



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 5, 2026



Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Father Max



Dear St. Catherine Of Genoa Parish Family/Friends,

Greetings from Father Max! And it looks like the real Indian Summer is here this week! I assure you that I didn't bring it with me from the land of my birth!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me warmly at the last weekend masses and for introducing yourself to me at the welcome reception. I was also able to join Fr. Jhon Capera at the Spanish Mass and the reception thereafter. I am grateful

to our Staff and Volunteers for all the work they do behind the scenes.

This weekend we mark the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America on the 4th of July! What a privilege and honor that we are all being a part of this auspicious event in our history!

It was on July 4th 1776 in the Second Continental Congress that we adopted the Declaration of Independence to declare to the world that we were separating from our mother country, England. It is likely that both Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and James Madison, the architect of the Constitution, were familiar with the writings of the Jesuit Saint, Cardinal Robert Bellarmine who argued that all power, including political power, came from God and was given to the people who entrusted this power to their elected leaders. That is why God is mentioned four times in the Declaration. In fact, the Founding Fathers of America believed in a Creator and in a natural law. John Adams, our second President and President of the Second Continental Congress once said "You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments: rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the universe." In the Declaration, Jefferson wrote "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (people) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

And that brings us to the point that Jesus's words in today's Gospel are nothing but an invitation to find the true peace and rest in him alone in the Kingdom of God that he came to establish! American President Dwight David Eisenhower knew about that inner rest derived from submitting one's daily life to God. Eisenhower would simply pray, "Lord, with your grace I've done the best I can. You take over until morning." And he understood very well Jesus' advice in today's Gospel: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

And finally, as we rejoice in the 250 years of blessings of the birth of our Country may we all be reminded the powerful and inspirational words of Abraham Lincoln's at his second inaugural speech on March 4, 1865: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan-to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations".

May our duty to God and to our Country bring us peace, prosperity and liberty to all. Happy 4th of July! And God Bless America!

Peace, Joy and Blessings,

Father Max Lasrado

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend July 4 & 5

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Jean Conro

7:00 p.m. †Adolfo Roman

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Catherine of Genoa

10:00 a.m. †Virginia Brummel (Leon Brummel)

Monday, July 6

8:30 a.m. †Howard Payne

Tuesday, July 7

8:30 a.m. †William Pavek (Michelle Iaccino)

Wednesday, July 8

8:30 a.m. †Jean Wells (Nancy Burmeister)

Thursday, July 9

8:30 a.m. †Rose Olson

Friday, July 10

8:30 a.m. For Casimera Contreras

Next Weekend July 11 & 12

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Duane Richardson (Dorothy Crackel)

7:00 p.m. †Francisco Beltran

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Catherine of Genoa

10:00 a.m. †Herb Manecke (Manecke Family)

Prayer Intentions

Parishioner Intentions:

Jerry Grenier, Frank Engel, Carol Engel,
Beau Norris, Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady,
Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz,
Dawn Varacalli, Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec,
Jessica Garrett, Wayne Campbell, Joaquin Alanis,
Mike Riedy, Eileen Bosshart, Elaine Dietrich

Newly Baptized

on June 28, 2026

Wyatt Hensley, Mavis Hensley,
Jensen Hensley, Isla Hensley
Children of
Nicholas and Hannah Hensley

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for July:

For the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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.



Sunday, July 5

7:30 am & 9:30 am - Rosary | Church

Monday, July 6

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

9:00 am - Stitching Together | K of C Room

8:00 am & 7:00 pm | Confessions

Wednesday, July 8

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary | K of C Room

Thursday, July 9

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, July 10

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, July 11

9:00 am - Confessions

4:30pm - Rosary | Church

Sunday, July 12

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church



Installation of Father Max as Pastor

Bishop Malloy will install of Fr. Max as pastor of St. Catherine of Genoa Church at Mass on Wednesday, July 15th at 5:30 p.m.

There will a reception afterwards in Divine Mercy Hall. There will also be a need for lectors, greeters and altar servers.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Mass

August 16th Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage. Register with the Diocese of Rockford's Life office by August 3rd: (815) 399-4300 extension 377 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2026

Goal: \$31,030

Total Pledged: \$14,144

Total Paid: \$10,180

Needed to meet goal: \$20,850

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.



Stewardship/Contribution Report

535 registered families

Weekend Collection June 27 & 28

Envelopes: \$3,912

Loose offerings: \$1,238

Building: \$85

Fuel: \$0

Given Online: \$565

Total: \$5,800



Online Giving

Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

Sacraments



Anointing of the Sick

Directly from the text of the 2026 Ritual we read: *In the letter of James it is stated that "the anointing is to be administered to the sick in order to raise them up and save them."*

The Church guides us to administer the Anointing of the Sick in different circumstances of serious illness due to sickness, mental illness or age.

