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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

All Masses have been suspended until further notice.

### **CONFESSIONS**

Upon request only.

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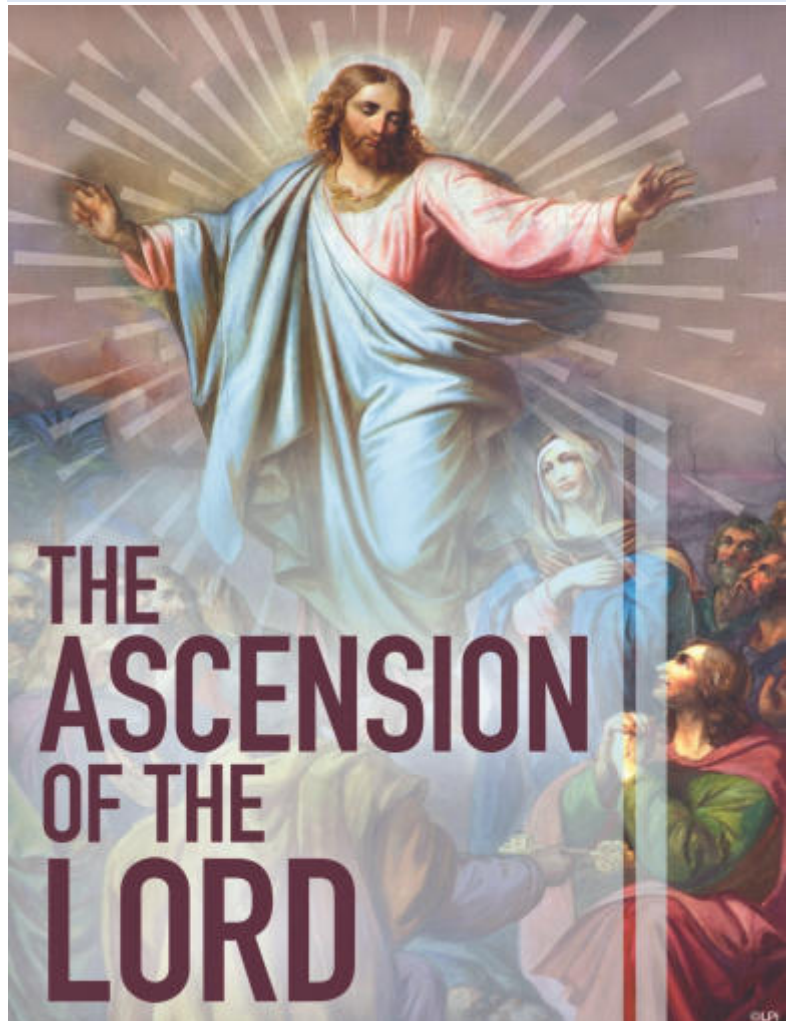
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### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. Catherine of Genoa is one Catholic family.*

*Our mission is to get to Heaven  
by living the Gospel.*

*We welcome you to join us on our journey.*



**May 24, 2020**

## *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**Back in His Presence– The Diocese of Rockford’s Plan for Return to Public Mass and Worship**  
[rockforddiocese.org/covid-19/reopen-rockford](http://rockforddiocese.org/covid-19/reopen-rockford).

In compliance with the Governor of Illinois and The Diocese of Rockford, St. Catherine of Genoa Parish has organized a group of volunteers to begin the process of complying with Bishop Malloy’s multi-phased plan for reopening churches. Before we are allowed to hold Mass we must meet all the requirements and they must be certified and receive approval from the bishop. More information will be available soon so please watch for updates.

We appreciate your patience.

Fr. Francis will continue to stream Mass on Sundays at 10:00 a.m- Live on Facebook and available for viewing afterwards on our website, [stcatherinegenoa.org](http://stcatherinegenoa.org).

Dekalb Deanery priests who have been designated for administering the Sacrament of the Sick to patients confirmed to have contracted the COVID-19 virus are:

Fr. Chris DiTomo– 630-485-1443

Fr. Ruben Herrera– 224-232-7272

Fr. Bernie Sehr– 815-621-0598

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24TH**

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

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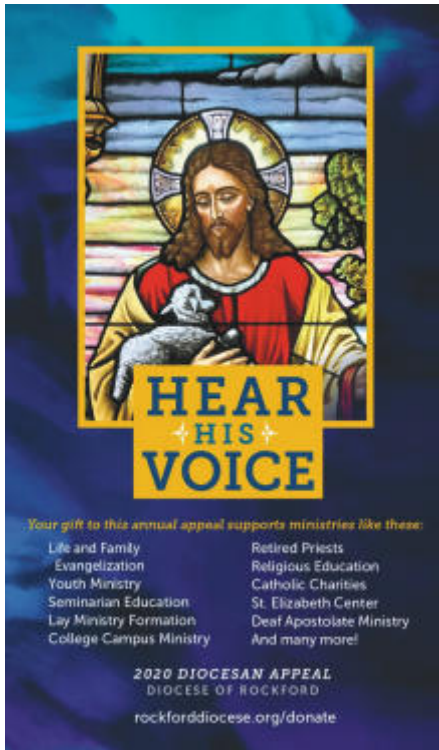
### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it’s not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, “that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.” It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don’t take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

# St. Catherine of Genoa Roman Catholic Church



## 2020 Diocesan Appeal

Here His Voice is the theme for the 2020 Diocesan Appeal. With this theme in mind we are called to follow the example of Jesus, putting our faith into action by what we say and do. As always, your help and support is needed so the diocese can continue the ministries and services it provides, such as marriage prep., promoting human dignity and respect for life, youth ministry, and vocations.

