



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 20, 2025

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Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.



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16th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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*Dear Parishioners & Guests'*

I pray that your Sunday is blessed. Through the course of any given week we confront many things that are out of our control. There is a memorable quote that our late-bishop, Thomas Doran, would share with us during seminary, *"I have had plenty of bad days as a priest, but never a bad week."*

This sentiment is in mind as I draw your attention to the importance of Sunday in our life of faith. When we give God priority on Sunday, it stands as an anchor for our life. When we hold Sunday Mass attendance as a non-negotiable we are honoring the first commandment *to honor God above all things*.

While this may impinge upon our life plans from time to time, it anchors us in any season of life that we may always have safe harbor with God. Additionally, it is a living sacrifice that shows by our actions that, yes, God is so important that we literally change our schedule so that we maintain our weekly holy sabbath union with Him in the Eucharist. Even the most faithful among us need to have this lesson refreshed.

I know other things pull on our schedule, this is why I remain grateful to pray together each week (or each day if your schedule permits it).

This Sunday our gospel brings us to one of Jesus' favorite places to relax: the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary in the town of Bethany. We are familiar with the scene of today's gospel. Mary is listening to Jesus while Martha is busy with the tasks of a hostess. Martha asks Jesus to have Mary help her. Jesus declines saying, *"Mary has chosen the better part and it shall not be taken from her."*

Let us compare what each of our friends of Jesus were doing: Mary was attentive to Jesus. Martha was attentive to details in the home, also for Jesus. Mary was listening to Jesus' words. Martha was making the details of the home presentable. Both are acts of attentiveness, done out of love and care, but Jesus identifies that Mary's posture was better than Martha's. This is not to say Martha's posture was bad, however *Mary had chosen the better part and it shall not be disrupted*.

I pray that in the busy reality of our life we never become so busy that we forget why we are doing what we do. Sometimes we can be tempted to separate from God, not by evil things, but by "less good" things. This is why our conscience must remain calibrated and precise in daily prayer, the reading of sacred scripture, regular confession with a good examination of conscience, reverent reception of Our Lord in Holy Communion, and good ol' gospel living.

You're doing great, keep it up!

*+ Richest Blessings,*

*Rev J.A. Trowbridge*



## 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* | Vir 8:00 a.m. y Sab 6:00 p.m.

## Rosary

Begins 30 min. before all weekend Masses

Immediately following daily Masses.

## First Friday

Adoration | 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Benediction | 5:50 p.m.

## Holy Hour

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

Confessions | 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.

## Prayer 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,  
Janice Jastrowski, Scott Star, Balvina Mascote,  
Ed Davis, Cecelia Menconi, Virginia Makovec,  
Nancy Burmeister

### TRIVIA CATÓLICA

**Pregunta:** ¿Qué palabra llamó Jesús a Dios Padre cuando estaba orando?





## Monday, July 28th

8:30 am – Mass  
9 am – Rosary  
11am – Legion of Mary  
6 pm – Bible Study- in Spanish  
6 pm – O.C.I.A. Inquiry Night  
7 – K of C Officers' Meeting

## Tuesday, July 29th

8 am – Confessions  
8:30 am – Mass  
9 am – Rosary  
6:30 pm – Adoration DBM & JT  
7 pm– Confessions

## Wednesday, July 30th

8:30 am – Mass  
9 am– Rosary  
6 pm – Legion of Mary in Parish Hall

## Friday, August 1st

8:30 am – Mass  
9am – 1st Fri Adoration Sanctuary of the Church  
9 am – Rosary: DBS

## Saturday, August 2nd

9 am – Confessions  
5 pm– Mass

## Sunday, August 3rd

8 am – Mass  
10 am – Mass

## Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) Inquiry Night

**Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.**

Anyone age 17 and older who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith or has not received all of their sacraments is invited to attend.

For more information contact the parish office or Deacon Brian Mullins

## Formation for Ministers

The Diocese of Rockford is offering a two-year formation program for lay Catholics. The goal of the program is to help participants deepen their faith and receive the formation necessary to serve and lead effectively in various areas of lay ministry.

For more information call (815) 387 - 3389 or email: [formationoffice@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:formationoffice@rockforddiocese.org)

## St. Mary School in Sycamore

As enrollment continues for the 25-26 school year, St. Mary's is pleased to announce that they are offering a tuition transfer grant to students transferring to their school from public, private, or charter schools.

