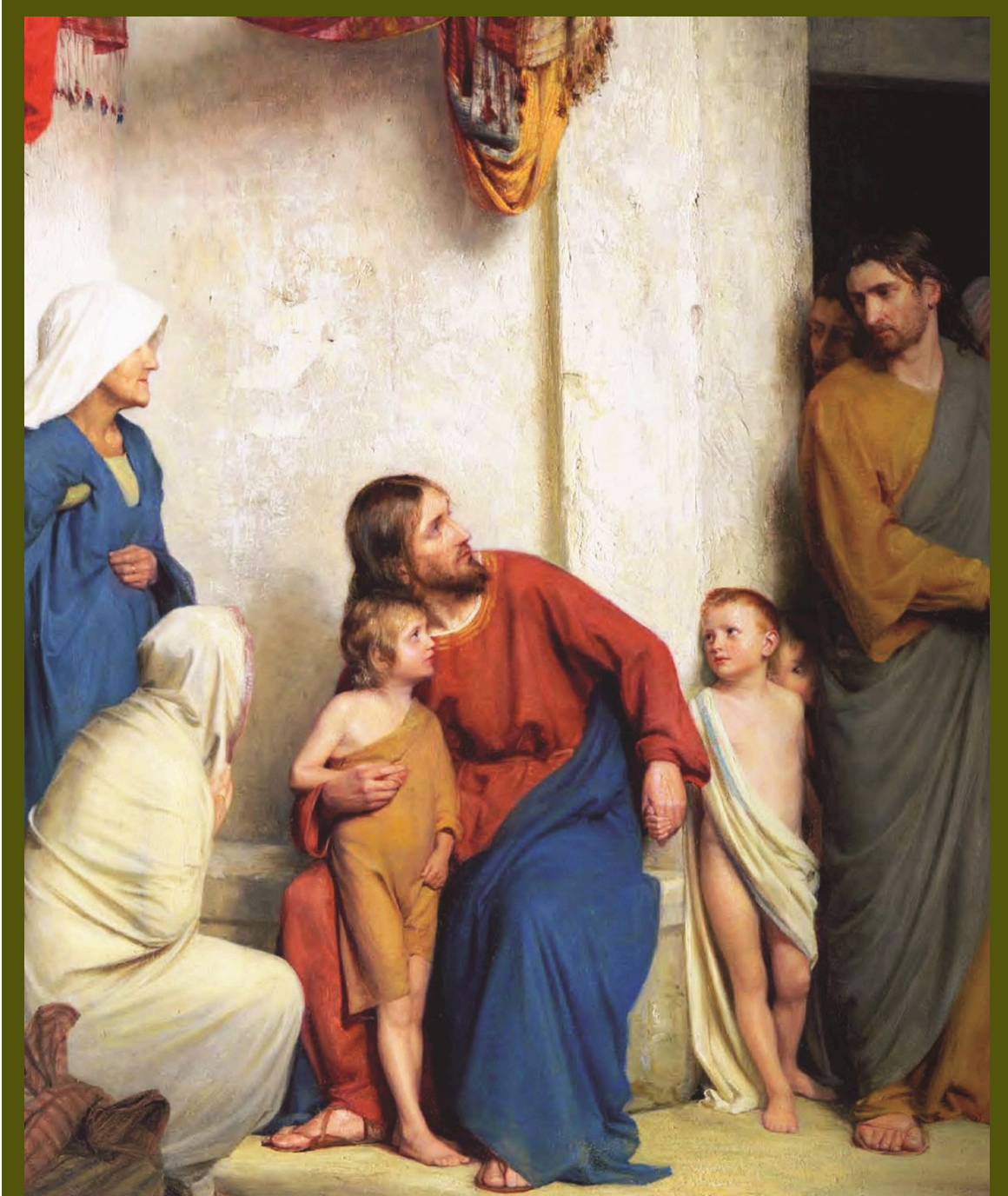




St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 28, 2026



Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Father Max



Dear St. Catherine of Genoa Parish Family/Friends,

A first 'Hello' to everyone! And peace and joy of Christ! As you already know, Bishop David J. Malloy has assigned me to your parish effective Monday, June 22, 2026. My name is Father Max Lasrado (and I prefer to be addressed as Fr. Max) and was ordained to the priesthood on April 29, 1992. I am glad to be here to serve the Lord and Your parish community as your new Priest (Pastor). I was born, raised, educated and ordained in Mangalore, in the state of Karnataka, a coastal city by the Arabian Sea in the South of India. You will hear more about myself as to how I landed from a Beach city to the Windy city as I will be introducing myself at the June 27th & 28th weekend masses.

For the past 12 years, it was my joy and honor leading Blessed Sacrament Parish in North Aurora, IL. And now as I begin a new chapter in my life, I am eagerly looking forward to meeting you all and get to know you and your family what I joyfully address as – “My Home away from Home”.

Every beginning in all walks of life comes with challenges but as St. Paul puts it so powerfully: “Hope does not disappoint us because the love of God has been poured into our hearts” (Romans 5:5). But we must not forget that it is Christ who strengthens and equips us to proclaim and live the good news of the Gospel with hearts full of hope. As I begin my ministry here at St. Catherine with God’s help and your support, I am reminded of a few meaningful and encouraging lines from Poet Robert Browning’s words found in his poem, “Rabbi Ben Ezra”:

“Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, The last of life for which the first was made. Our times are in His hand, who saith, “A whole I planned; Youth shows but half. Trust God, see all, nor be afraid.”

