



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 15, 2026



**Jesus said, “Neither he nor his parents sinned;  
it is so that the works of God  
might be made visible through him.”**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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## From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests,

Richest blessings on this *Laetare Sunday*! We are at the midpoint of lent. Liturgically, we see this with the special rose vestments worn at Mass. The time that remains in lent is shorter than what we have already endured, and on account of this we are lifted with joy this day.

How has our lent been? How have we walked with Jesus in the desert? If you have been doing well, persevere, for Jesus' temptation was toward the end of His time in the desert. If you have not been doing that great with your lenten observances, be patient with yourself. Review how you have not met your goals and turn to the Lord. Speak with Him in prayer and ask for God's help. Which graces would be helpful for you to persevere? Let us proceed together in joy and hope, persevering with Our Lord in the desert. He has set the example let us follow Him!

Our gospel this Sunday is the striking scene of the healing of the man born blind. In the conversation that surrounded the healing of the blind man, Jesus redefines an understanding for his apostles. Jesus indicates to them that this blindness is not a punishment for the blind man; rather, it is an opportunity for God to be given glory.

In our prayer we can engage our imagination and through meditating on the gospel we can let details of the Good News impress upon our mind and heart of faith. If you take a moment to put yourself in the place of the blind man you can see

how incredible this moment must have been. The experience of living blind has so many obstacles and inconveniences. Furthermore, what an amazing experience it must have been to wash in the pool and have your eyes open for the first time. This healing would bring an excitement and a joy at the level of natural human living. If we take this prayerful reflection just a little further, this joy would likely deepen when we link the healing to God. Knowing that God "has seen him" and took the time to bring him from "darkness to light" must have been a soul-feeding recognition! Our imagination can see how the blind man's excitement and joy can be joined with a gratitude, unworthiness and a deepened love of God! When we pray in this way we can think of times when we know God had been generous in our life!

Please take the time to pray with the gospel each week, our mind, heart and soul thirst for this union with God and the Holy Spirit is eager to fan our faith into a stronger flame!

Fish Fry - I would like to thank everyone who enjoyed dinner this past Friday. This would not be possible were it not for the many helping hands who helped make these 400 meals possible!

St. Joseph Dinner - I am looking forward to the spiritual and community benefits of our meal and prayer in honor of the great humble foster father of Jesus and most pure earthly spouse of Our Lady!

St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Luncheon - I am grateful for those who are able to join us. There is still time to buy a ticket to learn from and support St.VdP!

Lent Mission - I have arranged a guest priest to join me each night of the mission for confessions immediately following our mission talk each night. Sunday night Dcn. Brian presents. Monday night is set for Dcn. Bill. I will present on Tuesday evening!

+ Richest Blessings,  
Rev J.A. Trowbridge

# Mass & Devotions



## This Weekend March 15

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 p.m. †Paul Christensen  
7:00 p.m. †Carmen Lara Avila (Parra/Avila Family)  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa  
10:00 a.m. †Robert Sanders (Sanders Family)

## Monday, March 16

8:30 a.m. †Ed Olson

## Tuesday, March 17 *Saint Patrick*

8:30 a.m. †Joan Goyka

## Wednesday, March 18

8:30 a.m. †Ray Hodge

## Thursday, March 19 *Saint Joseph*

8:30 a.m. †Teola Trowbridge

## Friday, March 20

8:30 a.m. †Lotus Kubs

## Next Weekend March 21 & 22

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 p.m. †Bill Vincent  
7:00 p.m. †Benito Mercado & Andrea Palacios  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Catherine of Genoa  
10:00 a.m. †Theresa Tucker

## Prayer Intentions

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

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### 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*

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:** Según las Escrituras, ¿qué se dividió en dos partes en el momento de la muerte de Jesús en la cruz?



## Sunday, March 15

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

## Monday, March 16

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

## Tuesday, March 17

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

## Wednesday, March 18

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

## Thursday, March 19

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

## Friday, March 20

9:00 am - Rosary | Church  
 9:30 am - Stations of the Cross | Church  
 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross | Church  
 7:30 pm - Camino de la Cruz | Church

## Saturday, March 21

9:00 am - Confessions  
 1:00 pm - St. Joseph Table | DMH  
 4:30pm - Rosary | Church

## Sunday, March 22

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church  
 9:00 am - Confirmation Class | DMH  
 2:00 pm - SVdP Luncheon |  
 6:30 pm - Lent Mission | Church

## Lent Mission - *Humble of Heart*

Given by our clergy.  
 Three evenings: March 22, 23 & 24.  
 We will open with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:30, offer a presentation at 6:45 and conclude with prayer together before Our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration! Visiting priests will assist with confessions.

## Be Reconciled - Wednesday, March 25th

Confession will be available throughout the day at every church in our diocese. Our parish schedule:  
 7:30pm - 8:30am  
 9:30am - 8:00pm  
 1:30pm - 4pm in Spanish

## St. Joseph Table

Join us for an Italian meal honoring St. Joseph. Saturday, March 21 at 1pm in Divine Mercy Hall. Main entrees will be provided. Salads, breads & desserts can be dropped off anytime after 10 a.m. on Saturday. See our volunteer sign-up sheets. Contact Pat Riedy with questions, 815-904-9262.

