



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 15, 2026



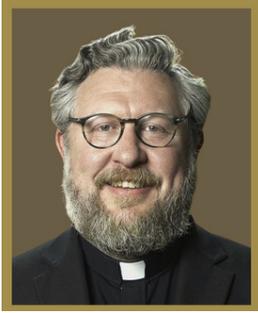
**“Blessed are they  
who follow the law of the Lord.”**

Psalm 119

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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## From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests,

What a blessing it is to gather around our sacred altar, to pray the words of Jesus from the Last Supper, and to be fed by His Body and Blood! Jesus said to “do this in memory of Me,” and at every Mass...we do!

Earlier this week all priests from the Diocese of Rockford gathered for our annual clergy conference. This is a good opportunity for fraternity, prayer and learning. His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo was our guest speaker for the conference and his gift of faith, experience as a faithful church leader and talents in learning provided a very insightful time away. One of the observations he made is how our priests had a good peaceful bond with one another even across the many nationalities of our priests. He mentioned, we are very much like the early church, serving in unity under Our Lord, in harmony, for the good of the faithful!

This weekend it seems hard to focus on this Sunday’s readings because Lent is this Wednesday, we must not get ahead of ourselves and overlook the blessings of today because of the demands that await us. Our readings this week appeal to our free will, especially our first reading and psalm. “*if you choose you can keep the commandments,*” and “*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.*” We are assured in our second reading that we are undertaking this on our own but have the Holy Spirit to grant insight to God’s wisdom! We can turn to God often asking to be guided according to

His wisdom. This prayer, I submit, is always on our mind and in our heart: to be guided by God in all things. In one sense this fulfills St. Paul’s words to the Thessalonians, “*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*” (5:16-18)

Lent - Give It Up! Do you do something extra or do you give something up for lent? This is a common question. The season of lent is a spiritual preparation for Holy Week that we may be deeply attentive to the value of Jesus’ actions from the Upper Room, through Gethsemane to Calvary. When we give something up we make a sacrifice so that we may be joined to Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross. Keep this in mind as you make your plan for lent, starting this Wednesday!

St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Luncheon - Tickets will be on sale soon to enjoy an luncheon at the Coach House in Burlington this March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday afternoon. Tickets will be on sale for \$15 per person. 100% of your ticket cost will benefit St. Vincent de Paul in Hampshire. They invest \$10-15,000 every year for Genoa residents in need and I thought we could enjoy a nice lunch, learn a little more about what St. Vincent de Paul does and raise a little more money for them as a mark of our gratitude for supporting our families and neighbors in need!

Fish Fry number One - as I type this we are revved up for a successful fist fish fry of the 2026 season! We have a nice list of volunteers to work with and so many helpful and generous hand already, I hope to have a glowing report for you this weekend!

In line with our gospel, may you commit your will to Our Lord and His Will each day, that you and yours may be guided by His Light and Love!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

# Mass & Devotions



## This Weekend February 14 & 15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Jack & Bernice Geier  
7:00 p.m. †Ramiro Marquez  
8:00 a.m. †Michael Coffey (Don & Clara Coffey)  
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa

## Monday, February 16

8:30 a.m. *poor souls in purgatory*

## Tuesday, February 17

8:30 a.m. †William Walter

## Wednesday, February 18 *Ash Wednesday*

*Distribution of ashes at all of the following:*

6:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
8:30 a.m. bilingual- †Allen Letterer (D. Letterer)  
7:00 p.m. souls in purgatory

## Thursday, February 19

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

## Friday, February 20

8:30 a.m. †Helen Keyes

## Next Weekend February 21 & 22

*First Sunday of Lent*

5:00 p.m. †Kevin Turner (Dorothy Crackel)  
7:00 p.m. †Josse Parra (Parra Family)  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa  
10:00 a.m. †Joseph Terando (Nancy Terando)

## Prayer Intentions

Pray for the Repose of the soul of

† Melvin L. Drendel

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon him.

May all the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

### 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 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:** ¿Cuáles son los nombres de las tres virtudes teologales de la Iglesia Católica?

