Family faced zero difficulties in their own life. After all, Jesus is God, Mary was without sin and Joseph was persevering in virtue. They actually had many tough days. They suffered disruption from their home life on account of their necessary flight into Egypt. They bore the burden of calvary on a day which should have been full joy when they learned from Simeon that Jesus would suffer many things on account of our sin. Mary and Joseph were restless as they searched three days for Jesus.

These moments and many more are scenes that we can relate to because we also share in the disruptions and demands of family life. There was one thing the Holy Family never did: turn away from God.

We ask the Holy Family to pray for our own family, every family, and every individual who may be distanced from their family...and we ask for that special grace to remain closely connected to God at all times, especially when great difficulty is upon us.

**Let us embrace the joy of Christmas  
and draw into the love of the Holy Family  
asking God to bless our family  
and those who are most in need.  
Happy Feast of the Holy Family!**

+ Richest Blessings,  
Rev J.A. Trowbridge

# Mass & Devotions



## This Weekend December 27 & 28

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

5:00 p.m. For Elizabeth Goyke

7:00 p.m. †Altagracia Flores

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the Parish

10:00 a.m. †Virginia Brummel (Leon Brummel)

## Monday, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

8:30 a.m. For Joseph & Makoto Daniszewski

## Tuesday, December 30

8:30 a.m. †Mario Jimenez (Patty Gastel)

## Wednesday, December 31 *St. Sylvester I*

8:30 a.m.

## Thursday, January 1 *Mary, Mother of God*

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

## Friday, January 2

*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls

## Next Weekend January 3 & 4

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

5:00 p.m. †Paul Koeppen Sr. (Family)

7:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the Parish

10:00 a.m. †Janet Ryan (Joe & Mary Cannizzaro)

## Prayer Intentions

### Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for January:

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### Parishioner Intentions:

Jenny Eide, Mercedes G., Jerry Grenier,

Frank Engel, Carol Engel, Alex Humeniak,

Dale Jurs, Julie Mullins, Beau Norris,

Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady,

Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz,

Dawn Varacalli, Viva Villafuerte, Trish Thibault

Janice Jastrowski, Balvina Mascote, Eric Ortman

Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister,

Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan,

Jessica Garrett

## Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday | 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Daily | 8:30 a.m.

## Confession | *Confesiones*

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

*Confessions conclude when all have been heard.*

**En Español** | Viernes 8:00 a.m. y Sabado 6:00 p.m

## Rosary

Begins 30 min. before all weekend Masses

Immediately following daily Masses.

## First Friday

Adoration | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Benediction | 6:50 p.m.

## Holy Hour

Every Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Confessions available | 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.*

*Benediction begins | 7:20 p.m.*

## En Español

### Rosario

Todo los tardes a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia

*Rosario de Niños* Cada Jueves a las 6 p.m.

### Legion de Maria

- Reuniones los Lunes a las 11:00 a.m.  
*información contactan Casi 815-762-7480*
- Reuniones los Miércoles a las 6:00 PM. Para  
*información contacten a Teresa 815-784-5653*

### Estudio Bíblico

Lunes 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dirigido por Milton Orellana.

## TRIVIA CATÓLICA

**Pregunta:** ¿Qué santo es el santo patrón de los sacerdotes?



## Calendar



## Announcements

### Sunday, December 28

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

### Monday, December 29

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room

### Tuesday, December 30

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

### Wednesday, December 31

New Years Eve

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

### Thursday, January 1

Mary Mother of God | New Years Day

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am & 6:30 pm - Rosary | Church

### Friday, January 2

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

### Saturday, January 3

9:00 am - Confessions

4:30pm - Rosary | Church

### Sunday, January 4

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

9:00 am - Confirmation 1 & 2 Class | DMH

12:00 p.m. - Youth Group | DMH

### Parish Office Hours

December 31<sup>st</sup> : 9a.m. - Noon

January 1<sup>st</sup> : Closed

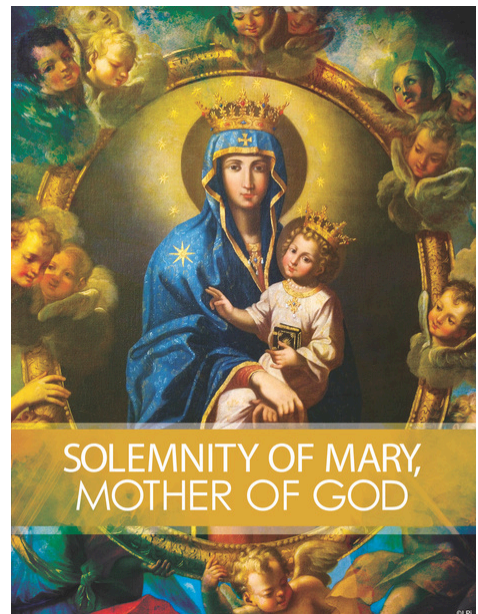
### Photo Directory

There is still an opportunity for all parish families to be included in our directory. Photographers will be returning to St. Catherine's on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please schedule your photo session as soon as possible. If you are unable to schedule, you may submit your own photo to our office.

Universal Church Directories Website:

[www.ucid.com](http://www.ucid.com)

Parish code: IL442 Password: photos



## Parish Financials



### Diocesan Appeal 2025

Total Pledged: \$28,484.00

Goal: \$31,835.00

Total Paid: \$26,590.33

Pledge Balance: \$1,893.67

### Weekend Collection December 20 & 21

Envelopes: \$5,106

Building: \$32

Utilities: \$125

Given Online: \$605

### St. Vincent de Paul

Donations to our poor box are forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.

