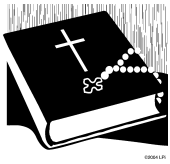


Catholicism 101—Lenten Series

St. Catherine of Genoa Parish is presenting an educational series on Thursday evenings during Lent. The evening will begin with 5:30 Mass and will be followed by a soup dinner and a different topic each week. The series will begin on Thursday, February 18 and run every Thursday through Thursday, March 25. All are welcome to attend any of the dates in the series. Childcare is available upon request; please call Alaisa Emmens at (815) 784-2355 if interested. If you have any questions about the event, please call St. Catherine of Genoa Parish at (815) 784-2355.



Welcoming at New Levels Fundraising Campaign

Pledge Goal	\$200,000	Pledge Dollars to Date	\$175,226
Pledges to Date	153	Pledges Paid to Date	\$141,647

Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Family Night

On Tuesday, February 16, St. Catherine of Genoa Parish will host an ecumenical Mardi Gras Family Night. The evening will begin with a brief prayer service in the sanctuary at 6:30 P.M. Afterwards, there will be a dessert bar, snacks, drinks, games to play, good conversations, a movie, and child care. Come for a few minutes or stay for the entire evening. All are welcome. Call (815)784-2355 for more information.



Communion to Homebound

Father Seigel will bring Communion to the homebound this Friday, February 5. If someone in your family would like to receive communion, please call the office.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will be hosting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here at St. Catherine of Genoa Parish on Friday, February 5, from 9am to 12 noon in the sanctuary of the church.



Chastity and Safe Environment Parent Meeting

All parents are invited to an informational meeting on the Diocesan “Formation in Christian Chastity and Safe Environment” program on Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be a game room and child care provided for this meeting. We will be distributing pertinent information and answering any questions that you may have regarding the program and the lesson plans that will be implemented in our classrooms for 1st Grade through 8th Grade this spring. Please mark your calendars and try to attend this very important parent meeting. Should you have any questions, please contact Alaisa Emmens.

“Little Soles” Exhibit

The “Little Soles” exhibit is coming to St. Catherine of Genoa Parish from February 6 through February 14. This thought provoking and powerful display illustrates the horrific fact that there are over 4,000 surgical abortions performed every day in America. We are collecting baby shoes sizes 0-3 to assist this ministry as they travel to different locations in an attempt to educate and bring about changes of the heart, by spreading the message of the dignity and sanctity of every human life and the hope and forgiveness we can receive through Jesus Christ. If you would like to donate baby shoes, please bring them by Sunday, February 14 to the donation box in the back lobby.



Altar Server Training

All children interested in being an altar server should attend this training and learn to serve during Mass. Training will be held on Sunday, February 7 at 11:30am in the church. Pizza will be served. All children in 4th grade or older are strongly encouraged to attend. All current altar servers must also attend. There is a permission slip that must be completed to attend the training and to be an altar server. Please call Jill in the parish office at 815-784-2355 if you have questions or need the permission slip.



“Hollywood vs. Faith”



Several of our youth and their moms attended Frank Runyeon’s talk on “Hollywood vs. Faith, the struggle to live faithfully in the media age” at St. Mary’s in Sycamore last Saturday. It was a phenomenal and inspirational message that every parent should hear. If you would like to view the DVD of this performance, please see Alaisa Emmens.

Parish Hospitality Meeting

Join us Thursday, February 7 at 7:00pm to plan the upcoming food service for social events in our parish. We will be looking for individuals to help coordinate these events.

New Member of God’s Family

We welcome a newly baptized member of God’s family to St. Catherine of Genoa Parish. Reese Nicole Violet, daughter of Jacob Violet and Jessica Seyller, was baptized Sunday, January 24.



Souper Bowl Sunday

Please support the Genoa-Kingston Food Pantry by bringing in a canned item on SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, February 7th. There will be collection boxes in the lobby so that you can support your favorite team. Whether you are rooting for the Colts or the Saints, those who are in need will win our SOUPER Bowl. Thank you for your support.

