



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 3, 2025

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Take care to guard against all greed.  
I am inviting you to be rich in what matters to God

*cf. Luke 12: 15,21*



If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

*cf. Psalm 95:7-8*

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18th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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## From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



*Dear Parishioners & Guests!*

I pray that your Sunday is restful for you and your loved ones. Our Lord commanded that this may be a day of rest so that you could be restored in your deepest identity: *your relationship with God*. It is similar to a parent expecting their child to make their bed and clean their room, while it may be a sacrifice in the moment, the orderliness will be a blessing for the rest of the day.

Our Sunday rest ties in with the life of our gospel. We are called to detach from the interests of the world so that the priority of God may be manifest in our life; all of this for our eternal benefit. A few brief statements from the Catechism of the Catholic Church assist us in this priority. *"The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life."* *"The institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives [2177 & 2184]*

With these truths and all truths from Church teaching, we pray that our hearts may be supple when they encounter God's call to deeper conversion, deeper fidelity to His truth. All of this so that we may be more charitable to one another in this moment and be increased in our hope for our eternal rest in God. And so we pray the words of our Responsorial Psalm from today, *"if today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."* Ps 95

We are exposed to many events, news stories, opinions and ideas. It is good for us to be refreshed and reminded by Our Lord, as we are in the gospel this Sunday, that we are to be rich in what matters to God by guarding against greed.

It was nice to be with Deacon Brian this past Monday for our first OCIA Inquiry Night. This information session is an opportunity to meet those who are interested in entering into the Catholic life with full sacramental communion. I know there are a few more people in our community who are on the periphery who are hungering for Our Lord. I pray that your eyes and conversations may be opened to invite people in your circles of life to be in touch with Deacon Brian so they can learn more and hopefully join us in the life of grace. Our next Inquiry night for OCIA is August 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday night at 6:00 pm. I pray that the Lord uses you as an instrument to draw all souls more closely to Him.

It is good to see that Deacon Bill is back in action after his hip surgery. Some of you know that experience. Doctors want us to resume regular activity as quickly as possible, but wisely. To all of our parishioners who are in the thick of health issues, I want you to know that each day our parish rosary includes the intention for you to *"be at peace rooted strongly in the Lord that He may guard you against all discouragement and despair through the trials of ill health."*

I am excited to see such a great response on facebook to our parish welcome video. It is the same video that I shared with you through our parish Christmas cards a few months ago. In a week we have had about 3,500 views inviting people to pray with us! I pray this message bears fruit for the strength of the faithful.

In a few weeks we will debut our new website. Jenny has been working diligently in the background these past many months building this site for us and we are near completion. It will be a great interface to connect our families and community to the life of our parish family!

Have a blessed Sunday!  
St. Catherine of Genoa, pray for us!

*+ Richest Blessings,*

*Rev J.A. Trowbridge*



# Mass & Devotions



## This Weekend August 2 & 3

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. †Sheri Gartland (Dorothy Crackel)  
7:00 p.m. †Rebecca Dela Cruz (Marquez Family)  
8:00 a.m. †Rita Schell (Richard & Shirley Nelson)  
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of SCG

## Monday, August 4th *St. John Vianney*

8:30 a. m. †Joseph R. Kozon Jr. (Donna Letterer)

## Tuesday, August 5th

8:30 a. m †Peter Bednowicz

## Wednesday, August 6th *Transfiguration of the Lord*

8:30 a. m. †Martin Bosshart (Eileen Bosshart)

## Thursday, August 7th *St. Sixtus II & Companions*

8:30 a. m. †Tessa Hughes (Jim & Susan Hughes)

## Friday, August 8th

*Saint Dominic*

8:30 a. m. For Kara Grollemend

## Next Weekend August 9 & 10

*Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

5:00 p. m. †Jean Conro (Steve and Cindy Vincent)  
7:00 p. m. †Concepcion Ortega (Familia Ortega)  
8:00 a. m. †Tessa Hughes (Jim & Susan Hughes)  
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of SCG

## 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

## 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. - 6:00 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:** ¿Cuántas veces negó Pedro conocer a Jesús?

## Calendar



## Announcements

### Monday, August 4th

11am – Legion of Mary

6 pm – Bible Study- in Spanish

### Tuesday, August 5th

9 am – Stitching Together in Parish Meeting Room

### Wednesday, August 6th

6 pm – Legion of Mary Parish Hall

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

#### Inquiry Night

**Monday, August 18th 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

### 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

### First Communion Photographs

Available for pick-up from the parish office.

