



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 19, 2025



**"Pray always  
without  
becoming weary"**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Moses requires help to persevere in prayer.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Timothy is urged to pray.

### Gospel

The dishonest judge gives what is asked for on account of the widow's perseverance.

### Cover Image

The Apostles could not stay awake with Jesus for one hour of prayer.

Jesus perseveres in prayer in Gethsemane.

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

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During this week we have been blessed with a special opportunity to pray with a traveling image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This image is a replica of an original which has been on display in Rome for many centuries.

An artist with great faith can convey rich beauty in their work when they join the gift of their faith with their talent and craft an image of a holy moment or holy people from our tradition of faith. Pope Saint John Paul II indicated this in his “Letter to Artists” as he extends his gratitude to the many talented artists who have helped us to pray on account of the holy and beautiful art in our churches throughout the centuries!

On our bulletin cover we have another holy image, a scene from Gethsemane on Holy Thursday. This does not correlate with our readings specifically but is a monumental moment that connects with the theme of persevering in prayer.

When I was a student in Rome I recall Pope Benedict XVI sharing his insights on prayer during a homily to theology students. He summarized his thoughts by saying, “Prayer is hard, we must persevere.” This was an impacting moment, a pope who wrote so beautifully and with such great insight, surely a faithful son of prayer, sharing with us that prayer is hard!

From the words of an honest pope through the insights from our readings and Jesus’ example in Gethsemane, we are encouraged to remain determined in our prayer. Sometimes our schedule is demanding. Sometimes our soul does not want to

hear what God has to say, knowing we are called to make a change. Whatever the obstacle may be, we must be steadfast in prayer. It is our life line to God in this life as we strive toward the eternal splendor of heaven and seek to guide souls similarly!

We continue with our reflection, prayer and learning for Respect Life month. All people of good will, and especially Catholics, are called to respect life *from the moment of conception until natural death*. Last weekend I preached on the dignity of life from conception to birth and the compassion we must have for every human life involved. I quoted CCC 2270 which reads, “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.” This truth must guide our intellect and our passions.

This week I want to draw our attention to the other end of the earthly life spectrum and that is honoring the dignity of life all the way to natural death. The US Bishops have a great document which is free online entitled, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Services*, sixth-edition.

This document, in its fifth chapter, elaborates on care for the seriously ill and dying. This text guides our understanding in that difficult moment of balance for our loved ones when they are in their last days. *When can you accept and reject treatment options? When can extraordinary means of life support may be removed? What elements of life support must never be removed? How do you administer painkillers during palliative care?* These points of guidance help us to walk with our loved ones while respecting their eternal dignity. Life is a gift, and we are its stewards. Always reach out if you have questions for yourself or a loved one!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

# Mass & Devotions



## This Weekend October 18 & 19

*Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

5:00 p. m. For Sue Jastrowski

7:00 p. m. †Luisa Medina Vega &  
†Natividad Cortes Gayton

8:00 a. m. Parishioners of SCG

10:00 a.m. †Virginia Brummel

## Monday, October 20 *St. Paul of the Cross*

8:30 a.m. For Jessica Jastrowski

## Tuesday, October 21

8:30 a.m. For Erika Kirk and children

## Wednesday, October 22 *Saint John Paul II*

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

## Thursday, October 23 *St. John of Capistrano*

8:30 a. m. Souls in Purgatory

## Friday, October 24 *St. Anthony Mary Claret*

8:30 a.m. †Ignacio Salinas (Patty Gastel)

## Next Weekend October 25 & 26

*Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

5:00 p. m. †Earl Amidon

7:00 p. †Victor Parra Ramirez (Parra/Avila Families)

8:00 a. m. Parishioners of St. Catherine

10:00 a.m. †Victor Derra (Family)

## Prayer Intentions

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

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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

### Funeral Announcement

A funeral for Darlene Santore will be held on  
Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  
There will be a short visitation in our narthex  
beginning at 10 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*

**No English Confessions on Tuesday 10/21**

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.

*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:** ¿Cuántos misterios se reconocen  
en el Rosario?





## Monday, October 20

11 am - Legion of Mary | church/OLG Room  
6 pm - Bible Study, in Spanish | Library  
6 pm - OCIA Class | Divine Mercy Hall

## Tuesday, October 21

9 am - Stitching Together | Meeting Room

## Wednesday, October 22

6 pm – Legion of Mary | Church/Meeting Room

## Sunday, October 26

9:30 am – Class: Confirmation I & II | DMH  
11:45 am - Confirmation II Parent Mtg. | DMH  
12 - Youth Group | DMH

## Knights of Columbus

### Coats for Kids Winter Coat Drive

The knights are collecting coats for children in the area. Donations may be brought to the south church entrance by November 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Vocations Raffle

Please support our diocesan seminarians. Pick up a ticket booklet and return the tickets and funds to a member of the knights or the parish office by November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Raffle drawing will be held in December. Checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. Your support is greatly appreciated! Contact Bob Hewlett with questions.

## Religious Education

### Confirmation II Parent Meeting

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 in Divine Mercy Hall**

Parents will receive information about confirmation and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Please make every effort to attend.

