



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 26, 2026



I came so
that they
might have
life!



Good Shepherd Sunday!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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From the Desk of Father Trowbridge

Dear Parishioners & Guests,

We have been blessed in this Easter Season to gather around our holy altar and give thanks to God for His many blessings! Last week we were on the Road to Emmaus and we were able to see how Jesus shepherded those who were on the path. It is comforting to think of the Lord walking with us as He walked patiently with them.

This week we dig more deeply into the blessing of Jesus as Good Shepherd. Our twenty-third psalm is always a comforting prayer. There are several instances in sacred scripture where a beautiful and restful passage is offered. When we dig more deeply, these passages have been used most commonly in challenging times.

There is a musical setting for psalm twenty-three that has always been very prayerful for me, typically used during the funeral Mass. It is a sorrowful time, and this psalm is a soothing balm that comforts those who are praying with grief. We are reminded that Our Lord is with us in this dark valley, to know we are not alone is a comfort in hope.

Another circumstance where psalm twenty-three is a real powerhouse is in the moment of making a decision. Most decisions don't need the horsepower of psalm twenty-three; however, we do not need to be wringing our hands in order to bring scripture or prayer into a decision. It is an act of faith and of love to invite God into a decision making use of His Word. ***"Lord shepherd me in this decision, this is the path I am choosing...is it the path you want me to choose? Shepherd me O God, Shepherd me..."***



On this Good Shepherd Sunday we turn to the Beloved Disciple, John the Evangelist, and consider his words from today's gospel. There is an image that John hones in on, choosing to focus on Jesus' words as He identified himself as a "gate for the sheep." If we have familiarity with the ancient sheepfold that Jesus would have been accustomed to then this image is very vibrant in its significance. I have never tended a four-legged sheep, only a parishioner-type sheep. These words of Jesus make me think of heaven. Jesus is the gate and St. Peter is in charge of the guest list. But while we are on earth we are like that sheep that passes in and out of the "sheepfold of heaven." We pass into the life of heaven by our prayers, our holy thoughts and our acts of gospel charity. Our mind and heart are there. When we are at Mass we enter into the celestial reality in a very real way, accompanying Jesus in His life, death and resurrection. On the bulletin I arranged nice photos of our current and recent holy fathers. Everyone has their favorite and I think Pope Leo has been inspiring, especially while on his current missionary pilgrimage to four different nations in Africa. Each of these great popes have invigorated local churches by making international visits and being a Good Shepherd to the people they are visiting. The moments with the children are the best, there was a young girl in Cameroon who walked slowly, innocently and directly to Pope Leo. For the girl the pope was the only one there, the onlookers saw the scene more fully and were excited to see if a hug would commence...and so it did. A great simple moment of a shepherd and a little sheep to redeepen our own imagination in how Christ stands waiting for us and how we are called to walk with simplicity, trust and directness to Our Lord Jesus!

See you next week!

+ Richest Blessings,
Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



Next Weekend April 25 & 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. †Don Ahles Sr. (Dennis & Darla Tritt)
7:00 p.m. †Ramiro Marquez (Mercado Family)
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. †Edward Silvius (Rob & Bev West)

Monday, April 27

8:30 a.m. poor souls in purgatory

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 a.m. †Jim Mammoser

Wednesday, April 29

8:30 a.m. †Gigino Pigoni (Susan Pigoni)

Thursday, April 30

8:30 a.m. †Eileen Lancaster

Friday, May 1

8:30 a.m. †Helen Dumoulin

Next 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.

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.

No confession on April 28th

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.

Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for April:

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

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, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room
6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room
6:30 pm - OCIA | Divine Mercy Hall
7:00 pm - K of C Officers Meeting | Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
8:00 am & 7:00 pm | No Confessions

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, May 1

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 3

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.

We invite you to come for lunch and fellowship and spiritual refreshment. The main course is provided side dishes are welcome. More details will be shared in our next bulletin.

Knights of Columbus

The Italian beef drive-thru dinner scheduled for May 2nd has been cancelled.

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00
Total Pledged: \$29,394.00
Total Paid: 28,740.67
Shortfall: \$3,094.33
Pledges needed: \$2,441.00

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.



Weekend Collection April 4 & 5

Easter Envelopes: \$4,920
Building: \$100
Given Online: \$750



2026 Diocesan of Rockford Stewardship Appeal

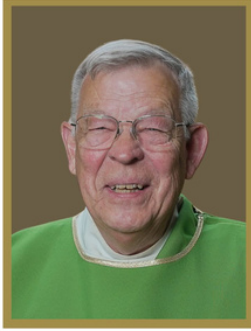
Pledge cards will be arriving by mail this week. Thank you for considering a pledge.

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 Bill Stankevitz



It has been an incredibly busy month since my last article. Last month, I was at Mayo Clinic going through post cancer tests and procedures. It turned out that some suspicious spots were noted and additional tests were needed. Between the additional tests and their results, there was a time of worry. During this same time, my wife was diagnosed with a rare spinal condition that required surgery, and of course there was also worry about it as well. All of this took place as the intense spiritual activities of Holy Week and Easter unfolded.