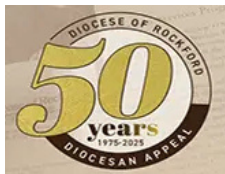
## St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Luncheon

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm  
 The Country Coach House in Burlington  
 Tickets are \$15. 100% of your ticket cost will benefit St. Vincent de Paul in Hampshire.  
 Tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses or in the parish office. Invite your friends and family. Tickets for a table of 8 are available.

## Robert Hewlett Scholarship Application Deadline:

March 27th. Award Presented at Mass on April 12th

## Parish Financials



### Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00  
 Total Pledged: \$29,394.00  
 Total Paid: \$28,550.67  
 Shortfall: \$843.33

### Weekend Collection March 7 & 8

Envelopes: \$6,485  
 Building: \$366  
 Given Online: \$670

### 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.*

### 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 - March 21st - 22nd

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	L. Dunlap	L. Dunlap	3 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>	Pascual Alvaro Osorio	Mariana Osorio	Mari Mercado Eva Quintanilla	Julia Rodriguez	Teresa Salinas Martha Figueroa	Pascual Alvaro Osorio
03-14-26 <i>Tres</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Raul Garcia Eric Rodriguez	Nanci Aguilera	Irma Rivas Lucio Rivas	Ana Maria Martinez
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	open	3 open	T. Barrett	T. Barrett	L. Younker P. Hansen H. Davis	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	open	3 open	A. Hughes	A. Hughes	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel



*Estimados Feligreses e Invitados,*

Celebramos con alegría este domingo porque estamos en el centro de la Cuaresma. Estamos a mitad de nuestra campaña de oración, ayuno y limosna. Sigue perseverando con Jesús. Nos unimos a él en el desierto cada vez que se nos cuaresma para desprendernos de las cosas mundanas y ser afilados en el don de la fe y el amor de Dios. Esto nos da fuerza en los momentos difíciles. Aprendemos del evangelio que las desgracias que enfrentamos no siempre provienen del pecado, a veces son oportunidades para dar gloria a Dios. Cuando Dios puede caminar con nosotros en tiempos difíciles, elevarnos con Su fuerza y restaurarnos, es un regalo hermoso para nosotros y para los demás. ¿Hemos sido ayudados, fortalecidos o restaurados por Dios? ¿Seamos alegres de una manera especial este domingo, dando gracias por la bondad de Dios!



+**Bendiciones,**  
**P. Trowbridge**

## Anuncios

**Cena de pescado ULTIMO día**

**27 de marzo: 3:30 - 6:30 pm**

drive thru o come dentro de nuestro salón parroquial. Ofrenda de libre albedrío.



**Mesa de San José:** Únete a nosotros para una comida italiana en honor a San José. Sábado 21 de marzo, 1:00 pm en el Salón DM. Se ofrecerán los platos principales. Las ensaladas, panes y postres pueden dejarse en cualquier momento después de las 10 de la mañana del sábado. Consulta nuestras hojas de inscripción para voluntarios.

**Almuerzo benéfico de San Vicente de Paúl**

Domingo, 22 de marzo a las 2:00 de la tarde  
*La Casa de Carruajes Campestre en Burlington*  
Las entradas cuestan 15 dólares. El 100% del precio de tu entrada beneficiará a San Vicente de Paúl en Hampshire.

Las entradas estarán a la venta después de las misas del fin de semana o en la oficina parroquial. Invita a tus amigos y familiares. Hay entradas para una mesa de 8 personas disponibles.

**Domingo, 15 de marzo**

*4º Domingo de Cuaresma*

**Lunes, 16 de marzo**

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 - Salón DM

**Martes, 17 de marzo**

*San Patricio, obispo; Día de San Patricio*

8:00 am – Confesiones | 7:00 – Confesiones

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

9:00 am – Cosiendo juntos

6:30 pm – Adoración DBM & JT



**Miércoles, 18 de marzo**

*San Cirilo de Jerusalén, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia*

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

6:00 pm – Legión de María

**Jueves, 19 de marzo**

*San José, esposo de la Santísima Virgen María*

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

1:00 pm – Montaje de la mesa de St. Joe

**Viernes, 20 de marzo**

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

9:30 am y 6:30 – Estaciones de la Cruz Inglesa

7:30 pm – Vía Crucis

**Sábado, 21 de marzo**

9:00 am – Confesiones

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Mesa de San José**

6:10 pm – Rosario | 7:00 pm – Misa

**Domingo, 22 de marzo**

*5º Domingo de Cuaresma*

OCIA - 3ª Revisión

7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa

9:30 am – 12:00 Confirmación de clase 1

9:30 am – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

6:30 pm – Misión de Cuaresma

7:15 pm – Confesiones con Mons. Dzielak

**\*\*Respuesta:** La cortina del Templo.\*\*

# 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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Safe Environment suite serving our volunteers & employees assuring a safe environment at our parish.



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[wwme.org](http://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](http://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

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