<https://stmarysycamore.org/school>

815-895-5215

# Parish Financials



## Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835  
Pledged: \$12,906  
Paid: \$16,300.00  
Shortfall: \$15,535



## St. Vincent de Paul

Donations made to our poor box, located at the front entrance will be forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul - they support our Genoa residents in need.

*Thank you for your prayerful contributions.*

## Weekend Collection: July 12-13

Parish: \$5,096  
Building: \$345  
Given Online: \$365



## Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the app located on the homepage of our parish website or use the QR code above. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

# Sacraments



## Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick is to be celebrated at different times of illness:

- 1) when a person becomes ill
- 2) when a persisting illness gets worse
- 3) before any surgery
- 4) when death is immanent

This celebration of the sacrament seeks physical recovery and spiritual strength during the healing journey. God's grace at this time is a comfort to the soul.

There is a final celebration of Anointing of the Sick which is before death when the recipient is still alert and can receive Holy Communion. This is Anointing and Viaticum. Viaticum refers to the final reception of Holy Communion before going to the Lord.

Something special during this celebration is the Apostolic Pardon. This is a prayer connected to absolution which forgives the time a soul is due to endure in purgatory. This is a permission given by the Holy See as an act of the Church's mercy for souls close to death. Always ask a priest for the Apostolic Pardon!

Many times in my priesthood I have been asked to anoint a parishioner and they were non-responsive, sedated and unable to be alert for the sacrament.

Tell your family, ***"If I go to the hospital, call father. I want to be anointed when I am alert and aware!"***

If you or someone you know is not alert or aware during the anointing of the sick, that is okay. you can have them anointed. It certainly still counts as a validly celebrated sacrament.

## Marriage

This sacrament is the foundation of family life and is always celebrated as a sacrament in our Catholic life. Couples planning to be married should contact the parish before finalizing with their reception venue. At a minimum, contact the parish six months prior to your proposed wedding date.

## Baptism

Please baptize your children as soon as possible. Parents seeking baptism for their child must bring a copy of the birth certificate to the parish office and register for a baptism preparation class. Classes are held on the second Sunday of the month following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

## Liturgical Roles - Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	L. Dunlap	L. Dunlap	C. Dumoulin	C. Dumoulin S. Vincent
<i>Tiempo de Misa</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>		Mariana Osorio				
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	open	3 open	W. Engles	W. Engles	M. Ebert P. Hansen H. Davis	K. Gallagher M. Reidy, J Shreier
10:00 AM	open	3 open	Ann Hughes/Donna	Ann Hughes/Donna	E. Maneche J. Durham K.Coates	J. Durham J .Siegwarth L. Brummel



## Calendario

### Lunes 28 de julio

8:30 am – Misa/9 am – Rosario  
11 am – Legión de María  
6 pm – Estudio Bíblico- en español  
6 pm – Noche de Investigación de la O.C.I.A.  
7 – Reunión de la Mesa de C de C

### Martes 29 de julio

*Santa Marta, María, y Lázaro*  
8 am – Confesiones/8:30 am – Misa  
9 am – Rosario  
6:30 pm – Adoración DBM & JT  
7 pm– Confesiones

### Miércoles 30 de julio

*San Pedro Crisólogo, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia*  
8:30 am – Misa/9 am– Rosario  
6 pm – Legión de María en el Salón Parroquial

### Jueves 31 de julio

*San Ignacio de Loyola, sacerdote*

### Viernes, 1 de agosto

*San Alfonso María de Ligorio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia*  
8:30 am – Misa  
9am – 1º Viernes Adoración Santuario de la Iglesia/9 am – Rosario

### Sábado 2 de agosto

*San Eusebio de Vercelli, obispo; San Pedro Julián Eymard, sacerdote*  
7 pm– Misa

### Domingo 3 de agosto

*18º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*  
8 am – Misa  
10 am – Misa

## Anuncios

La inscripción para la **educación religiosa** comenzará la primera semana de agosto! Ven y regístrate o visita nuestro sitio web en línea.

Tenemos fotos de **Primera Comunión** disponibles para recoger, si pediste alguna, ven y recógelas.

La primera adoración será **el viernes 1 de agosto**. ¡Tendremos las hojas de inscripción disponibles! ¡Vengan todos son bienvenidos!

# Directory



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Facebook | [SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch)

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