



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 5, 2025



let us be good stewards of the gift of life,
which has been entrusted to our care!

October is dedicated in our prayer as *Respect Life Month*

every human life is sacred
from the moment
of conception

every human life
is to be treated with dignity
until their natural death

***The Compendium of the
Social Doctrine of the
Catholic Church*** guides us to
respect life in every moment
from conception until death.

The USCCB text ***Ethical and
Religious Directives for
Catholic Health Care Services***
guides us in ethical decision-
making in caring for the sick in
all stages of life.

The root of every Catholic
teaching regarding human life
has Jesus Christ as its
foundation.

27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners & Guests!

We have been blessed on this Holy Sabbath to unite with Our Lord and one another. If we focus on God's blessings, we are lifted up in gratitude. If we focus on all the intense events and circumstances of our world, we can become discouraged and weary. *Virtue lies in the middle*, quoting St. Thomas Aquinas. We have to strike a balance. Our prayers on Sunday, at our sacred altar, helps us to strike this balance. I pray that you may drink deeply from the fount of God's grace today in the Mass!

As our bulletin cover indicates this month is dedicated to **Respect Life**. As such, our prayers and opportunities to gather will recall in a prioritized manner our need to advocate for every human life in every circumstance. This is not an easy posture, and for us as Catholics, we occupy a thin ribbon of advocacy. Our core teaching is very precise and it rooted in Christ. The difficulty is getting pulled into other momentum of advocacy that can depart from the gospel. There are religious extremes that are manifest as well as partisan extremes which want to claim validity by adding religion to their charge. remember the verse: "***you have said Lord, Lord, but I do not know you, depart from me.***" (cf. Mt 7:21-23) We must not get swept into a worldly allegiance which draws us from Christ, at times we may need to stand apart from others, for we shall always remain with the Lord, for we know Him!

This month is also dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This prayer which was given to St. Dominic by Our Blessed Mother is a multi-layered prayer which ties us closely to the special moments of salvation history. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th this is the feast which anchors this month in praying the rosary.

If the rosary has been a prayer that you have been meaning to learn, to pray more often or to pray daily then let October be a month that you make this holy intention a higher priority. You may want to join us before every Mass on Sat/Sun for the rosary 30 minutes before Mass -OR- you can join us every weekday after daily Mass.

The rosary is affectionately known as the school of Mary, the ladder to heaven and the scourge of Satan. We may not have the resources to out-manuever every difficulty in life but with Mary's intercession we can be guided through many obstacles unscathed.

On the week of October 13th the Knights will be coordinating the Sacred Heart Icon of Jesus to be on display in our church for the week and through the weekend of the 19th.

Our gospel this Sunday connects the vibrance of our faith to the recognition of our duty to honor God. Distractions arise when we prefer our own way instead of God's or when we become so occupied with our events and activities that we have no time left for God. We strive to guard against these pitfalls that we may be strengthened by God's grace, vibrant in our faith!

I hope you can join us for the rosary!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend October 4 & 5

Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p. m. † Shirley Drendel
7:00 p. m. † Francisco Chairez
8:00 a. m. † Mary Golab
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of SCG

Monday, October 6 *St. Bruno*

8:30 a.m. For the family of Charlie Kirk
(Priscilla Pisarski)

Tuesday, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:30 a.m. † Frank Van Son

Wednesday, October 8

8:30 a. m. † Carol Dumoulin
(John Dumoulin and Carl Dumoulin Jr.)

Thursday, October 9 *St. Denis*

8:30 a. m. † Pete Hart (Joe & Mary Canizzaro)

Friday, October 10

8:30 a.m. † Richard Wells (Jean Wells)

Next Weekend October 11 & 12

Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p. m. † Dorothy Lundy (Dorothy Crackel)
7:00 p. m. † Guadalupe Zepeda Peña
(The Ortega Family)
8:00 a. m. † Mike Burmeister (Nancy Burmeister)
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of SCG

Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for October:

That believers in different traditions
might work together to defend and promote
peace, justice and human fraternity

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

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: ¿Qué pecado quita el Bautismo?

Calendar



Announcements

Monday, October 6

9am - Rosary
11am - Legion of Mary
6pm - Bible Study- in Spanish
6pm - OCIA

Tuesday, October 7

8am - Confessions
9am - Rosary
9am - Stitching Together
6:30pm - Holy Hour
7pm - Confessions

Wednesday, October 8

9am - Rosary
6pm - Legion of Mary
6:30pm - FFF K - 6 & First Communion

Thursday, October 9

9am - Rosary

Friday, October 10

9am - Rosary

Saturday, October 11

9am - Confessions
4:30 - Rosary

Sunday, October 12

7:30 - Rosary
9:30am - Confirmation Class 1 & 2
11am - Baptism Prep. Class
9:30 - Rosary

Received the Sacrament of Baptism

September 28, 2025

Kilian Vallejo

child of

Juan and Griselda Vallejo

Knights of Columbus Vocations Raffle

Our knights are asking for your help by selling raffle tickets to support our diocesan seminarians. Tickets can be found on the tables at both church entrances and in the narthex.

Please return your tickets and funds to a member of the knights or bring them to the parish office by November 16th. Checks may be written to the Knights of Columbus.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Contact Bob Hewlett with questions.

Parish Photo Directory Photography Dates: October 14th

Sign -up for a photo session:

- in the narthex after the weekend Masses.
- in person during parish office hours.
- online Mon. - Fri. using the link on our parish website or visit www.ucid.

St. Catherine's church code: IL442

Password: photos

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835
Pledged: \$12,906
Given: \$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 who seek support in their need.



