



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 22, 2026



**“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?”**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests,

We journey together in the desert of lent sharpening our spiritual senses through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each Sunday our holy altar is an epicenter of God's good grace that radiates from our church, into our homes and throughout our community!

Looking to our gospel we draw a link between Jesus and his friends in Bethany: Lazarus, Martha & Mary. The action of Jesus may seem peculiar but as we mediate on the scene we see its depth. The first element we notice is that Jesus does not rush to the house of Behany when word is send to him of Lazarus' illness. In a society where we always seem to be in a frenzy, as if our hair were on fire, one would expect Jesus to drop everything and run to Lazarus' bed-side. But He doesn't. He replies with this quote, "***This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.***"

These words bear a strong parallel of last week's gospel of the man born blind wherein his blindness is not on account of sin but that God may be glorified. Imagine if in our physical limitation, illness or bodily pains if we were to pray, "*God may you be glorified in this moment of illness and pain,*" OR, "*Lord how may I give you glory through these physical difficulties? I offer my frustration and suffering for those who need strength in this moment. Bless them Lord.*" To pray in this way is to live in union with God, to be a witness to the virtue of

hope and to lessen our fixation on our own circumstance. We strive to turn our inconvenience into an act of faith.

HUMBLE OF HEART 2026 Lenten Mission

I am excited for our mission this year. We are blessed with great and faithful preachers. This opportunity offers a deeper dive into the spiritual beauty of this powerful lenten season. Our mission opens the door to Jesus' Sacred Heart that we may be drawn more closely to His eternal love. We will begin with prayer at 6:30. Our clergy will present after our opening prayer. Then we will have time for adoration and confession. I have arranged a guest priest to join me each evening of the mission to offer confessions once adoration begins. Sunday night, this evening, Deacon Brian will lead our Humble of Heart Mission Talk. On Monday night Deacon Bill will present. On Tuesday night, I will present. Hope to see you there!

Fish Fry - Our final event of the lenten season is this Friday March 27th. I am so grateful that this event has pulled together so many parishioners and guests to our church to share a great meal and great company!

St. Joseph Dinner - A big thank you for the helping hands that prepared for, contributed to and joined in our celebration in honor of St. Joseph. Who knew that a food miracle during a famine in Sicily over seven hundred of years later! *St. Joseph, pray for us!*

St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Luncheon - for a first time event we have over sixty attendees registered for our gathering. To learn about our service to the poor and how we can become more involved is such a dignified investment of our attention and energy. I am looking forward to the blessing which will flow from our continued collaboration with St.VdP!

+ Richest Blessings,
Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend March 21 & 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. †Bill Vincent

7:00 p.m. †Benito Mercado & Andrea Palacios (Family)

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa

10:00 a.m. †Theresa Tucker

Monday, March 23

8:30 a.m. †Michael Coffey

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. For Andrew Frank

Wednesday, March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. †Gennine John

Thursday, March 26

8:30 a.m. †Jean Conro

Friday, March 27

8:30 a.m. †poor souls in purgatory

Next Weekend March 28 & 29

Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m. †Marie Tritt

7:00 p.m. For Anthony Parra (3-year presentation)

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa

10:00 a.m. †Virginia Brummel

Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for March:

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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, Eric Ortman
Janice Jastrowski, Balvina Mascote, Ed Davis,
Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister,
Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan,
Jessica Garrett, Wayne Campbell, Joaquin Alanis
Nancy Terando, Ezekiel Tomlinson, Mike Riedy

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

Cancelled April 3, follow Good Friday schedule

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: En el Nuevo Testamento, ¿cuántas veces Jesús nos dice que debemos perdonar a nuestros enemigos?



Sunday, March 22

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
 9:30 am - Confirmation I Class | DMH
 2:00 pm - SVdP Luncheon |
 6:30 pm - Lent Mission | Church

Monday, March 23

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room
 6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room
 6:00 pm - OCIA Class | DMH
 6:30 pm - Lent Mission | Church

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

7:30 am to 8:30 am - Confession
 9:00 am - Rosary | Church
 9:30 am - 8:00 pm - Confession
 1:30 pm - 4pm - Confession in Spanish
 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary | K of C Room

Thursday, March 26

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, March 27

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
 9:30 am - Stations of the Cross | Church
 3:30 pm - Fish Fry | Drive Thru or DMH
 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross | Church
 7:30 pm - Camino de la Cruz | Church

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29

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

Lent Mission - *Humble of Heart*

Given by our clergy.

Three evenings: March 22, 23 & 24.

We will open with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:30, offer a presentation at 6:45 and conclude with prayer together before Our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration! Visiting priests will assist with confessions.

*Jesus meek and humble of Heart,
 make our hearts like unto Thine!*

Be Reconciled - Wednesday, March 25th

Confession will be available throughout the day at every church in our diocese. Our parish schedule:

7:30pm - 8:30am

9:30am - 8:00pm

1:30pm - 4pm in Spanish

Lent Fish Fry

Our final date for the season is Friday, March 27th Drive thru or dine inside. Free will offering.

Meal Includes: Alaskan Pollock (10oz fried or baked), homemade coleslaw, tartar sauce, baked potato, dinner roll, butter & lemon.

Robert Hewlett Scholarship

Application Deadline is this Friday, March 27th.

