



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 23, 2025

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Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe

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## From the Desk of Father Trowbridge

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It is a blessing to be back with you in prayer. I am grateful to the several priests who were so helpful by leading you in prayer while I took some time for prayer and study before our holiday season!

This Sunday we celebrate in a very jubilant manner. This is true for every Sunday when we gather to keep the sabbath holy and to remember the resurrection of Jesus. This Sunday it is elevated because we both conclude the liturgical year and we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This is the only event that we celebrate in our liturgical cycle that has not occurred in history; rather, it is an event that we look forward to with great hope.

There is an extreme story of a young saint that highlights persevering in God despite great earthly pressure to turn away from Him. Our Saint is Philomena, her name means *little daughter of the light*.

Philomena's parents were not able to conceive, they had asked a Christian friend to "pray to your God that we may have a child." The friend replied "become baptized and I will pray." Philomena's parents took instruction in the faith, were baptized, and soon after they had conceived their first and only child, a daughter, whom they named Philomena. Baptism was known as the sacrament of light, a reference to the light of God's truth shining on the baptized person. Fast forward thirteen years, Philomena's father had to travel from Greece, where he was a military leader and ruler, and request military support from the emperor of Rome. His wife and daughter joined him on this critical imperial mission.

When the Emperor Diocletian saw the young Philomena he was smitten and requested her hand in marriage. If it were granted then he would give her father all the military resources he needed to preserve his region.

Philomena refused because she knew she was being requested on account of appetite and not virtue. Her parents pleaded with her. She refused because she had promised fidelity and purity to the Lord and she would not turn from Our Lord. Her parents then insulted her and cursed her for betraying her homeland and family. She stood firm. The parents who begged God and converted that she may be conceived, parents who celebrated her birth with a beautiful name giving honor to God's light, now treated her harshly for her faithfulness.

They left her with the emperor. Diocletian granted her father the military resources. For the next several days the emperor sought to bribe Philomena, when this did not work she was threatened and finally was tortured. In the third day of her torture she went unto the Lord. She maintained Christ as King in her life. She refused to supplant Him.

While none of us stand before a Roman Emperor, there are a lot of ways we are pressured to abandon Our Lord, His teachings, or the values of our Catholic family. We must be sons and daughters of prayer. Our strength must be the Eucharist. Let us strive with humility and love to keep God first in all things. Long live Christ the King!

I am so thankful that our volunteers are teaming up to coordinate a thanksgiving food drive AND collaborate with our local resources to populate a Giving Tree to assist the families in our own local communities.

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

# Mass & Devotions



## This Weekend November 22 & 23

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

5:00 p.m. For the sons of Mary Hodge  
7:00 p.m. †Ignacio Salinas (Jean Wells)  
8:00 a.m. For the parishioners of our parish  
10:00 a.m. † Virginia Brummel (Leon Brummel)

## Monday, November 24 *St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc*

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

## Tuesday, November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

8:30 a.m. † Earl Amidon (Sandra Amidon)

## Wednesday, November 26

8:30 a. m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

## Thursday, November 27 *Thanksgiving*

8:30 a. m. † Rita Schell (Richard & Shirley Nelson)

## Friday, November 28

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

## Next Weekend November 29 & 30

*First Sunday of Advent*

5:00 p.m. For Mary Young  
7:00 p.m. †Antonio Estrada & Maria Rocha  
(Parra/Tapia Families)  
8:00 a.m. For the parishioners of our parish  
10:00 a.m. † Edward Silvius (Rob & Bev West)

## Prayer Intentions

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

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

### 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, Mario Jimenez

## 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:** ¿Cuál es la diferencia entre un discípulo y un apóstol?





## Sunday, November 23

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

## Monday, November 24

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room

6:00 pm - OCIA Class | DMH

## Tuesday, November 25

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

6:30 pm - Adoration | Church

## Wednesday, November 26

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary | K of C Room

## Thursday, November 27 *Thanksgiving*

8:30 am - Mass

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

## Friday, November 28

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

## Saturday, November 29

9:00 am - Confession

4:30pm - Rosary | Church



## Sunday, November 30

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

9:00 am - Christmas Eve Rehearsal | Choir Room

9:00 am - Confirmation 1 & 2 | DMH

12:00 pm \_ Youth Group | DMH

**Photo Directory** photographers will be returning to our parish on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please schedule an appointment as soon as possible. [www.ucid.com](http://www.ucid.com)

**Parish code: IL442 Password: photos**

## Christmas Food Drive

We are accepting non-perishable food donations for Rooted for Good until December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Giving Tree

Parish volunteers have organized a giving tree to help struggling families provide gifts for their children.

