



## WELCOME TO SAINT MARY ORATORY

With the gracious permission of His Excellency, David Malloy, Bishop of Rockford, Holy Mass is offered according to the Traditional Roman Rite at Saint Mary Oratory by the *Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*. We are pleased to have you join us in this venerable act of worship and invite you to return often.

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*-St. Francis de Sales*

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### † PRO-LIFE NEWS †

MARY'S CRUSADE FOR LIFE, organized by the Marian Franciscans, is a global prayer crusade that began this year, and the faithful are encouraged to be a part of it. The mission is "to offer our Holy Communion to awaken the souls of all nations to recognize that the life of every human being is sacred from conception to natural death and to institute new just laws in each country to protect every child in the womb." People can add this intention to their normal intentions when they receive Jesus in Holy Communion. To sign up and see more information, go to [lifecrusade.org](http://lifecrusade.org).



Our prayer group **MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM** will meet **Saturday, Dec. 10**, after the 8am Mass in the church, to pray for the conversion of children, relatives or friends who have left the church or lost the faith, under the mantle of:

**"MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS"**.

Everyone is welcome to join us! If you would like more information, please call Sandra Dettori at (815)793-2661.

LET US KEEP IN MIND THAT IF WE MANAGE TO SAVE ONE SOUL, WE ALSO ENSURE THE SALVATION OF OUR OWN:

*"The Master of unity did not wish prayer to be offered individually and privately as one would pray only for himself...he wished one to pray for all, just as he himself bore all in one."*

*- St. Cyprian*

## Saint Mary Oratory

### ORATORY CLERGY

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Director of Sacred Music: **MR. DANIEL LYTER**

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Sat., Sun. & Holy Days: CLOSED

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am  
Monday: 12:05pm  
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00am  
Saturday: 8:00am

### CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:15am-11:45am  
Saturday: after 8:00am Mass & 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Sunday: 7:15am & 9:45am

### OTHER SACRAMENTS

PLEASE CONTACT CANON O'CONNOR

### DEVOTIONS

Fridays: Exposition, Adoration, & Benediction 7:45am - 8:45am

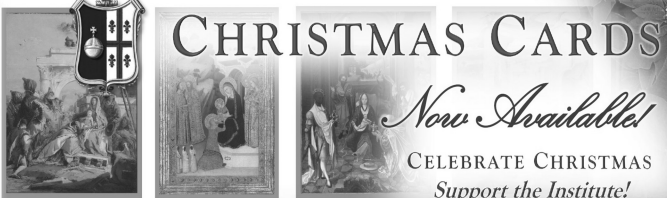
### GROTTO HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Sat., Sun., & Holy Days: CLOSED



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov. 29-Dec. 8....**Solemn Novena** in honor of the *Immaculate Conception*
- Mon. Dec. 5.....2023 Mass Intentions book opens
- Sat. Dec. 10.....**Maria Auxilium Christianorum** meeting after 8am Mass
- Sun. Dec. 11.....Feast of Guadalupe celebration at OLSHA after the 10:30am Mass
- Sat. Dec. 17.....*Blue Mantle Society/ Young Ladies Craft Day* at OLSHA
- Sat. Dec. 17.....Sursum Corda Outing to Chicago
- Dec. 18-Jan. 22...*Christmas Raffle- Drawing on Jan. 29 after the High Mass*



Each pack of Institute Christmas Cards includes 10 full-color greeting cards depicting Adoration of the Magi printed on high-quality card-stock along with 10 matching envelopes. They are available Sundays after both Masses for \$20 per pack.

*\*On Dec. 11, Institute Calendars will be available on Sundays after both Masses for \$3.00 suggested donation.\**

Please place your donations for the cards and calendars in the book donation box in the upper vestibule.



**Christmas Flower Envelopes**

*are in the upper vestibule.*

*Please donate towards beautifying St. Mary's sanctuary for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity!*

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Sunday, December 4**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00am - Rylee Matson, Birthday  
10:30am - Intentions of E. W.

**Monday, December 5**

*Feria*

12:05pm - Louis Bageanis, Jr.

