



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 3, 2026



**The Roman Emperor demanded that the Vatican Treasurer, Deacon Steven, relinquish the treasures of the church to the Empire. The next day Steven arrives at the Imperial Gate with the poor men and women of Rome and proclaims, “these are our treasures!”**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests,

What a blessing it is to be gathered at the holy altar of the Lord on this joyful and glorious sabbath of the Easter Season. The Paschal Candle burns brightly and draws our attention to the light of Christ. It is by this light that we are guided in life. Our thoughts are guided, and so are our steps. When we participate in the holy prayers of the church we are invigorated in faith: guided by Jesus' Word and strengthened by His Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

As we reflect upon this we are drawn into the energy and vigor of our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. We know Acts is an account of the life of the early church, those events occurring after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is fun to read of these first bursts of growth in the church.

In today's reading we have the foundation for the holy order of deacon. What was the motivation? The widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. That is, there was a need in the growing body of Christ for nourishment to be provided for those members of the faithful who could not be at the altar of God. The work was robust for the presbters / priests at the altar at the church but there was more work to be done. "Seven reputable men" were appointed to assist with the daily distribution.

Today, at St. Catherine, we would reach out to Deacon Bill if there were someone at home unable to come to Mass yet wishing to receive Our Lord for spiritual comfort and strength. I find it pretty neat that the life of the church is so connected to sacred

scripture that a direct instance from the Acts of the Apostles is seen concretely in 2026 in a parish 1,990 years later in a land 6,300 miles away from Jerusalem!

Our Catholic life is woven with many threads of Sacred Scripture. I love elaborating on these realities, what is more fun is finding where the Bible is present in new places of our faith. If the priest desires to teach he must be learning. The same is true for you, if you seek to share your faith and encourage your loved ones to grow in their faith you must be learning also. It is a life long venture so that we may continue to build upon our gifts and weed out our flaws...all for the love of our Lord and our neighbor!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Fr. Capera and Deacons Bill and Brian along with our staff who have been so helpful covering the life of the parish while I have been away. Vacation is never to escape but to step away and be refreshed that we may continue to serve the Lord and one another in our responsibilities.

As we approach the summer months and look forward to travel I hope that your planning can incorporate the healthy sense of leisure which Josef Pieper speaks of in his book, Leisure, the Basis of Culture. He says here "*Leisure is only possible when we are at one with ourselves. We tend to overwork as a means of self-escape, as a way of trying to justify our existence.*" As if to say, do not simply recharge for more work but take time to recollect yourself in activities and adventures of learning and exploration!

I pray that this Easter season continues to be joyful for you and your loved ones as we celebrate the victory of Christ's Light over the darkness of the world!

+ Richest Blessings,  
Rev. J.A. Trowbridge

# Mass & Devotions



## This Weekend May 2 & 3

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 p.m. poor souls in purgatory  
7:00 p.m. poor souls in purgatory  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa  
10:00 a.m. †Enedina Serrato and Catarino Bernal

## Monday, May 4

8:30 a.m. †Wayne William Walter

## Tuesday, May 5

8:30 a.m. †Betty Burke (The Stitching Group)

## Wednesday, May 6

8:30 a.m. poor souls in purgatory

## Thursday, May 7

8:30 a.m. poor souls in purgatory

## Friday, May 8

8:30 a.m. †Ed Silvius

## Next Weekend May 9 & 10

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 p.m. Deceased Family Members of Pete Rood  
7:00 p.m. †Maria Salud and †Molina Tapia  
8:00 a.m. †Michael Coffey (Don & Clara Coffey)  
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa

## Prayer Intentions

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

*That everyone might have food.* Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### **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 LaMontagne, 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

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.

## Calendar



## Announcements

### Sunday, May 3

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

### Monday, May 4

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room  
6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room  
6:30 pm - OCIA | Divine Mercy Hall

### Tuesday, May 5

9:00 am - Rosary | Church  
8:00 am & 7:00 pm | Confessions

### Wednesday, May 6

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

### Thursday, May 7

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

### Friday, May 8

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

### Saturday, May 9

9:00 am - Confessions  
4:30pm - Rosary | Church  
11:00 am - First Communion | Church

### Sunday, May 10

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

### Council of Catholic Women Luncheon

Saturday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Women of all ages are invited to their quarterly luncheon. Please join us in Divine Mercy Hall for time of fellowship and spiritual refreshment. We will be serving friend chicken. Attendees may bring a dish to pass. Child care will be provided by our confirmation students.

## Parish Financials



### Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00  
Total Pledged: \$29,394.00  
Total Paid: 29,495.00  
*Pledges needed: \$2,340.00*

### Weekend Collection April 11 & 12

Easter Envelopes: \$4,242.00  
Building: \$160  
Given Online: \$490

### 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.



### 2026 Diocesan of Rockford Stewardship Appeal

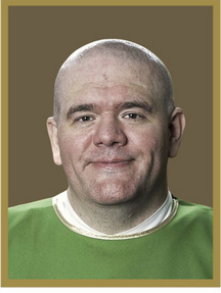
Pledge cards will be arriving by mail this week. Thank you for considering a pledge.

