



## 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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### \*CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE\*

Sat. Dec. 24----8:00am Low Mass of the Christmas Vigil followed by confessions  
(NO afternoon confessions)  
11:00pm Carols and Instrumentals

Sun. Dec. 25---12:00am Midnight Mass  
8:00am Christmas Low Mass  
10:30am Christmas Low Mass  
(NO confessions today)

Dec. 26 - 30----Low Mass at 10:30am followed by confessions  
(No Friday adoration)

\*the office will be closed Dec. 22 - Dec. 26.\*

\*the Grotto will be closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 5\*



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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).

## Saint Mary Oratory

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9:00am - 2:00pm  
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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  
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DEVOTIONS  
Fridays:  
Exposition, Adoration,  
& Benediction  
7:45am - 8:45am

GROTTO HOURS  
Monday - Friday:  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
Sat., Sun., & Holy Days:  
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
DECEMBER 12



Veritatem  
Facientes  
In  
Caritate



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

TODAY.....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*  
 Fri. Dec. 23.....Sursum Corda Young Adults Christmas decorating at the Oratory



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

**TODAY**  
 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).

**WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL:** \$7,258  
**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:**  
**TOTAL:** \$7,422  
**ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD:** \$143,098  
**GOAL - FISCAL YTD:** \$166,934

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Sunday, December 11**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
 8:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP  
 10:30am - Ella Mae Johnson, RIP  
**Monday, December 12**  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
**(High Mass) 12:05pm** - Alfredo & Maria Elena Garcia  
**Tuesday, December 13**  
*St. Lucy*  
 7:00am(Mass with organ) - Shirley Hess, Birthday  
**Wednesday, December 14**  
*Ember Wednesday*  
 7:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP  
**Thursday, December 15**  
*Feria*  
 7:00am - Marion Miller, RIP  
**Friday, December 16**  
*Ember Friday/ St. Eusebius*  
 7:00am- George Miller, Sr., RIP  
**Saturday, December 17**  
*Ember Saturday*  
 8:00am - George Miller, Jr., RIP  
**Sunday, December 18**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
 8:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP  
 10:30am - Michael McDaniel, RIP

**SURSUM CORDA OUTING!**

All young adults (ages 18-35) please join us December 17, at **CHRISTKINDLMARKET** in downtown Chicago. (50 West Washington St.)

We will meet the *Chicago Sursum Corda group* at 3pm on the far side of the fountain (next to Sweet Castle).

For anyone wanting to carpool, we will leave the Oratory at 1pm and plan to arrive back around 8:30pm.

*"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."  
 - St. Dominic Savio*

**SAINT MARY ORATORY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

*(All proceeds go to the Oratory's Restoration Project)*

**Tickets are available after Mass on Sunday beginning December 18th!**

*8 chances to win \$4,500 in cash prizes!*

- 1 - \$3,000 Grand Prize
- 2 - \$500 prizes &
- 5 - \$100 prizes

**All are encouraged to sell at least one book of (10) raffle tickets.**

\* Please pick up a book of tickets on Sunday or from the office during office hours.

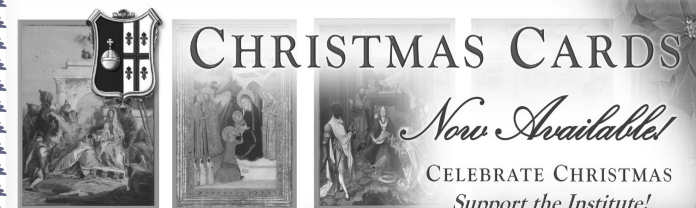
\* Sell tickets (\$10 each) to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers alike.

\* Return ticket stubs and money no later than **Sunday, January 22.**

Drawing will be held after Mass on **Sunday, January 29.**

*(Winners will be contacted by the Rectory Office)*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN RESTORING SAINT MARY ORATORY!**



**Institute Christmas Cards and Calendars now on sale after Mass on Sunday!**

Christmas Cards  
 \$20 per pack

2023 Calendars  
 \$3.00 suggested donation

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

*Catechism Corner*

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

166. Are all obliged to belong to the Catholic Church in order to be saved?

**All are obliged to belong to the Catholic Church in order to be saved.**

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me." (John 14:6)*

167. What do we mean when we say, "Outside the Church there is no salvation?"

**When we say, "Outside the Church there is no salvation," we mean that Christ made the Catholic Church a necessary means of salvation and commanded all to enter it, so that a person must be connected with the Church in some way to be saved.**

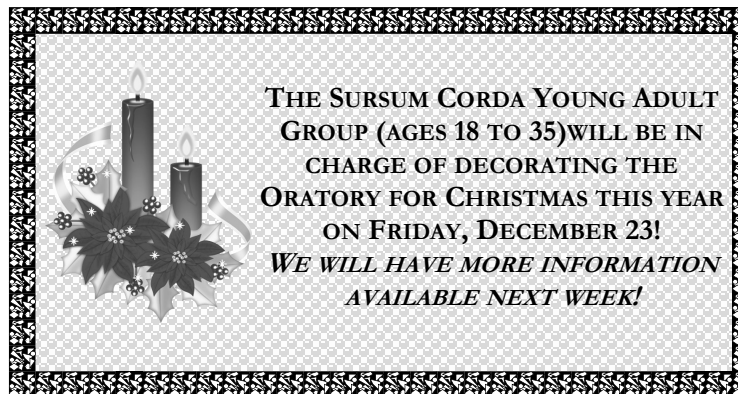
168. How can persons who are not members of the Catholic Church be saved?

**Persons who are not members of the Catholic Church can be saved if, through no fault of their own, they do not know that the Catholic Church is the will, for in this way they are connected wtrue Church, but they love God and try to do His ith the Church by desire.**

169. Why is the Catholic Church called the Mystical Body of Christ?

**The Catholic Church is called the Mystical Body of Christ because its members are united by supernatural bonds with one another and with Christ, their Head, thus resembling the members and head of the living human body.**

*Again, he is the head of his body, the Church. (Colossians 1:18)*



**THE SURSUM CORDA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (AGES 18 TO 35) WILL BE IN CHARGE OF DECORATING THE ORATORY FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23! WE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK!**