## Calendar



## Announcements

### Sunday, February 15

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

### Monday, February 16

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room  
6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room  
6:00 pm - OCIA Class | DMH

### Tuesday, February 17

9:00 am - Rosary | Church  
9:00 am - Stitching Together | K of C Meeting Room  
8:00 am & 7:00 pm | Confessions

### Wednesday, February 18

9:00 am - Rosary | Church  
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary | K of C Room

### Thursday, February 19

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

### Friday, February 20

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

### Saturday, February 21

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

### Sunday, February 22

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

### Save the Date!

St. Joseph Table: March 21<sup>st</sup>  
St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Luncheon:  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> (new date)

### Lent Fish Fry

A big thank you to all the volunteers who made our first fish fry a success. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. See our sign-up sheets.

**Dates: Feb 27, Mar 13, Mar 27**

Drive thru or dine inside. Free will offering.

Meal Includes: in-house hand battered Alaskan Pollock (10oz fried), homemade coleslaw & tartar sauce, baked potato, dinner roll, butter & lemon.

### 40 Cans for Lent

During Lent, the knights are collecting non perishable food items for Rooted for Good food pantry in Genoa. Donations may be brought to the parish. Bins will be located at the church entrances.

### Robert Hewlett Scholarship Application Deadline:

March 27, 2026

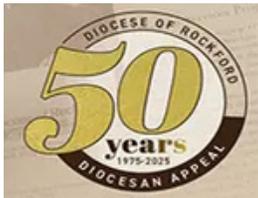
Award Presented at Mass on April 12, 2026

### Rules on Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## Parish Financials



### Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00  
Total Pledged: \$29,394.00  
Total Paid: \$28,155.67  
Shortfall: \$1,238.33

### Weekend Collection February 7 & 8

Envelopes: \$4,569  
Building: \$492  
Given Online: \$720

### 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.*

### 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.

# Ministries



## Religious Education

**Family Faith Formation** - Students in grades Kindergarten through 6th

**Confirmation** - For students in 7th grade and up and under the age of 17.

Classes run from September through May.

Registration begins in mid July.

Contact the parish office or our parish coordinator of religious education.

## OCIA

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Anyone age 17 and older who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing their sacraments is invited to attend classes. Please call the parish office or Deacon Brian Mullins.

## Stitching Together

Our parish group makes homemade gifts for baptisms and our compassion ministry.

Meetings: first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the KofC room.

New members welcome! Participation is not limited to crocheting; feel free to bring your own craft.

## Knights of Columbus Council #14294

Business Meetings: 2nd Monday of every month.

Officer Meetings: Fourth Monday of every month.

Membership Info: Bob Hewlett: 815-791-7020.

Breakfast Buffet: Third Sundays October - June.

Coffee and Donuts: Third Sundays July-September.

## CCW

### Council of Catholic Women

Join us for prayer and fellowship.

Quarterly meetings (no dues are collected)

For more information call

Nancy Burmeister 815-761-0515

## Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

Volunteers from our parish bring communion to our parishioners who are are not able to attend Mass.

If you are called to this ministry please contact the parish office or a member of our clergy.

## Liturgical Roles - February 21st - 22nd

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	P. Riedy	3 open	J. Jastrowski	J. Jastrowski	3 open	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 Cuatro</i>	Pascual Alvaro Osorio	Mariana Osorio	Mari Mercado Lucia Serrano	Julia Rodriguez	Teresa Salinas Martha Figueroa	Pascual Alvaro Osorio
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	open	3 open	T. Barrett	T. Barrett	P. Hansen H. Davis L. Younker	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	open	3 open	A. Hughes	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham C. Davekos L. Brummel



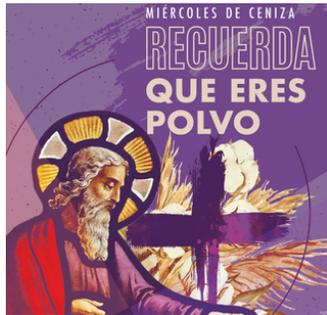
## Estimados Feligreses e Invitados,

¡El ojo no ha visto y el oído no ha oído hablar de la bondad que está preparada para quienes me siguen! Estas palabras se basan en nuestra segunda lectura de hoy y hablan de la maravilla del cielo. Un ánimo para quienes intentamos hacer el bien y lo estamos encontrando difícil. ¡Toma valor, sigue a Dios en todo, merece la pena!