Award will be Presented at Mass on April 12th.

40 Cans for Lent

The Knights are collecting non perishable food items for the food pantry in Genoa. Donations bins are located at the church entrances.

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00
 Total Pledged: \$29,394.00
 Total Paid: \$28,550.67
 Shortfall: \$843.33

Weekend Collection March 14 & 15

Envelopes: \$6,753
 Building: \$75
 Given Online: \$385

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.

From the Desk of Deacon Bill Stankevitz



people who watch TV news channels daily. I'm amazed at how biased and manipulative the reporting on a single story can be. I wonder how they sort fact from fiction and opinion. It must be incredibly challenging.

I think about how things haven't really changed since the time of Jesus. Back then, Scribes and Pharisees were doing the same manipulative things because of satanic influences. Many of Jesus' followers prayed, received the truthful guidance of the Holy Spirit and remained faithful. But so many others were duped and lead astray.

As our Lenten path intensifies and the commemoration of Jesus' passion and death nears, we need to keep in focus our need for repentance and prayer. We can't let our guard down and be deceived. Today and everyday, we need to thank God for our faith and pray that He will always keep it strong in our hearts.

And, I'd add an extra intention for those folks stuck in cars or who are homebound and being inundated by so called news - that they are able to always sort out good from evil.

I am sending in this bulletin article from the frozen north - Rochester, Minnesota. Unfortunately, I have to be up here at Mayo Clinic for a number of follow-up tests and procedures that were scheduled following my cancer surgery of four years ago.

The drive up here is typically 4-1/2 hour uneventful drive on I-90. It was a bit longer today since the roads are not 100% back to normal after the major snowfall event of Sunday. In order to keep up with road conditions, we had continuous news on the radio. As a captive audience in the car, I couldn't help but think about homebound

Liturgical Roles - March 28th - 29th

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Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	C. Vincent	C. Vincent	3 open	C. Dumoulin
<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 Chijcay	Ilda Villagomez	Irma Rivas Lucio Ricas	Angie Garcia
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	open	3 open	W. Engles	N. Burmeister	J. Strohmaier C. Ogden	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	open	3 open	T. Tucket	T. Tucker	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados,

Esta es la segunda semana consecutiva en la que alguien está curado. La semana pasada el ciego recuperó la vista. Esta semana Lázaro parecía estar muerto "en la tumba durante cuatro días." En ambas situaciones Jesús dice que estas cosas han ocurrido para que Dios sea glorificado. Cuando las cosas van mal, nos tiantan a desanimarnos. Parece que nuestro objetivo no es posible. Esta es una oportunidad para que nuestra fe despliegue su fuerza e inspire la virtud de la esperanza. Menciono el desánimo como una tentación porque el enemigo puede mantenernos esa puerta abierta para que sigamos marchitándonos, creciendo en tristeza, centrándonos en lo que hemos perdido. Cuando las cosas van mal, podemos elegir mirar a Dios, nuestro movimiento de fe puede sacarnos de este momento de tentación para que no declinemos en el desánimo.



Puede que no sepamos el resultado, pero sabemos que Dios está con nosotros. Y quizá, igual que nuestro evangelio de las últimas dos semanas, ¡esta desgracia ha sido permitida por Dios para que Él pueda ser glorificado en nuestra vida! Caminemos con fe, confiando en Dios en todo.

+**Bendiciones,**

P. Trowbridge

Anuncios

Cena de pescado ULTIMO día

27 de marzo: 3:30 - 6:30 pm

drive thru o come dentro de nuestro salón parroquial. Ofrenda de libre albedrío.



Reconciliados - miércoles, 25 de marzo

La confesión estará disponible durante todo el día.

Horario parroquial: 7:30 pm - 8:30 am | 9:30 am - 7:00 pm | 1:30 - 4:00 en español

Misión de Cuaresma - Humilde de Corazón

Tres noches: 22, 23 y 24 de marzo.

¡Abriremos con la Corona de la Divina Misericordia a las 6:30, ofreceremos una presentación a las 6:45 y concluiremos con una oración juntos ante Nuestro Señor Eucarístico en Adoración!

Domingo, 22 de marzo

5° Domingo de Cuaresma

Lunes, 23 de marzo

San Toribio de Mogrovejo, obispo

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 - DM

6:30 pm – Misión de Cuaresma

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

7:15 pm – Confesiones con el padre Butler

Martes, 24 de marzo

8:00 am – Confesiones | 7:15 pm – Confesiones

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

6:30 pm – Misión de Cuaresma

Miércoles, 25 de marzo

La Anunciación del Señor

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

6:00 pm – Legión de María

Jueves, 26 de marzo

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

Viernes, 27 de marzo

Fecha límite para la solicitud de becas KofC

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

9:30 am & 6:30 – Vía Crucis

7:30 pm – Vía Crucis - español

Sábado, 28 de marzo

6:00 pm – Confesiones

6:10 pm – Rosario | 7:00 pm – Misa

Domingo, 29 de marzo

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo; Comienza la Semana Santa

7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa

9:30 am – Confirmación de clase 1

9:30 am – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

12:00 pm – Grupo Juvenil

7 – 8 pm *Semana Santa*

****Respuesta: Setenta veces siete.****

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