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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

Sun. Dec. 25----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 is closed Dec. 22 - Dec. 30.

the Grotto is closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 5

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† PRO-LIFE NEWS †

Many decades ago, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen wrote a prayer to save a baby in danger of abortion. Cards with this prayer will be available in the upper vestibule. Everyone is encouraged to pray this nine-month daily prayer beginning January 1 and ending September 30. *In October, Respect Life Month, we will be collecting baby items to donate to The Pregnancy Care Center.* Please join us in this simple prayer crusade as it can be very effective in saving lives!

Saint Mary Oratory

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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



Veritatem
Facientes
In
Caritate



Gloria In Excelsis Deo!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 18-Jan. 22....*Christmas Raffle*
- Sun. Dec. 25.....Homemade Christmas Ornaments available after Mass (one per family)
- Wed. Jan. 11.....Altar Server practice resumes at OLSHA 6pm - 8pm
- Sat. Jan. 14.....**Maria Auxilium Christianorum** meeting after 8am Mass
- Sun. Jan. 22.....First Communion classes resume at 9:15am
- Sun. Jan.29.....*Christmas Raffle drawing after the High Mass*
- Sat. Mar. 18.....First Communicants morning confessions with Canon O'Connor
- Sun. Mar. 19.....Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 10:30 High Mass

SAINT MARY ORATORY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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

Tickets are available after Mass on Sunday

- 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.

* **Tickets are available after Sunday Mass and in the office Mon-Fri from 9am to 1pm.**

* 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!

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, December 25

Nativity of Our Lord

- 12:00am - Antonio, Sandra, & Cris Dettori
- 8:00am - Nicoloff Family, Living & Deceased
- 10:30am (Mass with music) - Żynel Family

Monday, December 26

Second Day in the Octave of Nativity

- ▶▶▶ 10:30am - Teresa Rayment, RIP

Tuesday, December 27

Third Day in the Octave of Nativity

- ▶▶▶ 10:30am - Joseph Matson

Wednesday, December 28

Fourth Day in the Octave of Nativity

- ▶▶▶ 10:30am - Zaid Ahmed

Thursday, December 29

Fifth Day in the Octave of Nativity - St. Thomas Becket

- ▶▶▶ 10:30am - Special Intention

Friday, December 30

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

- ▶▶▶ 10:30am- Roy & Carla Lazaro, Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, December 31

Seventh Day in the Octave of Nativity - St. Silvester I

- 8:00am Arnold & Loy Hintzman, RIP

Sunday, January 1

Octave of Day of the Nativity

- 8:00am - Wesdell Family, Living & Deceased
- 10:30am (Mass with music) - Connie Havlovick

THE 2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW CLOSED.

We will have a Purgatorial Society Book and Novena for the faithful departed in November. Thank you for your understanding.
Rev. Canon John O'Connor

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258

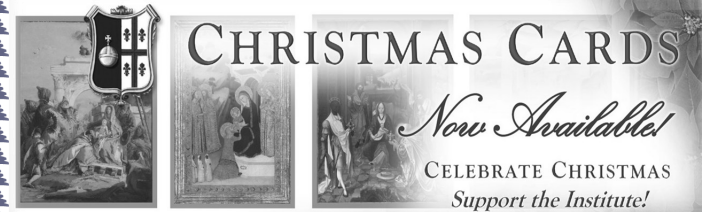
LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$5,979

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$154,404

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$181,450

MAY OUR LORD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY



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.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

“Come, then, faithful Children of the Church, let us take our share in her joy! This is not the season for sighing or for weeping. For unto us a Child is born! [Isa. ix 6]. He for whom we have been so long waiting is come; and he is come to dwell among us [St John i 14]. Great, indeed, and long was our suspense; so much the more let us love our possessing him. The day will too soon come when this Child, now born to us, will be the Man of Sorrows [Isa. liii 3], and then we will compassionate him; but at present we must rejoice and be glad at his coming and sing round his Crib with the Angels. Heaven sends us a present of its own joy: we need joy, and forty days are not too many for us to get it well into our hearts. The Scripture tells us that a secure mind is like a continual feast [Prov. xv 15], and a secure mind can only be where there is peace; now it is Peace which these blessed days bring to the earth; Peace, say the Angels, to men of good will!”

From *THE LITURGICAL YEAR*
BY THE VERY REV. DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER

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)



Registration for Confirmation classes are now open. Please contact the office if you have a 7th grader (or older) ready to be confirmed.

Classes will begin once the hall reopens.