



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 25, 2026

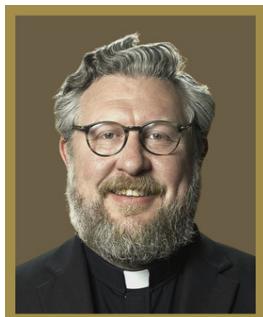


**“He said to them ‘Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men.’ ”**

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests,

As we gather for prayer on Sunday we are refreshed by the gift of the Lord's Day. It is tough for us to extract our self from the demands of the world, but if we continue to make an honest effort to keep the Lord's Day sacred and distinct from the rest of the week we will develop a virtue in honoring the third commandment. This effort of cultivating virtue for the sake of the third commandment reminds me of the verse from Joshua 24:14-15, *“Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him completely and sincerely. [...] As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”*

During the papacy of Pope Francis, he guided the church to focus on the gift of the Word of God on this Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Word of God, safeguarded in the Bible and our liturgy, unites us with the truths of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. Sometimes the Word of God just washes over us, it is nice when we hear it but its content does not have a chance to hydrate our soul when it just washes over us. I bet this is what motivated our late holy father Francis, that we may be nourished more deeply by the Word of God!

I'd like to offer three different quotes from the Word of God from today's Mass. The first is from our responsorial psalm. Psalm 27 flows as a beautiful prayer attributed to King David and in its first verse we hear *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”* You can stay with these words only, with comfort in your home on your own or with your family and ask God, “what

do I fear?” Reflecting on what our fears may be we can reply, “no need to fear, the Lord is my light and my salvation!” To grab your bible and find Psalm 27 and pray through it line by line and reflecting on its words can be very prayerful also!

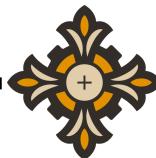
The second citation comes from our second reading. St. Paul is writing to the early church in Corinth, a Greek city of about 90,000 inhabitants. Its residents are a diverse mix of professionals and slaves comprised of Greeks, Romans and Jews. Christianity is emerging in this multicultural and primarily pagan city. In this context Paul urges the Christians, *“I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.”* Corinth sounds a bit like the world today. We can reflect on the divisions in our Catholic family and ask, “what division am I perpetuating?” With this we can pray, “Lord, help me to identify division and grant me the wisdom and humility to learn Your truth so that I am not an obstacle in our sacred body of believers.”

The third point of scriptural reflection comes from our gospel. There are several lines from today that we can pray with but the one that I'd like to share is the invitation that Jesus extends to the apostles, *“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”* What a unique and beautiful invitation. The next sentence is striking: *“At once they left their nets and followed Him.”* Our prayer can draw into this scene reflecting on what a “fisher of men” really is. I was impressed by their response “at once” the apostles responded. No delay. “Lord, may I never delay when you call out to me.”

Have a Blessed Sunday!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev. J.A. Trowbridge



This Weekend January 24 & 25

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †priests & nuns in purgatory
7:00 p.m. †A'Mir Garifias (Nathalia Garifias)
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. †Sam & Lillian Rose (Walt & Connie Straube)

Monday, January 26 *Saints Timothy and Titus*

8:30 a.m. poor souls in purgatory

Tuesday, January 27

8:30 a.m. †Teola Trowbridge

Wednesday, January 28 *St. Thomas Aquinas*

8:30 a.m. †Gigino Pigoni (Susan Pigoni)

Thursday, January 29

8:30 a.m. †Colleen Dorolek

Friday, January 30

8:30 a.m. souls in purgatory

Next Weekend January 31 & February 1

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Michael Coffey (Walt & Connie Straube)
7:00 p.m. †Oscar Camarena
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. †John & Lena (Leon Brummel)

— 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, 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.

Exposition | 6:30 pm

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 María

- 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: Cuando Jesús estaba orando solo en el desierto, ¿cuántas veces lo tentó el diablo?

Calendar



Announcements

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
9:30 am - Confirmation I Class | DMH

Monday, January 26

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room
6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room
6:00 pm - OCIA Class | DMH
7:00 pm - K of C Officers' Meeting | Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
8:00 am & 7:00 pm - Confessions | Church
6:30 pm - Adoration | Church

Wednesday, January 28

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Thursday, January 29

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, January 30

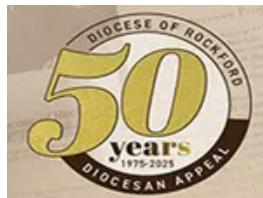
9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, January 31

9:00 am - Confessions
4:30pm - Rosary | Church

Sunday, February 1

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
9:00 am - Confirmation Class | DMH
9:00 am - First Communion Class | DMH & Church



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00
Total Pledged: \$28,484.00
Shortfall: \$5,144.67

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.*



Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

Council of Catholic Women Luncheon

Luncheon and Meeting - Saturday, February 7th

Women of all ages are invited to a quarterly fellowship luncheon in Divine Mercy Hall. Stay for prayer, a presentation and discussion. The ladies will be serving soup as the main entrée. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, such as bread, a side dish or dessert. Daycare will be provided for moms with young children. For questions call Nancy Burmeister at 815-761-0515.

Lent Fish Fry

Please mark your calendars for our Lent fish fries! Four dates have been scheduled: Feb 13th, 27th, March 13th, 27th. Volunteers are needed. Call the office if you're interested in helping.

