



# St. Catherine of Genoa

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 4, 2026

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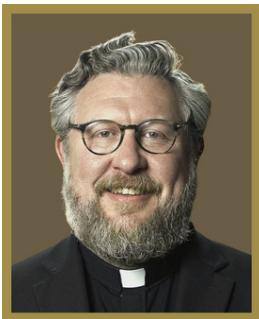
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The Epiphany of the Lord

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## From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests,

I am grateful for your presence and your attention to the life of our parish. It is a blessing to be gathered around our holy altar during the great joy of this Christmas season. So many of you have shared your gratitude regarding the beauty of our Church as our decorations are on full display. I am grateful that the Lord has blessed us with such a beautiful place to pray.

During advent we remember that the church decorations and celebration was limited as we “tightened our spiritual belt” to get work done in preparation for the great feasts surrounding the Birth of Jesus. One of the ways that we scaled back our prayer was by omitting the Gloria from our Sunday prayer. We fast from this prayer for a time so that its vibrance may ring out all the more on the day of Christ’s Birth. We recall the gospel detailing the song of heaven as the angels sing “Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people of good will.” When we pray at Mass we are extremely close to heaven. When we sing the gloria we are singing in unison with that rank of angels who sing of God’s glory perpetually in heaven. How beautiful!

Even though Christmas is in the rearview mirror for some families, for our families in the Catholic Church we are still in the midst of the Joy and Glory of Jesus’ Nativity! Today we celebrate the Epiphany, the great feast which recollects the light of Christ shining upon the faces of the Magi, those three wise men who, although not members of the

chosen people, sought Christ with the wisdom available to them. They came prepared with gifts for the Lord Jesus. These international sojourners were respectful of the lands in which they entered as we see in their visit to King Herod. There is a detail in this Sunday’s gospel that caught my attention. When the Magi arrived at the manger they were “*overjoyed*” as they approached Jesus. Conversely, when King Herod heard of Jesus he was “*greatly troubled and all of Jerusalem with him.*” This a reminder to me that not all people are excited to hear about the birth of Our Lord and are threatened by His presence. This is a great sadness to God because He has provided every human sufficient grace to attain heaven. By our baptism we are united with Christ and His mission to serve every human person according to gospel charity that every soul may be shepherded toward God and ultimately eternal life. We can only engage in this shepherding with Our Lord if we attend to our unity with Jesus. In the joy of this season draw very closely to Our Lord that you may be filled with His truth and love and with these blessings upon you, use them to serve every person that God brings into your life.

Respect Life Prayers & Activities arise in January within many Catholic circles on account of the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. While this decision has been overturned in *Dobbs v. Jackson* many prayers are still needed for the preborn and their mothers. If this is a difficult topic for you, know you are not alone and that the Church has many avenues of wisdom and support.

Home Blessings - get your epiphany home blessing kit in the church or parish office - May the wise men who adored our lord in Bethlehem garner protection for your home and all your loved ones!

*+ Richest Blessings,*

*Rev J.A. Trowbridge*



## This Weekend January 3 & 4

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

5:00 p.m. †Paul Koeppen Sr. (Family)  
7:00 p.m. †Uberino & Imelda Camarena  
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. †Janet Ryan (Joe & Mary Cannizzaro)

### Monday, January 5 *St. John Neumann*

8:30 a.m. For Gladys and Clara Hodge

### Tuesday, January 6

8:30 a.m. †Matthew Walter (Nancy Walter)

### Wednesday, January 7

8:30 a.m. †Martin Coppoth

### Thursday, January 8

8:30 a.m. For McKenna Frank

### Friday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

## Next Weekend January 10 & 11

*The Baptism of the Lord*

5:00 p.m. †Lorraine Betty Lucas (Dennis & Darla Tritt)  
7:00 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory  
8:00 a.m. Antoinette Zimmerman (Family)  
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of the Parish

## — Prayer Intentions —

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

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### 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.

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 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:** ¿Quiénes son los cuatro autores de los Evangelios?

## Calendar



## Announcements

### Sunday, January 4

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

### Monday, January 5

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

### Tuesday, January 6

9:00 am - Rosary | Church  
8:00 am & 7:00 pm - Confessions | Church  
6:30 pm - Adoration | Church

### Wednesday, January 7

9:00 am - Rosary | Church  
6:30 pm - FFF K-6 & First Communion Class

### Thursday, January 8

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

### Friday, January 9

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

### Saturday, January 10

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

### Sunday, January 11

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

## 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign Up:

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

### Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

(SAD) (taken from NIH) is a type of depression characterized by a recurrent seasonal pattern, with symptoms lasting about 4-5 months out of the year.

LIGHT your way!