Our target for this year is \$27,20.00 Your pledge cards were mailed last week, please return them as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Weekly Contributions from May 18th 215 envelopes-\$3,028

Contributions may be mailed to the parish office or placed in our locked mailbox in front of church.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their contribution envelopes. Your generous and reliable support during this difficult time is a blessing in helping us to meet our financial obligations.

## Observances for the week of May 24

Monday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Memorial Day, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin;

Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

## MANIFESTO OF FAITH



This film brings to life and visualizes, word-for-word, the Manifesto of Faith, a document written by Gerhard Cardinal Müller, former Prefect of

the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (2012-2017). Produced by Arcadia Films, Manifesto of Faith attempts to make the Cardinal's words more accessible and meaningful to Catholics and non-Catholics alike by visualizing and clarifying the core of the faith through the beauty of its message.

For the first time, Manifesto of Faith is being presented by FORMED in seven short chapters for more in-depth religious education and small group discussion. Chapters include:

- Introduction
- The One and Triune God Revealed in Jesus Christ
- The Church
- Sacramental Order
- Moral Law
- Eternal Life
- The Call

This movie is not rated but was created for a general audience. It contains some disturbing images of sin and evil of our times but nothing graphic or gratuitous. We recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

**FORMED** is a Catholic Website with movies, books, inspirational thoughts and more for all ages.

**Search FORMED.org.** Click "sign up". Click "I belong to a parish or organization". Type in "St. Catherine of Genoa". Click on blue highlighted box. Enter your email address. Click "sign up". Enjoy!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dolores Ann "Dolly" Bruder who passed away on May 12, 2020.



For the healing of Lisa Pope, Beau Norris and Lou Schmidt.

Pray also for the intentions of those on our parish prayer chain, and for everyone affected by the coronavirus.



## Prayer to Mary During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen





**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO**

Jesús ora por el nuevo Pueblo Santo; es la belleza de este Séptimo Domingo de Pascua. Ha llegado la hora de ser glorificados tanto el Padre como el Hijo. Pero antes el reza por nosotros: “Padre Santo, guárdalos en ese Nombre tuyo que a mí me diste, para que sean uno como nosotros.” (Juan 17:11). Si cada uno se diera a la tarea de reflexionar en lo más profundo del corazón sobre esta oración de Jesús, se daría cuenta del amor tan profundo de Dios Padre hacia su Hijo y viceversa, “Pues todo lo mío es tuyo y todo lo tuyo es mío.” (Juan 17:10), y de cuanto somos amados por Dios. ¿Nosotros somos completamente de Dios? Sí, completamente; para eso se necesita una comprensión profunda fundada en un proceso de vida de oración e intimidad con Jesucristo.

San Francisco de Asís lo reflexiono así en su “Carta a los fieles”: “¡Oh, cuán glorioso y santo y grande, tener en los cielos un Padre! ¡Oh, cuán santo, tener un esposo consolador, bello y admirable! ¡Oh, cuán santo y cuán caro tener tal hermano y tal hijo, placentero, humilde, pacífico, dulce, amable y sobre todas las cosas deseable! el que dio su vida por sus ovejas (Juan 10: 15) y oró al Padre por nosotros diciendo: Padre santo, guárdalos en tu nombre, a los que me has dado (Juan 17:11). Padre, todos los que me diste en el mundo, eran tuyos y me los diste (Juan 17: 16).”

¡Cuántos bienes hemos recibido! Los santos experimentaron en su vida terrena el mensaje de esta oración por el Pueblo Santo de Dios. ¿Usted ha experimentado en algún momento de su vida lo que San Francisco de Asís dice en su carta? Deseo, que, la celebración de la Eucaristía nos ayude a comprender mejor el sentido de la oración.

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**Las lecturas de la semana** del 24 de mayo de 2020

Domingo: Ascensión: Hch 1, 1-11/Sal 47, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 [6]/Ef 1, 17-23/Mt 28, 16-20 7º Domingo de Pascua: Hch 1, 12-14/Sal 27, 1. 4. 7-8 [13]/1 Pe 4, 13-16/Jn 17, 1-11

Lunes: Hch 19, 1-8/Sal 68, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 [33]/Jn 16, 29-33

Martes: Hch 20, 17-27/Sal 68, 10-11. 20-21 [33]/Jn 17, 1-11

Miércoles: Hch 20, 28-38/Sal 68, 29-30. 33-35. 35-36 [33]/Jn 17, 11-19

Jueves: Hch 22, 30; 23, 6-11/Sal 16, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11 [1]/Jn 17, 20-26

Viernes: Hch 25, 13-21/Sal 103, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20 [19]/Jn 21, 15-19

Sábado: Mañana: Hch 28, 16-20. 30-31/Sal 11, 4. 5 y 7 [cfr. 7]/Jn 21, 20-25

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