



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 19, 2026



Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Deacon Bill Stankevitz



Some of you may know that Pat and I are traveling a lot this month. I've decided to create a bulletin piece similar to how St. Paul wrote his epistles. He reflected on the good news of the gospels and wrote to his congregations with words of reflection, interpretation, and guidance as he shared that good news.

This month, we'll spend time with 30 family members some we have known close to 80 years. We love them and are happy to have shared their spiritual journeys, joys, tribulations, and our relationships through our lives.

As we began our journey, I reflected on God's wonderful gift of love, freely given to us. This love intensifies as we interact with family and grows more intimate over time. God gives us this gift to show us His love for each of us. Have you ever fallen out of love with a family member and tried to repair it unsuccessfully? If you feel hopeless, imagine how God must feel when we reject Him due to sin, indifference, or a false material god replacing Him.

God gives us this gift of love and it becomes the basis for families and how we interact with one another. Just as parents teach their children and share their knowledge, so God also has given humanity a similar gift. Through the prophets, Jesus, his disciples and the magisterium of the church, we find the same kind of parental instruction and also, a conduit for knowing God.

While traveling, I have noticed there is a somewhat consistent gospel message this month about those who sow seeds, cultivate them and harvest them. The Word of God is represented by those seeds, God is the sower and His angels are the harvesters. God could have infused us with all knowledge and flawless logic and it would have been virtually impossible to chose against Him. But His was is for us to enjoy free will and make our own choices.

Two weeks ago, we heard about Jesus preaching from a boat about a sower and seed. That passage is loaded with symbolism. Jesus' boat represents the church and how it floats above the seas of the world. Those seas are subject to storms and hidden hazards. But just as God instructed Noah to build the Ark which saved humanity from the flood, Jesus' boat - the Church - represents a sacred space where we can escape the distractions of the seas of the world. Think of our own church and how the sacred space of the sanctuary is separated from the congregation and how worship and teaching go forth from that sanctuary to enlighten and save everyone.

Last week, we heard the story about a sower dealing with weeds and the mustard plant. The Good Seeds are the Words of God that find root in our hearts. As sin creeps into our lives, it is like a weed that can pull away spiritual nourishment. But just as ALL of us have the opportunity to change our ways, we never want any pulled weeds to pull up any of God's firmly planted love. Confession is like the harvest when good and bad are taken together and the weeds discarded and burned.

Now, the mustard seed! I heard this years ago and how it is so symbolic of our church. In the Mediterranean, the mustard seed grows pretty wild and is almost treated like a weed. But it is spread so well, so far and so wide that it cannot be eradicated. The birds spread it and use it as a place to live. The mustard seed is our Catholic Church. Jesus first planted it and it grew. Many attempts have occurred over the years to try to kill it like a weed, slow down it's growth, and make people think it is no good. Did you know the mustard plant is 100% edible - all that comes from the church is also spiritually fully nourishing. One mustard seed can grow into a plant that will provide thousands of seeds so light they will be carried far and wide and always continue to grow.

Today, let's rejoice that we have the unstoppable word of God as free nourishment as long as we accept Him.

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend July 18 & 19

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Jim Mammoser (Leona Mammoser)
7:00 p.m. †Jesus Camarena (Camarena Family)
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. †David & Ernestine Viens (Viens Family)

Monday, July 20

8:30 a.m. †Frank Drendel

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 a.m. †Joseph Terando (Nancy Terando)

Wednesday, July 22 *St. Mary Magdalene*

8:30 a.m. poor souls in purgatory

Thursday, July 23

8:30 a.m. poor souls in purgatory

Friday, July 24

8:30 a.m. For the Venezuela earthquake victims and their families

Next Weekend July 25 & 26

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Jean Conro (Steve & Cindy Vincent)
7:00 p.m. †Alfonso Ontiveros (family)
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. †Hugh Tucker

Prayer Intentions

Parishioner Intentions:

Jerry Grenier, Frank Engel, Carol Engel,
Beau Norris, Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady,
Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz,
Dawn Varacalli, Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec,
Jessica Garrett, Wayne Campbell, Joaquin Alanis,
Mike Riedy, Eileen Bosshart, Elaine Dietrich,
Bill Holdridge

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for July:

For the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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. - 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.



Sunday, July 19

7:30 am & 9:30 am - Rosary | Church
8:00 am - K of C Donuts & Coffee | DMH
11:30 am - Catechist Meeting | Dining Room

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
9:00 am - Stitching Together | K of C Room
8:00 am & 7:00 pm | Confessions

Wednesday, July 22

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

Thursday, July 23

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, July 24

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

This Sunday

Coffee and Donuts: 8:00 a.m. until Noon in Divine Mercy Hall. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Catechist Meeting: 11:30 a.m. in the dining room.

