



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 20, 2025

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



How exciting it is to be drawing so closely to Christmas! Our neighbors may be fatigued with Christmas because it has been advertised and commercialized since mid-October. Yet, if we keep our focus on the Joy and Glory of Jesus' upcoming birth, we remain buoyant while the world bustles.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent our prayer focuses on St. Joseph and his dream which was directed by heaven. Joseph is assured that all these things with Mary are of heaven and he should not hesitate to take her into his home. We are so grateful for St. Joseph's faithfulness to the instructions from God. His faithfulness combined with his virtue provide for Mary and Jesus within the blessings, dignity and strength of family life!

This advent we have been praying *The Advent Prayer to St. Joseph and the Spiritual Protection of his Holy Cloak*. Each phrase of this prayer is rich in its recognition of Joseph's dignified role as head of the Holy Family. This prayer also invites us and our family into his protection as we seek heavenly provision. St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and earthly spouse of Mary, pray for us!

The days leading up to Christmas each hold a spiritual theme, when we pray with the rhythm of the church we can sense her movements in different seasons. Let us look to the prayers for these coming days as we approach Christmas.

December 22: O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death, willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray, that those who confess his Incarnation with humble

fervor may merit his company as their Redeemer. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

December 23: Almighty ever-living God, as we see how the Nativity of your Son according to the flesh draws near, we pray that to us, your unworthy servants, mercy may flow from your Word, who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary and establish among us his dwelling, Jesus Christ our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

December 24: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

You can see how the excitement of our prayer builds day-by-day. May this clime be mirrored in our own heart mind and prayer as our holy prayer and celebrations draw closer to our dear Savior's Birth!

I pray that you and all those whom you love are granted the rich graces of this holy season. Find time for prayer and play the songs of the season which point to the Birth of Jesus!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge



# Mass & Devotions



## This Weekend December 20 & 21

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

5:00 p.m. †Charlie Kirk  
7:00 p.m. †Ruben and Estrada Rocha (Tapia/Parra)  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. †Gould Kuhn (Mary Lour Miller)

## Monday, December 22

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

## Tuesday, December 23

8:30 a.m. †Frank & Rita Schell (Andrew Rudenbacher)

## Wednesday, December 24

8:30 a. m. †James Hannah

*Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

4:00 p.m. †Charles White

## Thursday, December 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass: †Eugene Burchi  
9:00 a.m. †Michael Coffey (Don Coffey Family)

## Friday, December 26 *St. Stephen*

8:30 a.m. †Mike Burmeister (Nancy Burmeister)

## Next Weekend December 27 & 28

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

5:00 p.m. For Elizabeth Goyka  
7:00 p.m. †Altagracia Flores  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. †Virginia Brummel (Leon Brummel)

## Prayer Intentions

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

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### Parishioner 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, Trish Thibault  
Janice Jastrowski, Balvina Mascote, Eric Ortman  
Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister,  
Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan,  
Jessica Garrett

## 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.

## No confession on Saturday, December 27th

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 santo es apodado "Santa Claus"?







## Sunday, December 21

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church  
 9:00 a.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal | Practice Room  
 8:00 am - K of C Breakfast with Santa | DMH  
 9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Class 1 & 2 | DMH

## Monday, December 22

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

## Tuesday, December 23 *St. John of Kanty*

Parish Office Closed  
 9:00 am - Rosary | Church

## Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed  
 9:00 am - Rosary | Church  
 3:30 p.m. - Student Christmas Presentation | Church

## Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

## Friday, December 26 *St. Stephen*

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

## Saturday, December 27 *St. John the Apostle*

**9:00 am - No Confessions**

4:30pm - Rosary | Church

## Sunday, December 28 *The Holy Family*

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church  
 9:00 am - Confirmation 1 & 2 Class | DMH  
 12:00 p.m. - Youth Group | DMH

## Parish Office Hours

Dec. 22: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 Dec. 23 - 25: Closed  
 Dec. 26: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Photo Directory

There is still an opportunity for all parish families to be included in our directory. Photographers will be returning to St. Catherine's on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please schedule your photo session as soon as possible. If you are unable to schedule, you may submit your own photo to our office.

Universal Church Directories Website:  
[www.ucid.com](http://www.ucid.com)

**Parish code: IL442 Password: photos**

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24  
 3:30 p.m. Christmas Presentation  
 4:00 p.m. Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY  
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25  
 11:45 p.m. Christmas Carols  
 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass  
 9:00 a.m. in English  
 7:00 p.m. in Spanish

## Parish Financials



### Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835  
 Pledged: \$27,984  
 Given: \$25,680  
 Shortfall: \$6,155

### Weekend Collection December 13 & 14

Envelopes: \$2,138  
 Building: \$322  
 Given Online: \$250

### 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.



### 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.*

# 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 Sundays October - June.

Coffee and Donuts: Third Sundays July-September.