Jesús comparte hoy en nuestro evangelio que: "No he venido a abolir la ley ni los profetas. No he venido a abolir, sino a cumplir." Esto significa que podemos mantener cada parte de la Biblia cerca y, si parece muy extraña, nuestro estudio y oración con el catecismo pueden arrojar luz sobre la verdad.

Jesús continúa: "Pero aquel que obedezca y enseñe estos mandamientos será llamado el mayor en el reino de los cielos." Nuestra atención se dirige a la invitación de Jesús a (1) obedecer estos mandamientos y (2) enseñar estos mandamientos. Nuestra vida debe comprometerse a seguir a Dios, hay muchas otras ideas y enseñanzas en competencia que podemos usar como excusa para ignorar u olvidar la invitación de Dios. Cuando vivamos la fe, será más fácil enseñar. ¡Conoce mis oraciones por ti y por tu día a día para que puedas estar cerca de Jesús, viviendo la fe y enseñando nuestra fe para que Dios sea glorificado por nuestra buena vida!

+**Bendiciones,**  
**P. Trowbridge**



## Anuncios

**Cena de pescado durante la Cuaresma**  
**13 y 27 de febrero, 13 y 27 de marzo: 3:30 - 6:30 pm**  
drive thru o come dentro de nuestro salón parroquial. Ofrenda de libre albedrío



Los católicos con buena salud de entre **18 y 59 años** están obligados a ayunar y abstenerse de la comida el **Miércoles de Ceniza** y el **Viernes Santo**. El ayuno consiste en comer solo una comida, con la posibilidad de dos tentempiés pequeños que no suman una sola comida completa.

Los católicos de **14 años o más** deben abstenerse de la media en todos los viernes de Cuaresma

## Lunes, 16 de febrero

*Día de los Presidentes (EEUU)*

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

11:00 am – Legión de María

6:00 pm – Estudio Bíblico - Guadalupe

6:00 pm – Clase OCIA - Divina Misericordia

## Martes, 17 de febrero

8:00 am – Confesiones | 7:00 am – Confessions

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

9:00 am – Cosiendo juntos

6:30 pm – Adoración

## Miércoles, 18 de febrero

*Miércoles de Ceniza* | **Día de ayuno y ausencia**

6:00 am – 7:00 am Liturgia de la Palabra y las Cenizas

**8:30 am – Misa (bilingüe)** | 9:00 am – Rosario

6:00 pm – Legión de María

7:00 pm – Misa



## Jueves, 19 de febrero

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

## Viernes, 20 de febrero

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

9:30 am – 10:00 am Estaciones del Vía Crucis

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Estaciones del Vía Crucis

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm Vía Crucis, español

## Sábado, 21 de febrero

*San Pedro Damían, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia*

6:00 pm – Confesiones

6:30 pm – Rosario | 7:00 pm – Misa

## Domingo, 22 de febrero

*1º Domingo de Cuaresma*

7:30 – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa

9:30 am – 12:00 pm Confirmación de clase 1

9:30 am – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

12:00 pm – Grupo Juvenil

✠ **Estación del Vís:** Los viernes durante la Cuaresma

9:30 am inglés | 7:30 español

Mediodía – Estaciones afuera de Viernes Santo ✠

**\*\*Respuesta:** Fe, esperanza y amor  
(caridad)\*\*

# Directory



## Parish Office

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

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

## Clergy

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Deacon Brian Mullins  
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## Parish Staff

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Safe Environment suite serving our volunteers & employees assuring a safe environment at our parish.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers retreats for couples looking to uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage.



[wwme.org](http://wwme.org) (888) 574-5653.



A ministry of hope after abortion they offer free and compassionate support, prayer/retreat opportunities in our faith.

[rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion](http://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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