Parish Financials

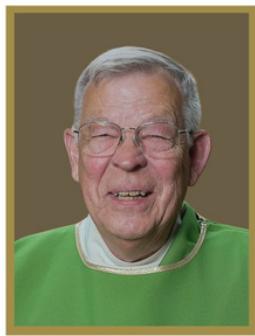
Weekend Collection January 17 & 18

Envelopes: \$4,502
Building: \$2,035
Given Online: \$505
National Appeal: \$770

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 4 simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

From the Desk of Deacon Bill Stankevitz



From a poem attributed to Albert Camus - In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy.

I guess this is fitting for this time of year. Look out a window and it is a bleak landscape of empty fields, bare trees, snow covered ground, and grey skies. The birds are out there scrounging for a seed here and there, but there is no joyous birdsong celebrating a time of growth. The occasional squirrels are digging through the snow and trying to remember where they stashed last year's crop of acorns. Look around indoors and the cheery Christmas decorations are all packed away and everything looks bare and plain. The days are short and the floors are drafty. The windows are closed and the silence is pervasive.

Winter indeed is a quiet, sterile time. I think that this might be a great time for meditation and prayer. I start by thinking of intentions I want to connect with this prayer. As I start to think about intentions, more and more of them start coming to mind. All of a sudden, I have tons of them running the gamut from the souls in purgatory to big ones of the world all of the way to the individual of family and friends in need. Then I think about thanking God for all of His gifts and identifying all of them isn't a short list either.

Now, should I pray a rosary? Or a chaplet of divine mercy? Or recite familiar prayers? Or pick up a book of prayers written by others? I begin to realize that my meditation about all of this is a prayer itself. It's quiet. I feel so much closer to God than when I started. Where did this all come from? I realize it was the summer of my faith that lives within me. And that makes me happy.

Liturgical Roles - January 31 - February 1st

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	J. Jastrowski	J. Jastrowski	<i>3 open</i>	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>
<i>7:00 PM Semana Cinco</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Lucia Serrano Wilson Chijcraj	Ilda Villagomez	Irma Rivas Lucio Rivas	Angie Garcia
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	<i>3 open</i>	S. Younker	S. Younker	L. Younker P. Hansen	K. Gallagher M. Riedy
10:00 AM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	T. Tucker	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham C. Davekos L. Brummel



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación, estas son las palabras de nuestro salmo de este domingo.

Cuando oramos juntos, recordamos que cada miembro de la familia de fe debe alzar los ojos de fe, la mente y el corazón para estar en unión con Jesús. Si no hacemos esto, entonces no podremos vivir ni rezar en unidad unos con otros. Cada miembro del Cuerpo de Cristo (*la Iglesia*) debe tener una fuerte conexión con Jesús, nuestra Cabeza, si se quiere que haya coordinación entre los miembros del cuerpo.

Una persona que aprende un nuevo deporte o habilidad no está coordinada, pero con **buena dirección y práctica** la memoria muscular y la coordinación se desarrollan y aumentan. Si podemos ver esto con el deporte, entonces apliquemos esto a nuestra segunda lectura de la Misa, donde San Pablo intenta arreglar las fracturas en la comunidad cristiana primitiva.

Se han fracturado porque, siguiendo a Jesús, han formado una lealtad hacia un líder particular y han olvidado a Cristo en el proceso. Hoy en día hacemos esto siguiendo a un sacerdote, o a un diácono, o a un feligrés fiel. Esto provocará división entre diferentes estudios bíblicos, grupos de oración o parroquias. Si nos damos cuenta de esto, debemos detenernos, orar y guiarnos a ti y a quienes más te rodean hacia Jesús y, lo más importante, para que la división no se profundice en nuestra comunidad.

+Bendiciones,
P. Trowbridge



Lunes, 26 de enero

San Timoteo y San Tito, obispos

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

11:00 am – Legión de María

6:00 pm – Estudio Bíblico - Aula Guadalupe

6:00 pm – Clase OCIA - DMH

7:00 pm – Reunión de Oficiales de K de C

Martes, 27 de enero

Santa Ángela de Mérici, virgen

8:00 am – Confesiones | **7:00 pm** – Confesiones

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

6:30 pm – Adoración

Miércoles, 28 de enero

San Tomás de Aquino, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

6:00 pm – Legión de María

Jueves, 29 de enero

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

Viernes, 30 de enero

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

Sábado, 31 de enero

San Juan Bosco, sacerdote

6:00 pm – Confesiones | 7:00 am – Misa

Domingo, 1 de febrero

4º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa

9:30 am – 12:00 pm | Confirmación de la Clase 1

9:30 am - clase de primera comunión | DMH & iglesia

9:30 am – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

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CATÓLICAS**



Anuncios

Almuerzo de la CCW

Sábado, 7 de febrero

Los detalles se anunciarán en un boletín posterior.

Para cualquier pregunta, llame a

Nancy Burmeister: 815-761-0515.

Cena de pescado durante la Cuaresma

13 y 27 de febrero, 13 y 27 de marzo

Respuesta: Tres.

Directory



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rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion



St. Vincent de Paul - offering guidance in financial hardship by networking with social services and providing prudent financial assistance to residents of Genoa and the surrounding area. Donations into our poor box (main church entrance) will be forwarded to: Hampshire Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul 297 E. Jefferson Ave, Hampshire, IL 60140

All calls to SVD are confidential 847- 463-3003



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