### 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 Brian Mullins



There was a Collect this week on the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena. A phrase so beautiful that it almost stopped me in my tracks: “Grant... that your people, participating in the mystery of

*Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of his glory.”*

Participating.

It is such a small word, but it holds the whole Christian life inside it.

We often think of participation as attendance. Showing up. Sitting in the pew. Saying the responses. Standing, kneeling, singing when we can. But the Church means something far deeper. Participation is not mere presence; it is communion.

Spring teaches us this. The earth does not simply observe the sun—it responds. Frozen ground softens. Branches once bare begin to bloom. Fields do not watch resurrection from a distance; they are drawn into it.

So too with the soul.

Easter is not only the remembrance of something Christ did long ago. It is the living mystery of what He is doing now. To participate in the mystery of Christ means allowing His death to touch our wounds, His Resurrection to awaken our hope, His Eucharistic life to become our own.

It means bringing our sorrow to the altar and receiving back joy. Bringing our weakness and receiving grace. Bringing our hunger and discovering that heaven itself bends down to feed us.

At Holy Mass, we do not come as spectators to a sacred performance. We come as members of the Body, as living stones of the Temple, as sons and daughters invited into the very life of God.

This is why Easter lingers for fifty days. Resurrection is too large for a single Sunday.

Christ is risen, yes—but more wonderfully still, He invites us to rise with Him.

That is participation.

Not watching spring arrive through the window, but stepping barefoot into the garden and discovering that grace is already growing there.

### Liturgical Roles - May 9 & 10

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	J. Jastrowski	J. Jastrowski	<i>open</i>	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick
<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 Alvarez 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	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	N. Burmeister	N. Burmeister	H. Davis K. Sunderlage	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	A. Hughes	N. Terando	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel C. Davekos



*Estimados Feligreses e Invitados,*

¡Qué bendición es continuar nuestra gozosa oración en este santo tiempo de Pascua! ¡Que la luz de Cristo guíe su mente en la verdad, su corazón en el amor y sus acciones para gloria de Dios!

En mi columna en inglés hablo sobre la primera lectura en relación con nuestros diáconos en la parroquia. Ellos son de gran ayuda para llevar el ministerio del altar a la comunidad. No contamos con un diácono hispano en nuestra parroquia, pero el diácono Brian ha sido muy útil al dirigir y apoyar las oraciones en español. Le estoy agradecido por hacerlo.

Observen nuevamente la primera lectura: ¿cómo son elegidos los diáconos? El pueblo percibe una necesidad y la pone en conocimiento del sacerdote. Les estoy agradecido a ustedes —nuestras familias hispanas—, pues se cuidan unos a otros y procuran ser de ayuda. En los últimos años, he incorporado personal a nuestra oficina para ayudar a que nuestras familias se sientan más en casa, permitiéndoles plantear sus necesidades a nuestro equipo administrativo.

Sigamos amando a Dios y ayudando a nuestros prójimos mientras caminamos juntos a la luz de Cristo.

+*Bendiciones,*  
*P. Trowbridge*

## **Domingo, 3 de mayo**

7:30 a. m. y 9:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia  
9:00 a. m. – Clase de Confirmación | DMH

## **Lunes, 4 de mayo**

9:00 a. m. – Legión de María | Sala OLG  
6:00 p. m. – Estudio Bíblico | Sala OLG  
6:30 p. m. – OCIA | Salón de la Divina Misericordia

## **Martes, 5 de mayo**

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia  
8:00 a. m. y 7:00 p. m. | Confesiones

## **Miércoles, 6 de mayo**

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia  
6:00 p. m. – Legión de María | Sala K of C

## **Jueves, 7 de mayo**

8:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

## **Viernes, 8 de mayo**

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

## **Sábado, 9 de mayo**

9:00 a. m. – Confesiones  
4:30 p. m. – Rosario | Iglesia  
11:00 a. m. – Primera Comunión | Iglesia

## **Domingo, 10 de mayo**

7:30 a. m. y 9:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia  
9:00 a. m. – Clase de Confirmación | DMH

## **Anuncios**

### **Almuerzo del Consejo de Mujeres Católicas**

Sábado, 16 de mayo, a las 11:00 a. m.

Se invita a mujeres de todas las edades a su almuerzo trimestral. Acompañenos en el Salón de la Divina Misericordia para disfrutar de un momento de convivencia y renovación espiritual. Serviremos pollo frito. Las asistentes pueden traer un platillo para compartir. Nuestros estudiantes de confirmación se encargarán del cuidado de los niños.

# Directory



## Parish Office

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