



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

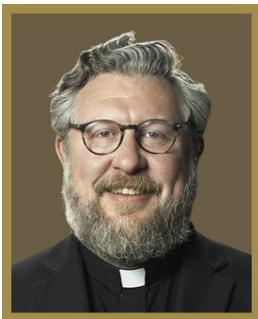
December 20, 2025



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 the 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 LaMontagne, 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 María

- 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

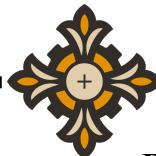
Lunes 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dirigido por Milton Orellana.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

Pregunta: ¿Qué santo es apodado "Santa Claus"?



Calendar



Announcements

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 Kenty

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 30th. Please schedule your photo session as soon as possible. If you are unable to schedule, you may submit your own photo to our office.

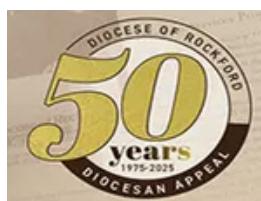
Universal Church Directories Website:
www.ucid.com

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



Diocesan Appeal 2025

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

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.



Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

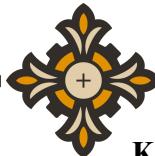
Weekend Collection December 13 & 14

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

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.

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 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 S. Vincent
Tiempo	Sacristan	C-Monaguillos	Lectores	Comentaristas	Ministeros	Coordinadores
7:00 PM Semana Cuatro	Pascual Alvaro Osorio	Mariana Osorio	Mari Mercado Eva Quintanilla	Julia Rodriguez	Teresa Salinas 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 H. Davis	K. Gallagher M. Riedy
10:00 AM	open	3 open	C. Davekos	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel S. Dillett

Calendario

Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

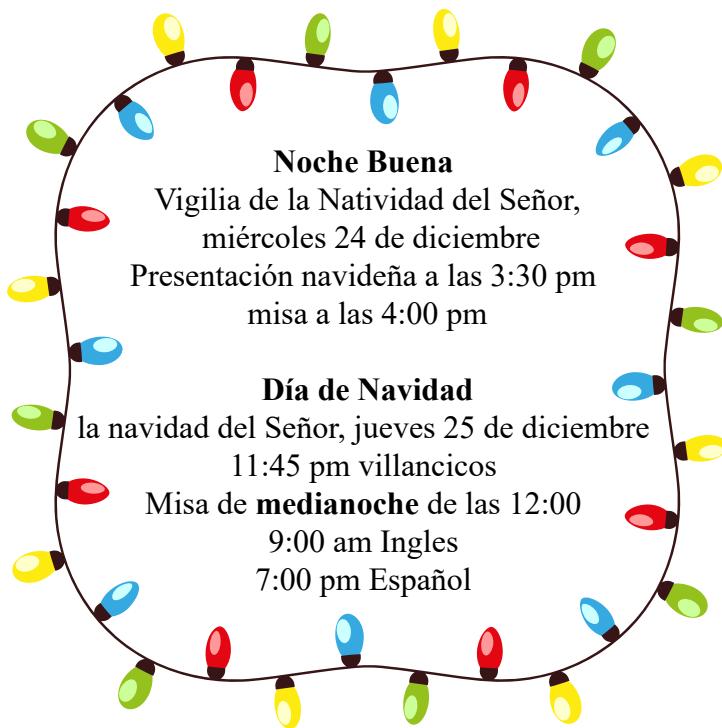
¡Nos estamos acercando mucho a la celebración de la Navidad! El nombre Emmanuel es nuestro foco, el nombre que indica "¡Dios con nosotros!" nuestro puño cerrado cita al profeta Isías, quien comparte la buena nueva de Jesús setecientos años antes de su nacimiento. Este profeta usa un nombre especial para 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 **medianocche** de las 12:00
9:00 am Ingles
7:00 pm Español

Calendario

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



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
Código parroquial: IL442 **Contraseña: fotos**

Respuesta: San Nicolás



Directory



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wwme.org (888) 574-5653.



A ministry of hope after abortion they offer free and compassionate support, prayer/retreat opportunities in our faith.
rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion



St. Vincent de Paul - offering guidance 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 entrance) will be forwarded to: Hampshire Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul 297 E. Jefferson Ave, Hampshire, IL 60140

All calls to SVD are confidential 847- 463-3003



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