## 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 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 - December 27 & 28

| Mass Time                              | Sacristan             | Altar Servers        | Lector                          | Commentator          | Greeters                             | Ushers                                |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5:00 PM                                | J. Jastrowski         | 3 open               | C. Vincent                      | C. Vincent           | C. Dumoulin                          | C. Dumoulin<br>S. Vincent             |
| <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><br><i>Semana Cuatro</i> | Pascual Alvaro Osorio | Mariana Osorio       | Mari Mercado<br>Eva Quintanilla | Julia Rodriguez      | Teresa Salinas<br>Martha Figueroa    | Pascual Alvaro Osorio                 |
| Mass Time                              | Sacristan             | Altar Servers        | Lector                          | Commentator          | Greeters                             | Ushers                                |
| 8:00 AM                                | P. Riedy              | 3 open               | W. Engles                       | W. Engles            | P. Hansen<br>H. Davis                | K. Gallagher<br>M. Riedy              |
| 10:00 AM                               | open                  | 3 open               | C. Davekos                      | D. Letterer          | E. Manecke<br>J. Durham<br>K. Coates | J. Durham<br>L. Brummel<br>S. Dillett |



## Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

¡Nos estamos acercando mucho a la celebración de la Navidad! El nombre Emmanuel es nuestro foco, el nombre que indica "¡Dios con nosotros!" nuestro puño cerrado cita al profeta Isías, quien comparte la buena nueva de Jesús setecientos años antes de su nacimiento. Este profeta usa un nombre especial para Jesús, que es Manuel. Durante el Adviento, este nombre aparece muchas veces en nuestras lecturas y oraciones de la Misa. Cuando nos tomamos un momento para reflexionar sobre esta verdad, profundizamos nuestra gratitud y alegría durante este tiempo. Gran parte de la preocupación, la ira, la ansiedad, el estrés y el miedo de nuestro tiempo se deben a que la gente está lejos de Dios. Dios ha venido a estar con nosotros para que, por nuestra cercanía con Él, podamos afrontar las dificultades con valor, sabiduría y paz. ¡Incluso los mayores miedos de nuestra vida no son nada cuando conocemos y vivimos cerca de Dios!



+Bendiciones,  
P. Trowbridge



## Anuncios

### Noche Buena

Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor,  
miércoles 24 de diciembre  
Presentación navideña a las 3:30 pm  
misa a las 4:00 pm

### Día de Navidad

la navidad del Señor, jueves 25 de diciembre  
11:45 pm villancicos  
Misa de **medianoche** de las 12:00  
9:00 am Ingles  
7:00 pm Español

### Lunes, 22 de diciembre

9:00 am - Legión de María | Sala OLG  
6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room  
6:00 pm - Clase OCIA | DMH

### Martes, 23 de diciembre

*San Juan Cancio, sacerdote*  
9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia  
9:30 am - Costurando  
Misión de Adviento (véase página 2)

### Miércoles, 24 de diciembre

*Nochebuena*  
9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia  
6:00 pm - Legión de María | Sala K de C

FELIZ  
**NOCHEBUENA**

### Jueves, 25 de diciembre

*La Natividad del Señor*  
9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia



### Viernes, 26 de diciembre

*San Esteban, el primer mártir*  
9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia

### Sábado, 27 de diciembre

*San Juan, apóstol y evangelista*  
9:00 am - Confesiones  
4:30 pm - Rosario | Iglesia

### Domingo, 28 de diciembre

*La Sagrada Familia*  
7:30 am y 9:30 am – Rosario | Iglesia  
8:00 am - Desayuno K of C con Papá Noel | DMH  
9:00 am - Confirmación de la clase 1 y 2 | DMH

## Anuncios

**Los fotógrafos del Directorio Fotográfico regresarán a nuestra parroquia el 30 de diciembre.** Por favor, pide cita lo antes posible. [www.ucid.com](http://www.ucid.com)  
Código parroquial: IL442 **Contraseña: fotos**

**\*\*Respuesta: San Nicolás\*\***



# 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](tel:815-784-4837)

## Clergy

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Deacon Brian Mullins  
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prayer/retreat opportunities in our faith.  
[rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion](http://rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion)



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in financial hardship by networking  
with social services and providing  
prudent financial assistance to  
residents of Genoa and the surrounding area.  
Donations into our poor box (main church  
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Hampshire Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul  
297 E. Jefferson Ave, Hampshire, IL 60140

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the usual hours use the keypad with code: 0 9 1 2 \**