### Back to School Blessing of Backpacks

All students are invited to bring their backpacks to Mass next weekend, August 9 & 10, for a special blessing by Father Trowbridge.

### Knight's of Columbus – Council 14294

#### Officers 2025-2026

Grand Knight - Bob Hewlett

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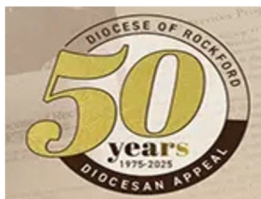
3rd year Trustee - Deacon William Stankevitz

Financial Secretary - Carl Dumoulin

Chaplin - Rev. Jeremy Trowbridge



## Parish Financials



### Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835

Pledged: \$12,906

Paid: \$16,300.00

Shortfall: \$15,535

### Weekend Collection: July 26-27

Parish: \$3,951

Building: \$110

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.

*Thank you for your prayerful contributions.*



### 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.



# Ministries



## Religious Education

**Family Faith Formation** - Students in grades Kindergarten through 6th

**Confirmation** - For students in 7th grade and up and under the age of 17.

Classes run from September through May.

Registration begins in mid July.

Contact the parish office or our parish coordinator of religious education.

## OCIA

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Anyone age 17 and older who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing their sacraments is invited to attend classes. Please call the parish office or Deacon Brian Mullins.

## Stitching Together

Our parish group makes homemade gifts for baptisms and our compassion ministry.

Meetings: first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the KofC room.

New members welcome! Participation is not limited to crocheting; feel free to bring your own craft.

## Knights of Columbus Council #14294

Business Meetings: 2nd Monday of every month.

Officer Meetings: Fourth Monday of every month.

Membership Info: Bob Hewlett: 815-791-7020.

Breakfast Buffet: Third Sunday of every month.

## CCW

### Council of Catholic Women

Join us for prayer and fellowship.

Quarterly meetings (no dues are collected)

For more information call

Nancy Burmeister 815-761-0515

## Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

Volunteers from our parish bring communion to our parishioners who are not able to attend Mass.

If you are called to this ministry please contact the parish office or a member of our clergy.

## Liturgical Roles - Aug 9 - 10

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	C. Vincent	C. Vincent	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 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	3 open	S. Younker	S. Younker	K. Sunderlage M. Reidy	K. Gallagher M. Reidy T. Sunderlage
10:00 AM	open	3 open	H. Davekos	D. Letterer	E. Maneche J. Durham K.Coates	J. Durham J. Siegwarth L. Brummel



## Estimados feligreses e invitados

¡Rezo para que usted y su familia sean bendecidos este domingo!

Al comienzo de nuestro evangelio, una voz de la multitud llama a Jesús para resolver un desacuerdo con respecto a la distribución de una herencia. Jesús rechaza esta petición y dirige su atención al "verdadero tesoro", y advierte a la multitud contra la tentación de la codicia. El décimo mandamiento nos protege contra la "envidia de las posesiones terrenales". Jesús luego cuenta una historia para mostrar cuán insensata puede ser una persona en sus riquezas. Nuestro Señor indica que debemos esforzarnos por ser ricos en lo que le importa a Dios.

**+Bendiciones**  
**P. Trowbridge**

## Lunes 4 de agosto

*San Juan María Vianney, sacerdote*

11 am – Legión de María

6 pm – Estudio Bíblico- en español

## Martes, 5 de agosto

*La dedicación de la basílica de Santa María la Mayor*

9 am – Cosiendo juntos en la sala de reuniones de la parroquia

## Miércoles, 6 de agosto

*La transfiguración de Jesús*

6 pm – Salón Parroquial de la Legión de María

## Jueves, 7 de agosto

*San Sixto II, papa, y compañeros, mártires; San Cayetano, sacerdote*

## Viernes, 8 de agosto

*San Domingo, sacerdote*

## Sábado, 9 de agosto

*Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz, virgen y mártir*

7 pm – Misa en español

## Domingo, 10 de agosto

*19º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

## Anuncios



Tendremos una bendición de las mochilas antes de que comiencen las clases el 9 y 10 de agosto después de la misa.

## Llamamiento Diocesano 2025

Meta: \$31,835

Prometido: \$12,906

Pagado: \$16,300.00

Déficit: \$15,535



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



# Directory



## Parish Office

Hours | Mon - Wed | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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Flocknote | [StCat.flocknote.com](http://StCat.flocknote.com)  
Facebook | [SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch)

**PRIEST EMERGENCY** | 815-784-4837

## Clergy

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## Parish Staff

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[rockforddiocese.org/life](http://rockforddiocese.org/life)