



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 19, 2026

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
He interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.



The Road to Emmaus

Third Sunday of Easter

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From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear parishioners & guests,

Lord, You will show us the path of life. These words from our responsorial psalm point our attention toward a deeper trust in God. Last week we encountered trust through the good news of Jesus' Divine Mercy: Jesus I trust in You! This week we see how trustworthy Jesus is as He walks with the travelers, not revealing His identity, but shepherding these men toward a deeper understanding of all that just occurred in Jerusalem.

In the same way that Jesus guides the travelers, we journey with God in the hope of psalm sixteen with God showing us the path of life. This is an encouragement for our daily prayer: regularly asking God to direct us as we move along the paths of our day. This image of the path can be applied to a larger consideration than just our daily decisions. When we look to Matthew 7 we find two verses (13-14) that address the narrow path, *“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few.”* This text grabs our spiritual attention as it introduces the very real danger of mindlessly drifting down the wide and easy way of life. Rather, our attention to God, remaining close to Him and being aware of our daily footsteps safeguards us from that danger. In our catholic tradition the “prayers before bed” include an examination of conscience regarding our daily activity and an act of contrition. When this activity is practiced often then it develops into a habit and is as

routine as brushing your teeth before retiring for the evening. When prayers like this become part of our rhythm of life then the difficulty of that narrow path becomes easy.

Let us revisit more of the text of psalm sixteen in light of what I have just shared. *I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because You will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will You suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in Your presence, the delights at Your right hand forever.* What wonderful words to give strength to our hand of faith when they waver under the burden of the day!

Many of our parishioners were able to take home our 2026 Parish Engagement booklet. If you did not receive one we have extras in the office and in the narthex (near the Sacred Heart statue). While this text covers a lot of items it is good to begin connecting with these things as we seek to be prepared when the time comes to address them more fully. I look forward to your responses and hope that you are able to find a ministry or service in which you can be involved!

I was grateful to have so many in attendance at our special Divine Mercy Holy Hour last Sunday. Continue to appeal to Jesus' Mercy that our trust in Him may be deepened. In a special way we pray the chaplet for those who are close to death and those who have died.

May your Easter joy be an inspiration to others, in your home, at church and in all that you do!

+ Richest Blessings,
Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



Next Weekend April 18 & 19

Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Larry Hansen (Peg Hansen)
7:00 p.m. For Abby Villagran and Mateo Villagran
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. † John Silvius (Rob and Bev West)

Monday, April 20

8:30 a.m. † Juan Gasca

Tuesday, April 21

8:30 a.m. † Peter Milewski

Wednesday, April 22

8:30 a.m. † Eugene Burchi (Rob & Bev West)

Thursday, April 23

8:30 a.m. † Anita Degenhardt

Friday, April 24

8:30 a.m. poor souls in purgatory

Next Weekend April 25 & 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Donald 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)

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

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*

No confessions April 21, 25, 28

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.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es el nombre de la festividad judía en la que Jesús celebró la Última Cena?

Calendar



Announcements

Sunday, April 19

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

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
9:00 am - Stitching Together | K of C Meeting Room
8:00 am & 7:00 pm | No Confessions

Wednesday, April 22

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

Thursday, April 23

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, April 24

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, April 25

9:00 am - No Confessions
4:30pm - Rosary | Church
3:00 pm - First Communion
Dress Rehearsal and Portraits | Church

Sunday, April 26

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

Pray for the Repose of the soul of
† Juan Angel Gasaca
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.
May all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Save these Dates!

Italian Beef Drive-Thru Dinner

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
Saturday, May 2nd at 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Council of Catholic Women Luncheon

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

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 11 & 12

Easter Envelopes: \$5,837
Building: \$86
Given Online: \$565



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.

Sacraments



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick is to be celebrated at different times of illness:

- 1) when a person becomes ill
- 2) when a persisting illness gets worse
- 3) before any surgery
- 4) when death is immanent

This celebration of the sacrament seeks physical recovery and spiritual strength during the healing journey. God's grace at this time is a comfort to the soul.

There is a final celebration of Anointing of the Sick which is before death when the recipient is still alert and can receive Holy Communion. This is Anointing and Viaticum. Viaticum refers to the final reception of Holy Communion before going to the Lord.

Something special during this celebration is the Apostolic Pardon. This is a prayer connected to absolution which forgives the time a soul is due to endure in purgatory. This is a permission given by the Holy See as an act of the Church's mercy for souls close to death. Always ask a priest for the Apostolic Pardon!