As Jesus’ followers, He calls us all to trust in his plans and promises so that we can offer our best for his church, society and to our Country. In my 34 years as a priest, I have come across all sorts of people who have inspired me and helped me to build communities based on mutual understanding, generosity, dedication and kindness while living out the robust message of the Gospel that all people are children of God and we are nothing but instruments of God’s grace to one another. As the saying goes: “We are always walking each other home.” which of course, refers to our eternal home- Heaven.

One of the greatest inspirations in life comes to me from the life of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, whom I had the privilege of meeting her in person in my hometown in India in 1994, whose simple motto was: “Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.” That’s all we need in order to build up the kingdom of God which is the saving, loving presence of God among us and specially in our families including our children and Youth. You and I can make that miracle happen!

I like to take this occasion to thank Fr. Jeremy Trowbridge, your former Pastor, whom I have known for the past 17 years, for welcoming me warmly and helping me in the smooth transition of my assignment and I wish him well as he himself begins a new chapter in his life in pursuing Religious Life. We will all be praying for you, Fr. Trowbridge. I also want to acknowledge Deacons Bill and Brian and the Parish Staff for coming together and briefing me on their duties and responsibilities and extending me a warm welcome as well. Fr. Trowbridge was also gracious enough to introduce me to a team of parishioners called “Stitching together”, who happen to be there when I visited the parish Staff. I am looking forward to working with you and all the parish organizations and ministry leaders and continue the good work that Fr. Trowbridge has done for the past three years. And not to forget, I am also looking forward to meeting with Fr. Jhon Capera, the Hispanic Ministry Coordinator and the Hispanic community of St. Catherine of Genoa parish.

This weekend’s Scripture readings remind us that God is never outdone in generosity. Every Eucharist we partake is a powerful sign of our unity that we are one Bread, one Body, one Lord of all.

And finally, here is some food for thought that I came across in one of my readings that will help us to be what God wants us to be: Every gentle smile can brighten a heavy heart. Every thoughtful word can calm a restless soul. Every small kindness can create a lasting ripple. Every step forward builds unseen strength within you. And every new day gives you a chance to make life more meaningful.

Let us continue to celebrate God’s generosity and graciousness and strive to make a difference in our own unique ways. May our Time, Treasure and Talents, propel us to do our best for St. Catherine of Genoa community and to the World.

St. Catherine of Genoa, pray for us!

Thank you and God bless you and your family in every good way!

Peace, Joy and Blessings,
Father Max

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend June 27 & 28

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Jackie & Ken Koeppen (family)

7:00 p.m. †Conrado y Maria Marquez
(Marquez Family)

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

10:00 a.m. †Gerald Kuhn (family)

Monday, June 29

8:30 a.m. †Richard Bayer (Gerry Bayer)

Tuesday, June 30

8:30 a.m. †Lillian Pavek (Michelle Pavek)

Wednesday, July 1

8:30 a.m. †Rose Olson

Thursday, July 2

8:30 a.m. †Tessa Hughes (Jim & Susan Hughes)

Friday, July 3

8:30 a.m. For Larry Payne

Next 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)

Prayer Intentions

Pray for the Repose of the soul of

†Jean Wells

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon her.

May all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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

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

No July 3rd First Friday Adoration

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.

Calendar



Announcements

Sunday, June 28

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

Monday, June 29

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

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

8:00 am & 7:00 pm | Confessions

Wednesday, July 1

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

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

Thursday, July 2

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, July 3

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, July 4 *Fourth of July*

Parish office closed

9:00 am - Confessions

4:30pm - Rosary | Church

Sunday, July 5

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

Welcome Receptions for Father Max

Join us this weekend for an opportunity to greet Father Max.

Saturday, June 27th

6:00 p.m. Outdoors, main church entrance.

8:00 p.m. in Divine Mercy Hall.

Sunday, June 28th

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. | Divine Mercy Hall.

July 3rd First Friday Adoration has been cancelled.

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MASS: Are you and your spouse celebrating a special milestone anniversary in 2026? Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2026 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL, on Sunday, August 16, at 2:30 p.m., celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A reception with celebration cake will immediately follow. The Diocese of Rockford's Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone (815) 399-4300 extension 377 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 3. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

Parish Financials

Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the "GIVE" button on the homepage of our parish website. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

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.



Weekend Collection June 20 & 21

Envelopes: \$4,720

Building: \$150

Given Online: \$875



Diocesan Appeal 2026

Goal: \$31,030

Total Pledged: \$13,664

Total Paid: \$9,580

Needed to meet goal: \$21,450

Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

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 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 - July 4-5

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	L. Dunlap	L. Dunlap	R. Romano G. Bayer	C. Dumoulin G. Bayer 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	Pascual. A Osorio	M. Osorio	M. Mercado	J. Rodriguez	T. Salinas M. Figueros	Pascual A. Osorio
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	3 open	T. Barrett	T. Barrett	J. Stromaier C. Ogden	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	B. Gehringer	3 open	A. Hughes	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, 28 de junio

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

Lunes, 29 de junio

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

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

Martes, 30 de junio

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, 1 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

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

Jueves, 2 de julio

8:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Viernes, 3 de junio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Sábado, 4 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Confesiones

4:30 p. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Domingo, 5 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.

Recepciones de bienvenida para el Padre Max

Acompáñenos este fin de semana para saludar al Padre Max.

Sábado 27 de junio

6:00 p. m. Al aire libre, en la entrada principal de la iglesia.

8:00 p. m. en el Salón de la Divina Misericordia.

Domingo 28 de junio

9:00 a. m. y 11:00 a. m. | Salón de la Divina Misericordia.

La adoración del primer viernes,
3 de julio, ha sido cancelada.

Directory



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rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion



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297 E. Jefferson Ave, Hampshire, IL 60140

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