In what circumstance is it fitting to be anointed with this sacrament of healing?

- 1) when a person becomes seriously ill
- 2) when a serious illness persists
- 3) when a persisting illness gets worse
- 4) before a surgical procedure for a serious illness
- 5) old age: when a person ages to the point of being weakened in strength even if they bear no serious or terminal illness
- 6) when a child is seriously ill and they understand the benefit of receiving an anointing
- 7) when death is immanent

This celebration of the sacrament seeks physical recovery and spiritual strength during the healing journey. God's grace at this time is a comfort.

In the danger of death and by the discretion of the

priest the Apostolic Pardon may be given which grants a plenary indulgence to the sick person.

When you are sick be sure to ask your medical staff or family for a Catholic Priest to administer this Sacrament, a non-Catholic chaplain, while compassionate, cannot provide this for you.

Many times the Catholic patient does not want to "bother Father." We are ordained and celibate that we may be free to be on call for your sacramental health. Please call us!

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. (14/15, *Order of Anointing*)

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.

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.

Liturgical Roles - July 11 - 12

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers		Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	G. Bayer	3 open		J. Jastrowski	J. Jastrowski	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick R. Romano
<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 Semana 4	P. Osorio	M. Soriano		L. Ortega G. Beltran	A. Martinez	R. Orozco C. Contreras	A. Garcia
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers		Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	3 open		N. Burmeister	N. Burmeister	H. Davis K. Sunderlage	K. Gallagher
5 10:00 AM	B. Gehringer	3 open		T. Tucker	N. Terando	E. Manecke K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel



Meditación sobre el Evangelio

XIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Mateo 10:37-42

En cualquier cultura, la familia es muy importante. En tiempos de Jesús, la familia lo era todo. Por esa razón, Él hace una comparación tan profunda: al seguirlo y ser discípulo suyo, se deja lo más querido, que es la familia. Jesús debe ser el centro de todo. “El que ama a su padre o a su madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí; y el que ama a su hijo o a su hija más que a mí, no es digno de mí. Y el que no carga con su cruz y viene detrás de mí, no es digno de mí.” (Mateo 10:38).

Dios es muy generoso; nadie le gana en eso. Por eso, la recompensa a su seguimiento es inmensa: somos hijos e hijas adoptivos del mismo Padre que nos ama. ¿Qué tanto estoy dispuesto a seguir a Jesús de ese modo tan radical? Si tengo un llamado especial al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa, ¿estoy dispuesto a seguirlo? La respuesta es personal; cada vocación es importante y todo implica sacrificio. Pero, a la vez, todo será recompensado con el ciento por uno. La generosidad de Dios no tiene medida. Señor, abre nuestro corazón a tu Palabra; invítanos a participar de tu amistad, para que vayamos a proclamar tu Reino de justicia y de paz, que tanta falta nos hace en la sociedad actual. Deseamos colaborar contigo, aunque sea desde nuestro hogar, siendo los mejores padres y madres de familia. Y desde mi cama de enfermo terminal, desde ahí, Señor, te digo con fe: Aquí estoy, cuenta conmigo.

Domingo, 5 de julio

7:30 a. m. y 9:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Lunes, 6 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Legión de María | Sala OLG

6:00 p. m. – Estudio bíblico | Sala OLG

Martes, 7 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

9:00 a. m. – Consiendo Juntos | Sala K of C

8:00 a. m. y 7:00 p. m. | Confesiones

Miércoles, 8 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

6:00 p. m. – Legión de María | Sala K of C

Jueves, 9 de julio

8:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Viernes, 10 de junio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Sábado, 11 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Confesiones

4:30 p. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Domingo, 12 de julio

7:30 a. m. y 9:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Anuncios

MISA DE ANIVERSARIOS DE BODA DE PLATA Y

ORO: Las parejas que en 2026 celebran aniversarios de boda de 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 o más años, están invitadas a una misa especial que el obispo David J. Malloy presidirá en honor a ellos, en la parroquia Santa María en Huntley, Illinois; el domingo 16 de agosto a las 2:30 p.m. Después de la misa habrá una recepción con pastel. ¿Estás celebrando este hito especial? La Oficina de la Vida, la Evangelización y la Familia de la Diócesis de Rockford te invita a inscribirte por teléfono en el (815) 399-4300 ext. 377 o en línea www.rockforddiocese.org/aniversario. Pre regístrate antes del 3 de agosto. Habrá certificados conmemorativos disponibles para quienes se preinscriban para este evento.

El obispo Malloy instalará al padre Max como

párroco de la iglesia de Santa Catalina de Génova durante la misa del miércoles 15 de julio a las 5:30 p. m.

A continuación, habrá una recepción en el salón Divina Misericordia.

También se necesitarán lectores, personas para dar la bienvenida y monaguillos.

Directory



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