For a variety of reasons, Pat & I were both steeped in the sacraments, prayer and liturgical involvement. The bottom line is that my additional tests were

negative and the outcome of Pat's 5 hour spinal surgery is positive. Her recovery will take a while, but the prognosis is good.

Last Friday I was finally able to get back to somewhat of a normal parish schedule and preached at daily Mass. The gospel that day was John's recounting of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The overwhelming messages from that reading are: That Jesus is aware of our needs, He will always be there for us for those spiritual and physical needs, That HIS capacity to help far exceeds our needs - since there were 12 baskets

left over, That he wants us to learn to trust Him as the apostles HAD to do that day, and That no matter how small our contribution, like the boy with the five loaves and two fish, God will use that contribution for the good of everyone. Our take away is that we always need to hold onto our belief, never let it falter, and trust in God.

Being human, this last month tested my faith, but I am happy to report that faith carried me through to this positive article today.

Liturgical Roles - May 2 & 3

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Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	C. Vincent	C. Vincent	open	C. Dumoulin S. Vincent
<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
7:00 PM <i>Semana Cuatro</i>	Pascual Alvarez Osorio	Mariana Osorio	Mari Mercado Eva Quintanilla	Julia Rodriguez	Teresa Salinas Martha Figueroa	Pascual Alvarez Osorio
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	open	3 open	T. Barrett	T. Barrett	C. Ogden J. Strohmaier	K. Gallagher T. Sunderlage
10:00 AM	open	3 open	A. Hughes	N. Terando	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel



En este Domingo del Buen Pastor, damos gracias a Dios Padre por el don de su Hijo, Jesucristo. Él es el Sumo Sacerdote que constituye el ejemplo para todos los sacerdotes y obispos.

Con este espíritu de gratitud, damos gracias a Dios por todos los sacerdotes que han celebrado los sacramentos para nosotros y para nuestra familia. Recordamos aquellos momentos en los que fuimos guiados por esos pastores fieles que, a pesar de sus imperfecciones, se esfuerzan por acercarlos a ustedes y a sus familias a Dios.

Así como nuestros sacerdotes rezan por ustedes y por sus familias, así también ustedes —los fieles— deben rezar por sus sacerdotes, por su obispo y por el Papa. El mundo siempre tendrá imperfecciones. Cuando nos encontramos con esos momentos imperfectos en los demás, nuestro compromiso con la unidad, la misericordia y la comprensión ayuda a mantener nuestro vínculo en la paz de Cristo. El mundo carece de virtud y se encuentra absorbido por las cosas terrenales; y, dado que al mundo no le resulta fácil elevarse hacia Dios, acusa y divide. Esto se asemeja al lobo que dispersa a las ovejas, o al enemigo que siembra la división en los corazones de las personas.

Volvámonos siempre hacia Cristo: la Puerta, el Buen Pastor. Él proveerá aquello que necesitamos, incluso aquellas necesidades que escapan a nuestra propia comprensión.

+Bendiciones,
P. Trowbridge

Anuncios

Almuerzo del Consejo de Mujeres Católicas

Sábado 16 de mayo a las 11:00 a. m.

Les invitamos a almorzar, compartir un momento de confraternidad y renovación espiritual. El plato principal está incluido; se agradecen los acompañamientos. En nuestro próximo boletín compartiremos más detalles.

Caballeros de Colón

La cena para llevar de carne italiana programada para el 2 de mayo ha sido cancelada.

Domingo, 26 de abril

7:30 y 9:30 h – Rosario | Iglesia

9:00 h - Clase de Confirmación | DMH

Lunes, 27 de abril

9:00 h - Legión de María | Sala OLG

6:00 h - Estudio Bíblico | Sala OLG

6:30 h - OCIA | Salón de la Divina Misericordia

7:00 h - Reunión de Oficiales de los Caballeros de Colón | Sala de Reuniones

Martes, 28 de abril

9:00 h - Rosario | Iglesia

8:00 y 19:00 h | Sin confesiones

Miércoles, 29 de abril

9:00 h - Rosario | Iglesia

6:00 h - Legión de María | Sala de los Caballeros de Colón

Jueves, 30 de abril

8:30 h - Rosario | Iglesia

Viernes, 1 de mayo

9:00 h - Rosario | Iglesia

Sábado, 2 de mayo

9:00 a. m. - Confesiones

4:30 p. m. - Rosario | Iglesia

Domingo, 3 de mayo

7:30 a. m. y 9:30 a. m. - Rosario | Iglesia

9:00 a. m. - Clase de Confirmación | DMH

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a ustedes

Con la Colecta Diocesana 2026
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cambiar vidas. ¡Únete hoy
y haz tu donación!

Diócesis de Rockford 2026
Campaña de Mayordomía
Las tarjetas de compromiso llegarán por correo esta semana. Gracias por considerar hacer una donación.

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