Anyone who would like to sign up to be a recipient (under 18) must complete a form. Contact:

Kayla Kuhn at GK School Dist., [815-784-6222](tel:815-784-6222)

[https://www.gkschools.org/staff?filter\\_ids=346652&page\\_no=2](https://www.gkschools.org/staff?filter_ids=346652&page_no=2)

Genoa food pantry- 415 W. Main St. [\(779\) 212-9543](tel:779-212-9543)

St. Catherine parish office or website

[stcatherinegenoa.org](http://stcatherinegenoa.org) *Inquiries are confidential.*

## December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Presentation

An invitation to all students in grades kindergarten through confirmation to participate in a short presentation on Christmas Eve at 3:30 p.m., prior to 4 p.m. Mass. The choir is looking for singers, adoring angels and shepherds. Sign up in the choir room at the first rehearsal on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 9:30 a.m.

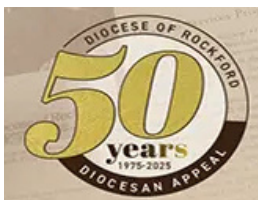
See the [flyer](#) for details or contact Darla Tritt at [2stcatmus@gmail.com](mailto:2stcatmus@gmail.com)

## Council of Catholic Women

### Luncheon and Meeting - December 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.

Women of all ages are invited to a quarterly fellowship luncheon in Divine Mercy Hall. Stay for prayer, a presentation by Deacon Brian Mullins followed by a discussion. Please bring a dish to pass. A main entrée and drinks will be provided.

# Parish Financials



## Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835

Pledged: \$27,984

Given: \$25,680

Shortfall: \$6,155

## 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.



## Weekend Collection: November 15 & 16

Parish: \$5,305

Building: \$233

Utilities: \$0

Given Online: 1,210

Triannual Military Collection: \$1,635

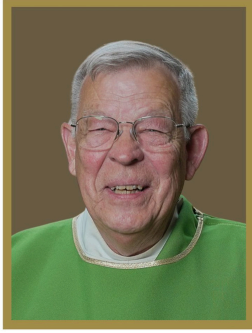
*Thank you!*

## 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



For some, birthdays can be just another number. But for me, they also are a time to review the lifetime of memories that have accumulated in my brain. As I think back, I find many wonderful, joyous ones, some sad ones, some poignant ones, and, yes some that I wish had never occurred. My prayer as another year adds to my total - May all of the good ones stay at the forefront and all of the bad ones fall to the far rear dustbin of our minds.

I am sitting here in a quiet, contemplative mood in advance of busy times ahead in the next ten days. I will miss everyone this next weekend as I attend the annual Deacon retreat Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is always good to get away, clear your mind, step back from the normal everyone and everything and focus on God. And just as important, that time also allows God to unimpededly focus on me. I'll miss all of you at Mass and hope you will say a prayer for me for a successful retreat.

Next week, the calendar flips over another page for me as I celebrate adding another year of life to my tally.

Thanksgiving is coming up and I like to take some serious time to reflect on all of the many blessings in my life and give thanks to God for each of them. In my mind, I focus on many specific details related to each of these: My Faith, My Vocations - both as Deacon and Husband, My Wife and Family, My Universal Catholic Church, My Parish Family, My Physical Vitality, My Comfortable Living Condition, in spite of all the current political consternation - My Country, and as the Canticle of Daniel (3:57-88) so poetically describes, all of creation.

God bless all of you!

