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MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses have been suspended until further notice.

CONFESSIONS

Upon request only.

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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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Back in His Presence— The Diocese of Rockford's Plan for Return to Public Mass and Worship **rockforddiocese.org**

We are pleased to announce that we have received permission from the bishop to reopen this weekend on a limited basis. Thank you to the team of volunteers who helped fulfill the requirements for us to do so. It's recommended that you watch this short video on the diocesan website to know what to expect upon returning to Mass:

<https://youtu.be/6vOu--YzPrE>

For the time being, we are allowed a maximum of ten parishioners to attend each Mass. Those ten spaces will be filled by reservation on a first come first served basis. If you wish to attend Mass please call and leave a message with the parish office. You also have the option of registering online at signup.com. A link can be found on our website very soon.

More volunteer ushers and greeters will be appreciated as we resume our regular Mass times on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (7:00 p.m. in Spanish), Sunday 8 & 10 a.m. and weekdays at 8:30 a.m. If you are able to help please contact Kelly Frederick at 815-762-3484 or kellyfrederick23@yahoo.com.

We are following directives of the governor of Illinois and Bishop David J. Malloy. The guidelines state that volunteers and everyone in attendance is required to wear face a mask and follow the marked safety instructions inside the church. It is also recommended that you not attend if you are over the age of 65 or have a pre-existing medical condition. Also, if you or any members in your household are feeling ill, running a fever or have been in contact with someone who was positively diagnosed with COVID-19, please do not attend public Mass or any other gathering at the Church, until you have quarantined for the time designated by your physician, the Illinois Department of Public Health and / or the Center for Disease Control.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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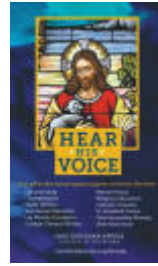
2020 DIOCESAN APPEAL

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 \$27,200.

Please return your pledge card as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31ST

Sunday: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/
Mk 12:38-44

OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop

LUKAS STORYTELLER

5 Episodes

While in one of his adventures in the Sea of Galilee, Lukas met Jesus and was so impressed and gratified that now together with his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah's Ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of all times of Jesus and all the Saints that Lukas met through the ages... Discover how these stories full of music and fun changed the lives of the youngest of the reef: Ana, Paul, Agnes and Peter.



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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!

Contributions for the Week of May 24

22 envelopes- \$3,611

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



Online Giving Coming Soon

Look for a postcard to arrive in the mail. The postcard will give instructions on how to give through our website, st.catherinegenoa.org, with the option to choose a donation amount, payment type and frequency. Thank you for your consideration.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the healing of Beau Norris and Lou Schmidt. 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



Contribuciones para la semana del 24 de mayo

22 sobres- \$ 3,611

Las contribuciones pueden enviarse por correo a la oficina parroquial o colocarse en nuestro buzón cerrado frente a la iglesia.

Donaciones en línea próximamente

Busque una postal para llegar por correo. La postal le dará instrucciones sobre cómo donar a través de nuestro sitio web, st.catherinegenoa.org, con la opción de elegir un monto de donación, tipo de pago y frecuencia.

Gracias a todos los que han enviado sus sobres de contribución. Su apoyo generoso y confiable nos está ayudando a cumplir con nuestras obligaciones financieras.

Llamada Diocesana 2020

Nuestro objetivo para este año es \$ 27,200.

Por favor devuelva su tarjeta de compromiso tan pronto como sea posible. Gracias por continuar generosidad.



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

“Todos quedaron muy desconcertados porque cada uno los oía hablar en su propia lengua.” (Hechos 2:6). Pentecostés es un estallido del poder de Dios que toca el fondo del corazón de cada persona que está presente. Eso es lo que experimentaron los discípulos aquel día y es lo que la Iglesia experimenta ahora en cada persona que se deja guiar por el Espíritu. Jesús ha sido el portador del Espíritu Santo. La comunidad cristiana nace en este momento y tiene como modelo a Jesús.

El Espíritu Santo tiene el papel central de nuestra vida cristiana. Sin él, nada podemos hacer; la vida de fe sería solo vana ilusión. El Espíritu todo lo unifica; con él se terminan los desacuerdos todo se entiende, se habla el mismo idioma. Hoy celebramos la victoria Pascual de Jesucristo y esto llena de gozo la liturgia. ¡Ven Espíritu Santo y danos tus siete dones! Para llenarnos del fuego de tu amor en la familia, comunidad y en la sociedad en general. Para sanar nuestros corazones heridos de tanta violencia e injusticia. Para fortalecernos en nuestras debilidades. Para que seamos misioneros entregados al fuego de tu amor. La Pascua termina con esta celebración, pero el fuego en el corazón nunca debe de irse. “La historia de los discípulos, que parecía haber llegado a su final, es en definitiva renovada por la juventud del Espíritu: aquellos jóvenes que, poseídos por la incertidumbre pensaban que habían llegado al final, fueron transformados por una alegría que los hizo renacer. El Espíritu Santo hizo esto.” (Papa Francisco Homilía de Pentecostés). ¿Qué don en especial pides al Espíritu Santo en este día?



31 de Mayo de 2020

Nos complace anunciar que hemos recibido permiso del obispo para reabrir este fin de semana de forma limitada. Gracias al equipo de voluntarios que ayudaron a cumplir con los requisitos para que lo hagamos. Se recomienda que vea este breve video en el sitio web diocesano para saber qué esperar al regresar a Misa:

<https://youtu.be/6vOu--YzPrE>

Por el momento, se nos permite un máximo de diez feligreses para asistir a cada Misa. Esos diez espacios se llenarán mediante reserva por orden de llegada. Si desea asistir a misa, llame y deje un mensaje en la oficina de la parroquia. También tiene la opción de registrarse en línea en signup.com. Un enlace se puede encontrar en nuestro sitio web muy pronto.

Se agradecerá a más ujieres voluntarios y saludos a medida que reanudemos nuestros horarios regulares de misa el sábado a las 5:00 p.m. (7:00 p.m. en español), domingo 8 y 10 a.m. y días laborables a las 8:30 a.m. Si puede ayudar, comuníquese con Kelly Frederick al 815-762-3484 o kellyfrederick23@yahoo.com.

Estamos siguiendo las directrices del gobernador de Illinois y el obispo David J. Malloy.

Las pautas establecen que los voluntarios y todos los asistentes deben usar una máscara facial y seguir las instrucciones de seguridad marcadas dentro de la iglesia. También se recomienda que no asista si es mayor de 65 años o tiene una afección médica preexistente. Además, si usted o algún miembro de su hogar se siente enfermo, tiene fiebre o ha estado en contacto con alguien que fue diagnosticado positivamente con COVID-19, no asista a misa pública ni a ninguna otra reunión en la Iglesia, hasta que haya en cuarentena por el tiempo designado por su médico, el Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois y / o el Centro para el Control de Enfermedades.

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