See page 7 for more information.



### Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the "GIVE" button on the homepage of our parish website. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

*Thank you for your prayerful contributions.*

## From the Desk of Deacon Bill Stankevitz



My last bulletin article of the year! For me, it is a time to celebrate the past and relate it to the present to help me grow my faith life. Growing up, my parents' traditions were really important in our lives. Mom's parents claimed Luxembourg and Austria as their roots. Dad's parents claimed Poland and Prussia as theirs. My first 13 years growing up in Chicago were lived in a German neighborhood; then we moved to a Polish neighborhood. The traditions of both were part of daily life. And daily life was always centered around our local parish.

Traditional Advent calendars were important. They brought spiritual inspiration for each day of the pre-Christmas season and focused on the scriptures. Feast days like St. Nicholas were important in my blended ethnic traditions and

taught us about giving and being prepared. Christmas crafts and our time spent in creating decorations always were focused on our preparation for the birth of Jesus.

There were traditions that focused on Jesus coming into the world as the light of the world. A Rorate Caeli Mass, the feast of Santa Lucia, the star that the Magi followed all focused on Him. The light coming into the darkness of winter. We had lots of food sharing traditions that were symbolic of the spiritual sharing of the season: Oplatek wafers, dinner with 12 meatless courses, potato pancakes, pierogi and more.

Christmas Eve was big in our traditions with gift exchange symbolic of Jesus giving Himself to the whole world. That night would end with caroling and Midnight Mass.

Family, faith, scripture, spiritual awakening and awareness brought us together. Those days of my youth are fond memories. Some traditions live on today as we focus on the birth of the Lord.

So, from me to you - *Wesołych Świąt!*  
*Schëi Chrëschtdeeg! Fröhliche Weihnachten!*

### Liturgical Roles - January 3 - 4

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	J. Kush	J. Kush	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick	C. Dumoulin S. Vincent
<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>C-Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b> <i>Semana Uno</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Graciela Ontiveros Lupe Mercado :)	Isabel Ibarra	Eliseo Camarena Cleme Camarena	Graciela Ontiveros
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	3 open	S. Younker	S. Younker	J. Strohmaier L. Younker M. Riedy	K. Gallagher M. Riedy
10:00 AM	open	3 open	C. Davekos	C. Davekos	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel



## Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

En este primer domingo de Navidad, celebramos un honor, la santa familia: *¡Jesús, María y José!* Esta fiesta es una oportunidad para contemplar la belleza del don de la vida familiar y la alegría de María y José ante el regalo de su hijo recién nacido Jesús. Muchas veces nuestra propia vida familiar puede ser *intensa y exigente*. Por ello, podemos olvidar parte de la alegría central del don de nuestra familia y las muchas bendiciones que Dios nos ha derramado. Este banquete es un recordatorio y un alivio de que cada persona en la familia está llamada a estar en unión con Dios, aunque sea de forma pequeña. Con esta conexión con la vida y la gracia del cielo, cada miembro de la familia está mejor preparado para amarse mutuamente, según el patrón del evangelio.

+Bendiciones,  
P. Trowbridge



## Lunes, 29 de diciembre

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario  
11:00 am – Legión de María  
6:00 pm – Estudio Bíblico - Aula Guadalupe  
6:00 pm – OCIA - Salón de la Divina Misericordia

## Martes, 30 de diciembre

*Sesiones de Directorio Fotográfico durante todo el día*

8:00 am – Confesiones  
8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario  
6:30 pm – Adoración  
7:00 pm – Confesiones (6:55-7:20)

## Miércoles, 31 de diciembre

*San Silvestre I, Papa; Víspera de Año Nuevo*

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario  
9:00am - Noon - horario de oficina  
6:00 pm – Legión de María | Salón Parroquial

## Jueves, 1 de enero

*Santa María, Madre de Dios; Día de Año Nuevo; Día Mundial de la Paz*

8:30 am – Misa | 6:30 pm – Rosario  
7:00 pm – Misa



## Viernes, 2 de enero

*Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Nacianceno, obispos y doctores de la Iglesia*

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario  
9:00 am – 7:00 pm | Primer viernes Ador/Ben

## Sábado, 3 de enero

*Santísimo Nombre de Jesús*

9:00 am – Confesiones  
7:00 pm – Misa en español



## Domingo, 4 de enero

*Día de la Epifanía del Señor*

7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa  
9:30 am – 12:00 pm | Confirmación de 1º y 2º curso  
9:30 am – 10:00 am Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

## Anuncios

**Cerrado el 31 de diciembre y el 1 de enero**

### Directorio fotográfico

Todavía existe la oportunidad de que todas las familias parroquiales sean incluidas en nuestro directorio. Los fotógrafos regresarán a St. Catherine's el **30 de diciembre**. Por favor, programa tu sesión fotográfica lo antes posible. Si no puedes programar, puedes enviar tu propia foto a nuestra oficina.

Página web de Directorios Universales de la Iglesia:  
[www.ucid.com](http://www.ucid.com)

**Código parroquial: IL442 Contraseña: photos**

# Directory



## Parish Office

Hours | Mon - Wed | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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Facebook | [SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch)

**PRIEST EMERGENCY** | [815-784-4837](tel:815-784-4837)

## Clergy

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## Parish Staff

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297 E. Jefferson Ave, Hampshire, IL 60140

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