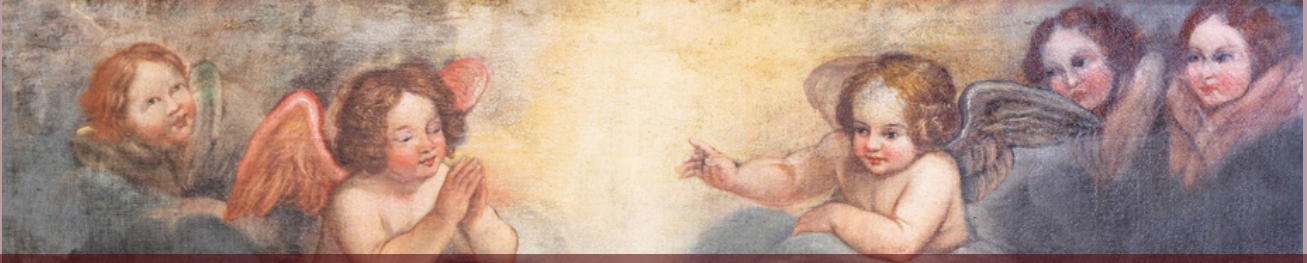




St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 18, 2026



“Behold the Lamb of God...”



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Father Trowbridge

Dear Parishioners & Guests,

As we gather for prayer on Sunday we are celebrating the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This term speaks of “orderliness” in the sense that we are on a 35-week journey praying through the earthly ministry of Jesus. These three years of His life are covered in a cool parallel manner by the three synoptic gospels (Matthew Mark & Luke) and the gospel of John. Each year the church uses one of the synoptic gospels with primacy. This year, “Year A” we will take most of our Ordinary Time gospel texts from Matthew. I share all this to guide us away from the misunderstanding that ordinary Time is just “plain” or “nothing special.” That is not the case, rather, it is the time when we navigate “with orderliness” through the three years of Jesus’ public ministry. Today is step two of thirty-five. Enjoy!

Pope Leo XIV addresses the Diplomatic Corps

On the ninth of January, Pope Leo XIV addressed the diplomats accredited to the Holy See. The Vatican enjoys diplomatic relations with 183 nations and 36 international organizations. We know how the popes of recent history have had a unique connection with the world. With *all* that is transpiring across the globe, our Holy Father sought to share the gospel and the direction which it affords, that Christ’s light may shine in the darkness. Pope Leo, through the great work of St. Augustine, *City of God*, drew parallels between this great patristic work and the condition of our world today. Pope Leo’s focus on christian persecution, international humanitarian law and involvement in military conflict are main themes that Pope Leo offered its diplomats so that each country and organization can consider how their nation, organization or program can apply the wisdom of the gospel. I was pleased to learn that Vice President Vance and Secretary Rubio were present at this address with a special US delegation and were blessed to have had a private audience with our Holy Father. Let us pray that the gospel may shine in our nation and in the world for the good of all people according to God’s holy will!

Feast of St. Agnes - This upcoming Wednesday the global church turns to God and gives thanks for the gift of St. Agnes’ life and witness of faith. Being a martyr at just 13 years of age, Agnes is the patroness of girls, chastity and virgins. It was by the pressures of the Roman Empire that she was sought to be compromised but she stood with steadfastness and peace united with Our Lord Jesus. St. Agnes is depicted by the image of the lamb. This tradition is tied to an ancient legend wherein St. Agnes is said to have appeared to her parents after her death. They were praying at her tomb, they saw her surrounded by a choir of virgins and holding a pure lamb in her arms. A tradition to bless lambs on her feast who are then shorn during holy week that the wool be fashioned into the new archbishop’s pallium stoles has dated back to the 5th century. Since 1880 the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth have prepared the lambs for St. Agnes’ feast day. On the eve of the feast, two lambs are brought to the convent. The sisters wash, feed, and care for the lambs overnight. The next day, the lambs are placed in two baskets. One basket is adorned with red roses, symbolizing martyrdom, and marked with the initials S.A.M. (*Sant’Agnese Martire*). The other basket is decorated with white roses, symbolizing virginity, and marked with the initials S.A.V. (*Sant’Agnese Vergine*). I will be curious to see what details are maintained and which ones are adjusted this year with Pope Leo! St. Agnes, may every soul increase in chastity each day!

Special Day of Prayer - our US Bishops have dedicated January 22nd as the **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn**. Even though the *Dobbs v Jackson* decision to overturn *Roe* was a legal blessing for life in our nation, the responsibility shifts to states to care for the gift of life. The Guttmacher Institute noted an 11% increase in abortion since *Dobbs*. This study noted 63% of reported terminations were pharmaceutically induced. Our knowledge of the truth and commitment to care for every life, from conception to natural death, remains a high priority for all and for catholics in a unique manner in the Eucharist!