**Tuesday, December 6**

*St. Nicholas*

7:00am - Justin Schneider

**Wednesday, December 7**

*St. Ambrose*

7:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP

**Thursday, December 8**

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)*

▶▶▶ 6:30am - BRP

▶▶▶ 12:00pm (Mass with organ) - Cristobal Mata

▶▶▶ 6:00pm - Special Intention

**Friday, December 9**

*Feria*

7:00am- Susan & Joseph B.D. Nicoloff

**Saturday, December 10**

*Feria*

8:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP

**Sunday, December 11**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP

10:30am - Ella Mae Johnson, RIP

**SURSUM CORDA OUTING!**

Adults age 18-35, please join us for a fun filled day on December 17th at 3pm. We are going to the **CHRISTKINDLMARKET** in downtown Chicago (50 West Washington St., Chicago).

We will meet the *Chicago Sursum Corda group* at 3pm at the seating on the far side of the fountain (next to Sweet Castle). For anyone who would like to carpool, we will be leaving from the Oratory at 1pm and should be back around 8:30pm.



**Come join St. Mary Oratory for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration!**

Sunday, December 11, 2022  
from 1:00pm - 4:00pm at  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy!

There will be piñatas and a live Mariachi band. Bring your favorite dish to share.

*Girls can dress as Our Lady of Guadalupe and boys can dress as St. Juan Diego.*

We will also have a rosary sale with the proceeds going to our church restoration.

OLSHA  
3445 Elmwood Road  
Rockford, IL 61101

**The Blue Mantle Society** is

sponsoring the Young Ladies' Craft Day, making homemade Christmas ornaments for each family on Christmas Day.



**All young ladies 5 and older**

*(and any family members)* are invited to join us

**Saturday, December 17, in the OLSHA**

**cafeteria at 9am.** *You can bring a breakfast dish to share.*

*Plates, napkins, cups, tableware and juice will be provided.*

Use the gymnasium parking lot to enter and follow the signs directing you to the cafeteria. Please contact Mary George with any questions at: [amgeorge96@yahoo.com](mailto:amgeorge96@yahoo.com).



**The 2023 Mass Intention Book opens Monday December 5th!**

Please have your intentions and stipend prepared before bringing them to the office.

10 Mass intentions (per family) to allow others an opportunity to have Masses offered for their loved ones. *Remember, dates and times cannot be guaranteed. Please do not email your intentions or place the stipend in the offering.*

Thank you for your understanding.  
*Rev. Canon John O'Connor*

**WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258**

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:**

**TOTAL: \$6,739**

**ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$135,676**

**GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$159,676**

**May God reward your generosity!**

**Catechism Corner**

**The Marks and Attributes of the Church**  
Lesson 12 from the Baltimore Catechism

159. Why is the Catholic Church apostolic?

**The Catholic Church is apostolic because it was founded by Christ on the apostles and, according to His divine will, has always been governed by their lawful successors.**

*And I say to thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)*

160. How do we know that no other church but the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ?

**We know that no other church but the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ because no other church has these four marks.**

161. What are the chief attributes of the Catholic Church?

**The chief attributes of the Catholic Church are authority, infallibility, and indefectibility. They are called attributes because they are qualities perfecting the nature of the Church.**

162. What is meant by the authority of the Catholic Church?

**By the authority of the Catholic Church is meant that the Pope and the bishops, as the lawful successors of the apostles, have power from Christ Himself to teach, to sanctify, and to govern the faithful in spiritual matters.**

*On behalf of Christ, therefore, we are acting as ambassadors, God, as it were, appealing through us. (II Corinthians 5:20)*

163. What is meant by the infallibility of the Catholic Church?

**By the infallibility of the Catholic Church is meant that the Church, by the special assistance of the Holy Ghost, cannot err when it teaches or believes a doctrine of faith or morals.**

*But the Advocate, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your mind whatever I have said to you. (John 14:26)*

164. When does the Church teach infallibly?

**The Church teaches infallibly when it defines, through the Pope alone, as the teacher of all Christians, or through the Pope and the bishops, a doctrine of faith or morals to be held by all the faithful.**

165. What is meant by the indefectibility of the Catholic Church?

**By the indefectibility of the Catholic Church is meant that the Church, as Christ founded it, will last until the end of time.**

*And, behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world. (Matthew 28:20)*