- L- Limit social media
- I- Instill boundaries
- G- Gather with loves ones
- H- Healthy meals, hydrate, exercise
- T- Time in nature (soak up sunshine)



Need HELP now call or text: 988 (SAMHSA)

Brought to you by Catholic Charities Mental Health Ministry

## Parish Financials



### Diocesan Appeal 2025

Total Pledged: \$28,484.00  
Goal: \$31,835.00  
Total Paid: \$26,590.33  
Pledge Balance: \$1,893.67

### 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 27 & 28

Envelopes: \$9, 342

Building: \$460

Utilities: \$0

Given Online: \$420

**Christmas Collection:** \$10,060

### 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.

# 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 imminent

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 - January 10 - 11

| Mass Time                     | Sacristan                | Altar Servers        | Lector                             | Commentator          | Greeters                              | Ushers                                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 5:00 PM                       | <i>open</i>              | <i>3 open</i>        | J. Jastrowski                      | J. Jastrowski        | C. Dumoulin<br>K. Frederick           | C. Dumoulin<br>S. Vincent                 |
| <b>Tiempo</b>                 | <b>Sacristan</b>         | <b>C-Monaguillos</b> | <b>Lectores</b>                    | <b>Comentaristas</b> | <b>Ministeros</b>                     | <b>Coordinadores</b>                      |
| <b>7:00 PM<br/>Semana Dos</b> | Pascual Alvaro<br>Osorio | Mariana Osorio       | Lupita Ortega<br>Guadalupe Beltran | Ana Maria Martinez   | Rosana Orozco<br>Casy Contreras       | Lucia Serrano                             |
| Mass Time                     | Sacristan                | Altar Servers        | Lector                             | Commentator          | Greeters                              | Ushers                                    |
| 8:00 AM                       | P. Riedy                 | <i>3 open</i>        | N. Burmeister                      | N. Burmeister        | C. Ogden<br>K. Sunderlage<br>M. Riedy | K. Gallagher<br>T. Sunderlage<br>M. Riedy |
| 10:00 AM                      | <i>open</i>              | <i>3 open</i>        | A. Hughes                          | A. Hughes            | E. Manecke<br>J. Durham<br>K. Coates  | J. Durham<br>S. Dillett<br>L. Brummel     |



## Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

En esta gran fiesta de la Epifanía damos gracias a Dios por los Magos que persiguieron a Jesucristo. Eran gobernantes y líderes fuera del pueblo elegido de Israel y, al ver la estrella sobre el lugar de nacimiento de Jesús, se llenaron de alegría. Oro para que busques a Jesús cada día de tu vida y, cuando lo encuentres, *¡que te llenes de pureza de corazón!*

El rey Herodes y toda Jerusalén, de hecho, no se alegraron mucho al enterarse del nacimiento de Cristo; más bien, estaban muy preocupados. Hay muchas personas que dicen con los labios que viven para Dios o aman a Dios, pero cuando se encuentran con Él se sienten perturbadas. Estamos llamados a ser pastores buenos, gentiles, fuertes y fieles para estas almas. Algunos pueden ser de nuestra propia familia. Imitemos a los Reyes Magos: debemos alegrarnos mucho de acercarnos a Dios, debemos postrarnos y rendir homenaje a Dios, debemos ofrecerle nuestros dones y, finalmente, debemos escucharle para que Él nos guíe. *¡Feliz banquete de la Epifanía!*

+Bendiciones,  
P. Trowbridge

## Anuncios



**9 DÍAS POR LA VIDA**  
ENERO 16 AL 24

¡Reza por la protección de la vida humana!

¡Únete a los católicos de todo el país en oración por la protección de la vida humana! Puedes bajar la novena u obtener las oraciones y reflexiones diarias por correo electrónico o mensaje de texto.

[9DAYSFORLIFE.COM](http://9DAYSFORLIFE.COM)



\*\*Respuesta: Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y Juan.\*\*

### Domingo, 4 de enero

*Día de la Epifanía del Señor*

9:30 am – 12:00 pm | Confirmación de la Clase

### Lunes, 5 de enero

*San Juan Neumann, obispo*

8:30 – Misa | 9 – Rosario

11:00 – Legión de María

6:00 pm – Estudio Bíblico, Español - GC

6:00 pm – Clase OCIA - DMH



### Martes, 6 de enero

*San André Bessette, religioso*

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

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

9:00 am – Cosiendo juntos

9:45 am – 10:15am | Adoración DBM & JT

### Miércoles, 7 de enero

*San Raimundo de Peñafort, sacerdote*

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

6:00 pm – Legión de María

6:30 pm – FFF K - 6 & Primera Comunión

### Jueves, 8 de enero

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

### Viernes, 9 de enero

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

### Sábado, 10 de enero

*San Antonio, abad*

9:00 am – Confesiones

7:00 pm – Misa en español

### Domingo, 11 de enero

*El Bautismo del Señor*

7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa

9:30 am – 12:00 pm | Confirmación de la Clase

9:30 am – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa



# Directory



## Parish Office

Hours | Mon - Wed | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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Facebook | [SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch)

**PRIEST EMERGENCY** | **815-784-4837**

## Clergy

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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 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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