Confirmation will be on December 6, 2025 at 9:30a.m. at the Cathedral of St Peter in Rockford.

**Confirmation I & II Retreat** will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. All confirmation II students are required to attend and confirmation I students are invited to attend if they would like. We will be welcoming Net Ministries team to facilitate this retreat day for our students.

## Parish Photo Directory

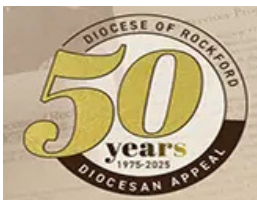
Photographers will return to our parish on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Schools will not be in session at this time and may provide a more convenient opportunity for families to participate. Anyone who has already ordered portraits should expect to receive them prior to the holidays.

Follow the link on our website to sign-up for a photo session or visit [www.ucid.com](http://www.ucid.com)

**St. Catherine's church code: IL442**

**Password: photos**

# Parish Financials



## Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835  
Pledged: \$12,906  
Given: \$16,300.00  
Shortfall: \$15,535

## Weekend Collection: October 11 & 12

Parish: \$5,048 Building: \$348  
Utilities: \$105 Given Online: \$440

*Copies of our annual budget are available at the south church entrance.*



## St. Vincent de Paul

Donations made to our poor box, located at the front entrance will be forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul - they support our Genoa residents who seek support in their need.



## 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 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 - October 25 & 26

| Mass Time                              | Sacristan             | Altar Servers        | Lector                          | Commentator          | Greeters                             | Ushers                                |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5:00 PM                                | J. Jastrowski         | 3 open               | L. Dunlap                       | L. Dunlap            | 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,*

Permanece fiel a lo que has aprendido y creído", estas son las palabras de San Pablo a Timoteo de nuestra segunda lectura y son útiles para nosotros hoy. Hay muchos desalientos y distracciones en el mundo de hoy y es bueno que se nos recuerde que las mismas lecciones que hemos aprendido cuando éramos niños, las lecciones que hemos enseñado a nuestros propios hijos, deben ser recordadas. Dios te ama. Jesús siempre escucha tus oraciones. Tu ángel de la guarda camina contigo. Nuestra fuerza está en la Eucaristía. Refúgiate en el manto de María. Jesús nos anima aún más en el evangelio de hoy cuando nos invita a orar siempre y no cansarnos. Cuando oramos siempre, es un acto que confía nuestras preocupaciones a Dios para que podamos estar en paz.

¡Que nuestra oración no aumente nuestra preocupación porque somos niños al cuidado de Nuestro Padre Celestial!

+Bendiciones,  
Pr. Trowbridge

## Anuncios

### Educación religiosa

Reunión de padres de **Confirmación III** **domingo 26 de octubre a las 11:45 en el Salón de la Divina Misericordia**

Los padres recibirán información sobre la confirmación y tendrán la oportunidad de hacer preguntas. Por favor, haga todo lo posible para asistir. La confirmación será el 6 de diciembre de 2025 a las 9:30 a.m. en la Catedral de San Pedro en Rockford.

**El Retiro de Confirmación I y II se llevará a cabo el 8 de noviembre.** Todos los estudiantes de confirmación II deben asistir y los estudiantes de confirmación I están invitados a asistir si lo desean. Estaremos dando la bienvenida al equipo de Net Ministries para facilitar este día de retiro para nuestros estudiantes.

**\*\*Respuesta: 20 (incluyendo los Misterios Luminosos añadidos por San Juan Pablo II en 2002)\*\***

### **Lunes 20 de octubre**

*San Pablo de la Cruz, sacerdote*

11 am – Legión de María

6 pm – Estudio Bíblico, Español

6 pm – Clase OCIA

### **Martes 21 de octubre**

9 – 11am Cosiendo juntos

### **Miércoles 22 de octubre**

*San Juan Pablo II, papa*

6 pm – Legión de María

### **Jueves 23 de octubre**

*San Juan de Capistrano, sacerdote*

### **Viernes, 24 de octubre**

*San Antonio María Claret, obispo*

### **Domingo, 26 de octubre**

*30° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

9:30 am – Confirmación Clase 1 y 2

11:45 am – 12:15 pm Reunión de Confirmación de Padres II

12 – 2pm Grupo de Jóvenes



### **Caballeros de Colón**

*Abrigos para niños de invierno*

Los caballeros están recolectando abrigos para niños en el área. Las donaciones se pueden llevar a la entrada sur de la iglesia antes del

**15 de noviembre.**

### **Rifa de vocaciones**

Por favor, apoye a nuestros seminaristas diocesanos. ☒ Recoja un folleto de boletos y devuelva los boletos y los fondos a un miembro de los caballeros o a la oficina parroquial antes del **16 de noviembre**. El sorteo de la rifa se llevará a cabo en **diciembre**.

Cheques pagaderos a Caballeros de Colón. ¡Su apoyo es muy apreciado!

*Póngase en contacto con Bob Hewlett si tiene preguntas.*

# 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

## Clergy

Rev. Jeremy A. Trowbridge, S.T.L. | Pastor  
[JTrowbridge@RockfordDiocese.org](mailto:JTrowbridge@RockfordDiocese.org)

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Deacon Brian Mullins  
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## Parish Staff

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