### Liturgical Roles - November 29 & 30

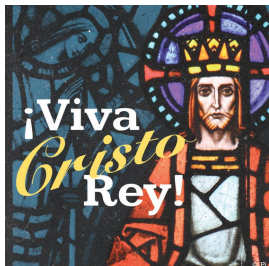
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	J. Kush	J. Kush	C. Dumoulin	C. Dumoulin
<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>C-Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b> <i>Semana Cinco</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Angie Garcia Cleme Camarena	Ilda Villagomez	Irma Rivas Lucio Rivas	Pascual Alvaro Osorio
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	3 open	S. Younker	S. Younker	L. Younker J. Strohmaier M. Riedy	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	open	3 open	T. Tucker	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham C. Davekos L. Brummel



## Estimados feligreses

Este domingo celebramos la solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, una anticipación de la Segunda Venida de Jesucristo en todo su poder, gloria y esplendor. Jesús vino primero como un poder espiritual, aparentemente débil a los ojos del mundo, quienes tienen el don de la fe pueden ver Su fuerza. Mary lo vio perfectamente. Hoy vivimos por fe, invitados a seguir el ejemplo de María en su gran fidelidad a Dios. Nuestro evangelio centra nuestra atención en esta escena del Calvario. Los mundanos actúan en error. Presta atención a los verbos usados en sus reacciones infieles: los líderes "se burlaron", los soldados "se burlaron" y el ladrón malvado "arremetió" contra Jesús. En nuestros momentos de debilidad podemos burlarnos, burlarnos y arremeter contra Dios, o incluso contra nuestro prójimo. Cálmate y recuerda quién es el Rey, aunque parezca que no lo es. **¡Viva Cristo Rey!**

+Bendiciones,  
P. Trowbridge



## Anuncios

### Oportunidad de voluntariado en 2025:

cada semana en diciembre, alternando entre lunes (primera semana) y martes (segunda semana), y así sucesivamente.

**EJEMPLO:** preparación de despensa o pedidos online, ideal para horas de servicio comunitario

### Árbol de Regalo de Navidad

Los voluntarios parroquiales están organizando un árbol de donación para ayudar a familias en dificultades a dar regalos a sus hijos.

El árbol estará en nuestro **nártex después de Acción de Gracias**. Cualquier persona que desee inscribirse para recibir regalos para niños de 18 años o menos debe llamar a la oficina parroquial para más información. Las llamadas son confidenciales.

### Recogida de alimentos navideños

Aceptamos donaciones de alimentos no perecederos para Rooted for Good hasta el **14 de diciembre**.

### Lunes, 24 de noviembre

*San Andrés Du Dũng-Lạc, sacerdote, y compañeros, mártires*

11:00 am – Legión de María

6:00 pm – Estudio bíblico

6:00 pm – Clase OCIA

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

### Martes, 25 de noviembre

*Santa Catalina de Alejandría, virgen y mártir*

9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia

6:30 pm - Adoración | Iglesia

### Miércoles, 26 de noviembre

6:00 pm – Legión de María

### Jueves, 27 de noviembre

*Día de acción de gracias*

8:30 am - Misa

9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia



### Viernes, 28 de noviembre

*Viernes Negro (EE.UU)*

9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia

### Sábado, 29 de noviembre

7:00 pm – Misa en español | 9:00 am - Confesión

### Domingo, 30 de noviembre

*1er Domingo de Adviento*

9:30 am – 12 pm Confirmación Clase 1 y 2

Grupo Juvenil de 12 a 2:00 pm

## Anuncios

### Consejo de Mujeres Católicas

*Almuerzo y reunión - 6 de diciembre, 11:00 a.m.*

Se invita a mujeres de todas las edades a un almuerzo trimestral de convivencia en el Salón de la Divina Misericordia. Quédate para la oración, una presentación del diácono Brian Mullins seguida de una discusión. Por favor, trae un plato para pasar. Se ofrecerá un plato principal y bebidas.

**Los fotógrafos del Directorio Fotográfico regresarán a nuestra parroquia el 30 de diciembre. Por favor, pide cita lo antes posible. [www.ucid.com](http://www.ucid.com) Código parroquial: IL442 Contraseña: fotos**

**\*\*Respuesta:** Los discípulos son "llamados" y los apóstoles son "enviados".\*\*

# Directory



## Parish Office

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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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[JTrowbridge@RockfordDiocese.org](mailto:JTrowbridge@RockfordDiocese.org)

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Deacon Brian Mullins  
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Tami Barrett | Youth Ministry  
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[rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion](http://rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion)



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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  
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Hampshire Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul  
297 E. Jefferson Ave, Hampshire, IL 60140

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the usual hours use the keypad with code: 0 9 1 2 \* 7*