



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

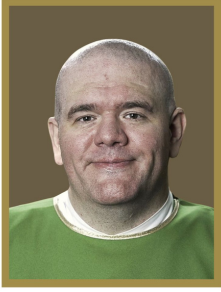
July 12, 2026



Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Deacon Brian Mullins



The heat has arrived. And if we are honest, we are a people who can always find something to complain about. In the winter, we grumble about the cold and long for summer. Then July comes, the sun bears down upon us, and suddenly we begin dreaming of frost on the windows and a cool north wind. The truth is that both extremes can be dangerous. Too much cold. Too much heat. Yet between them lies a thousand quiet moments of grace that we scarcely notice.

The other day, I found myself sitting in the basement with a fan blowing softly and a popsicle in my hand. Nothing extraordinary was happening. No great accomplishment. No profound revelation. Just a cool breeze, a sweet treat, and a few moments of peace. And I realized something: how content we can be if we simply allow the present moment to live with us.

So much of our suffering comes from living somewhere other than where God has placed us. We carry yesterday's regrets or borrow tomorrow's worries. We concern ourselves with things beyond our control while overlooking the gifts already resting in our hands. Our Lord tells us, "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." He is not calling us to carelessness, but to trust. Yesterday belongs to His mercy. Tomorrow belongs to His providence. But today—this very moment—belongs to His presence.

The Jesuit priest Jean-Pierre de Caussade, whose spiritual writings gave us the phrase The Sacrament of the Present Moment, wrote, "The present moment is always filled with infinite treasures; it contains more than you are capable of receiving." What a beautiful truth. The coolness of a summer breeze, the sweetness of fresh watermelon, the laughter of children, the quiet companionship of family—these are not insignificant things. Received with gratitude, they become reminders that every good and perfect gift comes from the Father's hand.

The saints understood something we often forget: holiness is usually found in ordinary things. The Kingdom of God arrives quietly, hidden within the humble moments of daily life. Sometimes sanctity looks less like extraordinary visions and more like saying, "Thank You, Lord," while sitting beside a box fan on a hot July afternoon.

Yet even these earthly joys point beyond themselves. The sweetness of a popsicle lasts only a few minutes. The cool breeze eventually fades. Summer itself gives way to autumn. Every created joy is beautiful, but each one is only an echo of something greater.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives because it is Christ Himself, truly present among us. Every earthly comfort, every fleeting happiness, every moment of peace finds its fulfillment in Him. The sweetness we encounter in creation is but a reflection of the sweetness of communion with the Lord. There, Heaven kisses earth. The One through whom all things were made gives Himself to us as food for the journey. The Creator enters His creation and nourishes us with His own life. What greater cause for gratitude could there be?

And when the heat of the world bears down upon our souls—when anxieties multiply and our hearts grow weary—the Lord remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is the cool breeze the soul longs for. How many times have we entered the church burdened and distracted, only to leave with a peace that cannot quite be explained? In His presence, our striving grows quiet. The noise of the world fades. We learn once more that we do not carry tomorrow alone.

Perhaps this summer, amid the heat and humidity, we might pause a little more often. Enjoy a glass of iced tea. Sit on the porch. Give thanks for the ordinary blessings that pass so quickly. And above all, let us spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist, for He alone is the sweetness that never fades and the living breath that refreshes every weary soul.

Mass & Devotions



This 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)

Monday, July 13

8:30 a.m. †Lotus Kubs

Tuesday, July 14 *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

8:30 a.m. †Gene Lane

Wednesday, July 15 *St. Bonaventure*

8:30 a.m. †Omer Degenhardt

Thursday, July 16 *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

8:30 a.m. Michael Burmeister

Friday, July 17

8:30 a.m. †Margarita Cervantes Velo

Next Weekend July 18 & 19

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Jim Mammoser (Leona Mammoser)

7:00 p.m. †Jesus Camarena (Camarena Family)

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

10:00 a.m. †David & Ernestine Viens (Viens 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,
Bill Holdridge

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 12

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

Monday, July 13

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Armada Blanca | Church

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

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

8:00 am & 7:00 pm | Confessions

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

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

5:30 pm - Installation of Fr. Max | Church & DMH

Thursday, July 16

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, July 17

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am - Confessions

4:30pm - Rosary | Church

Sunday, July 19

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

Installation of Father Max as Pastor

Bishop Malloy will install Fr. Max as pastor of St. Catherine of Genoa Church at Mass this Wednesday, July 15th at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and stay for a reception in Divine Mercy Hall.

Pictorial Directories

Every family who was photographed in our directory can pick up their copy after each Mass or in the parish office. Additional copies will be available to all parishioners at a later date.

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 July 4 & 5

Envelopes: \$3,366

Loose offerings: \$1,900

Building: \$594

Given Online: \$790

Total: \$6,650



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 18 - 19

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers		Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	G. Bayer	3 open		L. Dunlap	L. Dunlap	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick G. Bayer
<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	F. Garcia			R. Garcia E. Rodriguez	N. Aquilera	I. Rivas L. Rivas	A. Martinez
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers		Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	D. Kuhn	3 open		W. Engles	W. Engles	S. Schrier M.J. Lane	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	B. Gehringer	3 open		H. Davekos	N. Terando	E. Manecke K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel C. Davekos



Meditación el Evangelio

Si hacemos memoria, quizá tengamos recuerdos de nuestra infancia, cuando nuestros padres nos decían: “Mira, hijo-hija, escucha y pon atención a lo que te voy a aconsejar”. O también nos decían: “Abre los ojos y fijate hacia dónde vas”. En fin, cada uno de nosotros puede hacer eco en la memoria y en el corazón de todos esos sabios consejos. Cada consejo fue dirigido a todos los miembros de la familia, y cada uno lo comprendió y acogió de manera diferente. Hoy, la Palabra de Dios, en la parábola del sembrador, describe la misión de Jesús y las distintas formas de acogida y apertura que encuentra en las personas.

Cada semana, en la Eucaristía dominical, nosotros somos parte de ese auditorio. ¿De qué forma escucho su Palabra? ¿Qué acogida le doy en mi corazón? ¿Doy fruto de lo que escucho? La respuesta la conoce cada uno, porque es personal; depende de la tierra que hay en mí y de cómo está cuidada. Para que la tierra sea fértil, debemos poner nuestro grano de arena. Por ejemplo: participar regularmente en los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y de la Eucaristía, acudir a algún retiro espiritual o a las catequesis ofrecidas en nuestra parroquia. Nuestro compromiso debe ser activo, tanto para acoger la Palabra como para llevarla a otros que no la conocen. Seamos, pues, buenos sembradores perseverantes, para que la semilla nazca sana y fuerte en nosotros y dé fruto. “El que tenga oídos, que escuche” (Mateo 13:9).

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Domingo, 12 de julio

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

Lunes, 13 de julio

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

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

6:00 p. m. – Armada Blanca | Iglesia

Martes, 14 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, 15 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

5:30 p. m. – Instalación del P. Max | Iglesia y DMH

Jueves, 16 de julio

8:30 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Viernes, 17 de junio

9:00 a. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Sábado, 18 de julio

9:00 a. m. – Confesiones

4:30 p. m. – Rosario | Iglesia

Domingo, 19 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



Parish Office

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