+ Richest Blessings, Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend January 17 & 18

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Mary Beth Sugg (Dorothy Crackel)
7:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. †Cecelia Menconi (Walt & Connie Straube)

Monday, January 19

8:30 a.m. †Wayne Walter Jr. (Nancy Walter)

Tuesday, January 20

8:30 a.m. †Michael Coffey (Don & Clara Coffey)

Wednesday, January 21 *St. Agnes*

8:30 a.m. †Doris West Warren

Thursday, January 22

8:30 a.m. †Omar Degenhardt

Friday, January 23

8:30 a.m. †Bernard A. Bunner

Next Weekend January 17 & 18

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †priests & nuns in purgatory
7:00 p.m. souls in purgatory
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa
10:00 a.m. †Sam & Lillian Rose (Walt & Connie Straube)

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 LaMonteagne, 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 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: ¿Es verdadero o falso que todo el vino utilizado en la Eucaristía debe fermentarse?

Calendar



Announcements

Sunday, January 18

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
8:00 am - K of C Breakfast Buffet | DMH
9:30 am - Confirmation I Class | DMH

Monday, January 19

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

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Thursday, January 22

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, January 23

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 25

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

Received the Sacrament of Baptism

January 11, 2026
Luciana Rae Salgado
child of
Daniel & Bailee Salgado

Knights Breakfast Buffet This Sunday!

Join us in Divine Mercy Hall from 8am until Noon.

Office Hours on Monday, January 19th

In observance of Martin Luther King Day, the parish office will close at Noon.

Giving Tree

Thank you to the volunteers who helped organize our Christmas giving tree and to the parishioners who purchased presents. Your time and resources made it possible for our parish to help provide Christmas gifts to over 57 children!

Save the Date!

CCW Luncheon
Saturday, February 7th
Details will be announced in a later bulletin.
For questions call Nancy Burmeister at 815-761-0515.

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00
Total Pledged: \$28,484.00
Shortfall: \$5,144.67

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 January 10 & 11

Envelopes: \$4,551
Building: \$494
Given Online: \$715

2025 Donor Contribution Statements were mailed this week.

National Appeal: \$1,015

Donations to this appeal benefit our Catholic schools, help with diocesan communication, training programs and retirement for priests.

4 Thank you!

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 - January 24 - 25

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	J. Jastrowski	J. Jastrowski	<i>3 open</i>	C. Dumoulin S. Vincent
<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
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	<i>3 open</i>	C. Vincent	C. Vincent	C. Ogden J. Strohmaier	K. Gallagher M. Riedy
10:00 AM	<i>open</i>	<i>3 open</i>	C. Davekos	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham S. Dillett L. Brummel



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

Hemos concluido la temporada navideña.

Rezo para que hayas tenido la oportunidad de bendecir tu casa con tiza bendita y agua bendita, usando la Bendición de la Epifanía.

Si esto no es una tradición

en tu familia, ¡la Iglesia Católica te invita a comenzar una nueva tradición para la protección espiritual de tu hogar!

Comenzamos la temporada del Tiempo Ordinario en nuestra oración de la liturgia. Este domingo es el segundo domingo en tiempo ordinario. Esta designación indica la segunda semana en unas treinta y cinco semanas. Durante estas 35 semanas, la iglesia incrementa sus lecturas para cubrir todo el camino del ministerio público de Jesús. Estos son los últimos tres años de Su vida. Durante esta segunda semana nuestras lecturas pueden resumirse así: ***Jesús, el Cordero de Dios, es la luz de las naciones que vinieron a hacer la voluntad del Padre. En Cristo hemos sido llamados a ser un pueblo santo.*** Oremos por cada nación para que Jesús sea su luz.

¡Comprometámonos a nosotros y a nuestra familia a ser un pueblo santo!

+*Bendiciones,*
P. Trowbridge



Lunes, 19 de enero

Día de Martin Luther King

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

11:00 am – Legión de María

6:00 pm – Estudio Bíblico, Español - Aula Guadalupe

6:00 pm – Clase OCIA - Salón de la Divina Misericordia

Martes, 20 de enero

San Fabián, papa y mártir; San Sebastián, mártir

8:00 am – Confesiones

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

9:00 am – Cosiendo juntos

6:30 pm – Adoration

7:00 pm – Confesiones (6:55-7:20)

Miércoles, 21 de enero

Santa Inés, virgen y mártir

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

6:00 pm – Legión de María

Jueves, 22 de enero

Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de los Niños por Nacer

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

Viernes, 23 de enero

San Vicente, diácono y mártir; Santa Mariana Cope, virgen

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosary: DBS

Sábado, 24 de enero

San Francisco de Sales, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

9:00 am – Confesiones

6:30 pm – Rosario | 7:00 pm – Misa

Domingo, 25 de enero

3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Semana de las Escuelas Católicas

7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa

9:30 – 12:00 pm | Confirmación de la Clase 1

9:30 – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

12:00 pm – 2:00 | Grupo Juvenil

****Respuesta: Cierto.****

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