Religious Ed. Parent Meeting

All parents of new and returning religious ed. students are invited to an orientation meeting on Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m. in Divine Mercy Hall. Information about class schedules, sacramental prep., registration and more will be discussed. Please make every effort to attend.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Mass

August 16th Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage. Register with the Diocese of Rockford's Life office by August 3rd: (815) 399-4300 extension 377 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2026

Parish Goal: \$31,030
43 Pledges: \$14,939
32 Paid Pledges: \$10,975
11 Outstanding Pledges: \$3,964
Amount needed to meet goal: \$16,091

Please help us reach our stewardship goal.
No donation is too small.
If we fall short, our parish must pay that remaining balance from our operating account.

Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

Stewardship/Contribution Report

535 registered families

Weekend Collection July 11 & 12

Envelopes: \$5, 013
Loose offerings: \$965
Building: \$5
Given Online: \$585
Total: \$6,568



Online Giving

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.



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 - July 25 & 26

	Sacristan	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	G. Bayer	C. Vincent	C. Vincent	K. Frederick	C. Dumoulin
				G. Bayer	K. Frederick
					G. Bayer
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	S. Younker	S. Younker	L. Younker	
				P. Hansen	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	B. Gehringer	C. Davekos	N. Terando	E. Manecke	J. Durham
				K. Coates	L. Brummel
					S. Dillett



Meditación el Evangelio

El Papa Francisco, de feliz memoria, decía lo siguiente con referencia a las parábolas enseñadas por Jesús a sus oyentes: “Jesús, cuando hablaba, usaba un lenguaje sencillo y también imágenes, ejemplos tomados de la vida cotidiana, para poder ser comprendido fácilmente por todos. Por esto lo escuchaban encantados y apreciaban su mensaje, que llegaba directo al corazón. No era ese lenguaje complicado que usaban los doctores de la ley de la época, difícil de entender, lleno de rigidez y que alejaba a la gente. Con este lenguaje, Jesús hacía comprender el misterio del Reino de Dios; no era una teología complicada” (16-07-2017).

Danos, Señor, de tu sabiduría por medio del Espíritu Santo, para ser semilla del trigo bueno, aun cuando crezca la cizaña junto a nosotros. Quitá de nuestro corazón la envidia, el rencor y la mentira; limpia con tu amor lo malo de nuestros pensamientos y acciones. Que tu Palabra sea el centro de nuestra vida. Que no perturben tan fácilmente nuestra fe los medios de comunicación, el internet ni los chismes de farándula que vemos y escuchamos todos los días. Que seas Tú quien nos guíe hacia tu gracia. Gracias por amarnos a pesar del mal presente en nosotros. Abre nuestros oídos para escucharte y seguir tu voz, y que tu mensaje de hoy no sea en vano. “El que tenga oídos, que entienda” (Mateo 13:43).

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Domingo, 19 de julio

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

8:00 a. m. – Donas y café | DMH

11:30 a. m. – Reunión de catequistas | Comedor

Lunes, 20 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Legión de María | Salón OLG

6:00 p. m. – Estudio bíblico | Salón OLG

Martes, 21 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

9:00 a. m. – Stitching Together | Salón de K of C

8:00 a. m. y 7:00 p. m. – Confesiones

Miércoles, 22 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

6:00 p. m. – Legión de María | Salón de K of C

6:30 p. m. – Reunión de padres

(Educación Religiosa) | DMH

Jueves, 23 de julio

8:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Viernes, 24 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Sábado, 25 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Confesiones

4:30 p. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Domingo, 26 de julio

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

Anuncios

Reunión para padres (Educación Religiosa)

Se invita a todos los padres de alumnos nuevos y de reingreso del programa de educación religiosa a una reunión informativa el miércoles 29 de julio a las 6:30 p. m. en el salón Divine Mercy Hall. Se tratarán temas como los horarios de clases, la preparación sacramental, la inscripción y más. Por favor, hagan todo lo posible por asistir.

¡Café y donas este domingo!

De 8:00 a. m. a mediodía en el Salón de la Divina Misericordia.

Reunión de catequistas: este domingo

Domingo 19 de julio, 11:30 a. m.

Servicios litúrgicos - 25 de julio

<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
7:00 PM Semana 4	Mari Mercado	Teresa Salinas Martha Figueroa	Julia Rodriguez	Pascual Alvaro Osorio	P. Alvaro Osorio
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Directory



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Facebook | [SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch)

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297 E. Jefferson Ave, Hampshire, IL 60140

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