Many times in my priesthood I have been asked to anoint a parishioner and they were non-responsive, sedated and unable to be alert for the sacrament. Tell your family, "*If I go to the hospital, call father. I want to be anointed when I am alert and aware!*"

If you or someone you know is not alert or aware during the anointing of the sick, that is okay. you can have them anointed. It certainly still counts as a validly celebrated sacrament.

Marriage

This sacrament is the foundation of family life and is always celebrated as a sacrament in our Catholic life. Couples planning to be married should contact the parish before finalizing with their reception venue. At a minimum, contact the parish six months prior to your proposed wedding date.

Baptism

Please baptize your children as soon as possible. Parents seeking baptism for their child must bring a copy of the birth certificate to the parish office and register for a baptism preparation class. Classes are held on the second Sunday of the month following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Liturgical Roles - April 25th & 26

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	J. Kush	J. Kush	open	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>
7:00 PM <i>Semana Cuatro</i>	Teresa Salinas Martha Figueroa	Mariana Osorio	Mari Mercado Eva Quintanilla	Julia Rodriguez	Pascual Alvaro Osorio	
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	open	3 open	S. Younker	S. Younker	C. Ogden J. Strohmaier	K. Gallagher T. Sunderlage
10:00 AM	open	3 open	T. Tucker	N. Terando	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel S. Dillett



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados,

¡Nuestros espíritus y oraciones siguen siendo alegres en esta temporada de Pascua!

Nuestras lecturas nos recuerdan que hemos sido liberados del poder del pecado por la Sangre de Jesús. Estamos muy agradecidos por esta protección espiritual. Siempre podemos recurrir al poder de la Sangre de Jesús en momentos de miedo, ira, desánimo, letargo, odio, orgullo, lujuria, gula o codicia. *"Por la sangre de Jesús reprendo esta tentación impía."*

Este domingo nuestro evangelio nos lleva a esa famosa conversación en el camino a Emaús. Los viajeros se sorprendieron de que Jesús no *"supiera lo que había pasado en Jerusalén"*. En ese momento, Jesús estaba guiando a los viajeros para que relacionaran los acontecimientos de Jerusalén con las enseñanzas de la ley y los profetas. Jesús quería que *"conectaran los puntos"* para que su fe creciera. En tu oración, pide al Espíritu Santo que guíe tu mente y tu corazón para que puedas "ver los acontecimientos de la vida" con mayor comprensión... con el entendimiento de Dios.



+**Bendiciones,**
P. Trowbridge

Anuncios

¡Guarda estas fechas!

Cena italiana de ternera en el autoservicio
Organizado por los Caballeros de Colón
Sábado 2 de mayo a las 4:00.

Consejo de Mujeres Católicas Almuerzo
Sábado 16 de mayo a las 11:00 a.m.

**VOLVERÉ
a ustedes**

2026 Diócesis de Rockford
Campana de Corresponsabilidad
Las tarjetas de compromiso llegarán por correo esta semana. Gracias por considerar realizar un compromiso.

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

Domingo, 19 de abril
3° Domingo de Pascua

Lunes, 20 de abril

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario
11:00 am – Legión de María
6:00 pm – Estudio bíblico - Aula Guadalupe
6:00 pm – Clase OCIA

Martes, 21 de abril

San Anselmo, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
8:00 am – No Confesiones | 7:00 pm – No Confesiones
8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario
9:00 am – Cosiendo juntos
6:30 pm – Adoración DBM

Miércoles, 22 de abril

Día de los Profesionales Administrativos; Día de la Tierra
8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario
6:00 pm – Legión de María



Jueves, 23 de abril

San Jorge, mártir; San Adalberto, obispo y mártir
8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

Viernes, 24 de abril

San Fidel de Sigmaringa, sacerdote y mártir; Día del Árbol
8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

Sábado, Abril 25

San Marcos, evangelista
9:00 am – No Confesiones
3:00 pm - Ensayo general y retratos de Primera Comunión
6:10 pm – Rosario | 7:00 pm – Misa

Domingo, Abril 26

4° Domingo de Pascua; Día Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones
7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Mass
9:30 am – 12 pm Confirmación de clase 1
9:30 am – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

****Respuesta: La Fiesta de Pascua****

Directory



Parish Office

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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, Hampshire, Pingree Grove and Burlington. 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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For those who are seeking to pray in the church outside of the usual hours use the keypad with code: **0 9 1 2 ***