Weekend Collection: Sept. 27 & 28

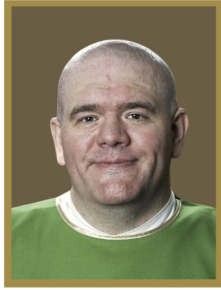
Parish: \$6,471
Building: \$205
Utilities: \$20
Given Online: \$190



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.

From the Desk of Deacon Brian Mullins



At the wedding feast in Cana, Mary quietly noticed what no one else saw: the jars were empty, the joy of the celebration was in danger of fading. She did not draw attention to herself, but turned all eyes to her Son. With trust, she simply said, “Do whatever He tells you.” And in that moment of faith, the ordinary became extraordinary, water turned to wine, and hearts were filled with wonder.

So too is the role of our parish prayer warriors for those journeying through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Like Mary, you are attentive to the hidden needs. You stand beside our catechumens and candidates not on a stage, but in the quiet offering of prayer. You intercede when their jars of courage run dry, when questions grow heavy, or when the journey feels long.

Your prayers are like Mary’s gentle words—pointing not to yourselves, but to Christ. You help draw their gaze to the One who can change everything, the One who can transform doubt into faith, fear into trust, and searching into belonging.

In this sacred work, you are woven into their conversion story. Though unseen, your presence is essential. Every whispered prayer, every rosary bead, every intention offered is a thread of grace in their lives.

Like Cana, the feast of faith is richer because you are here, listening with Mary, interceding with love, and pointing to Jesus.

Liturgical Roles - October 11 & 12

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	J. Jastrowski	J. Jastrowski	C. Dumoulin	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>
7:00 PM <i>Semana Dos</i>	Pascual Alvaro Osorio	Mariana Osorio	Lupita Ortega Guadalupe Beltran	Ana Maria Martinez	Rosana Orozco Casy Contreras	Angie Garcia
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	<i>3 open</i>	T. Barrett	T. Barrett	M. Riedy C. Ogden	K. Gallagher M. Riedy J. Shreier
10:00 AM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	H. Davekos	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K.Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

Si hoy oís su voz, no endurezcáis vuestros corazones", estas palabras de nuestro salmo responsorial en la Misa nos recuerdan nuestra necesidad de recibir la guía de Dios en todo momento. A veces recibimos una visión o inspiración para seguir el camino de Dios más de cerca. ¿Cómo respondemos? ¿Escuchamos de inmediato y lo ponemos en acción? ¿Escuchamos, pensamos en lo bueno que es y luego nos olvidamos de hacerlo? ¿Escuchamos, decidimos que no quieres hacer eso e ignoramos lo que has escuchado? ¿Dejas que las exigencias del día te mantengan tan ocupado que no escuchas a Dios? Este salmo nos lleva a nuestra segunda lectura que nos invita a "soportar tu parte de dificultades por el evangelio con la fuerza que viene de Dios". Esto nos ayuda a ver que hay un desafío para vivir el evangelio, pero la carga es posible con Dios.

¡Ánimo, amigos míos, perseveremos juntos en la vida del evangelio para que más almas puedan descansar con Dios eternamente!

+Bendiciones
Pr. Trowbridge

Anuncios

Estigma: marca de vergüenza o descrédito: mancha

Estigmas: marcas o dolores corporales que se asemejan a las heridas de Jesús crucificado



El estigma sigue siendo la principal barrera que impide a las personas buscar tratamiento para las enfermedades mentales. Por término medio, quienes buscan ayuda esperan 11 años después de la aparición de los síntomas. (NAMI)

Nos dirigimos a San Francisco, que llevó las sagradas llagas de Cristo, y le pedimos su intercesión: que nos ayude a romper el estigma que rodea a las enfermedades mentales y la adicción, y que traiga sanación y esperanza a todos los que sufren en silencio.

Oración de San Francisco ante el crucifijo

Altísimo y glorioso Dios,
ilumina las tinieblas de mi corazón y concédeme la fe verdadera, la esperanza segura y la caridad perfecta, el sentido y el conocimiento, Señor, para que pueda cumplir tu santo y verdadero mandato. Amén.

Si necesita ayuda AHORA, llame o envíe un mensaje de texto al 988 (SAMHSA)

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Ministerio de Salud Mental Diócesis de Rockford

Lunes 6 de octubre

San Bruno, sacerdote; Beata María Rosa Durocher, virgen

8:30 am – Misa / 9 am – Rosario

11 am – Legión de María

6 pm– Estudio Bíblico

6 pm – Clase OCIA

Martes 7 de octubre

Nuestra Señora del Rosario

8 am – Confesiones/8:30 am–Misa/9 am–Rosario

9 am – Coser juntos

6:30 pm– Adoración

7 pm – Confesiones

Miércoles 8 de octubre

8:30 am – Misa / 9 am – Rosario

6 pm – Legión de María

Jueves 9 de octubre

San Dionisio de París, obispos, y compañeros, mártires; San Juan Leonardi,

8:30 am – Misa / 9 am – Rosario

Viernes, 10 de octubre

8:30 am – Misa / 9 am – Rosario

Sábado, 11 de octubre

San Juan XXIII, papa

9 am – Confesiones

7 pm– Misa en español

Domingo, 12 de octubre

28º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

8 am – Misa / 10 am – Misa

9:30 am – Confirmación Clase 1 y 2

El 4 de octubre, festividad de San Francisco de Asís, traigan a sus mascotas para una bendición especial. Nos reuniremos en el jardín sur a las 3:30 p.m.

****Respuesta: El pecado original.****

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*For those who are seeking to pray in the church outside of the usual hours use the keypad with code: 0 9 1 2 **