



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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† PRO-LIFE NEWS †

The abortion mill at 611 Auburn Street is now open, so we are looking for people to be prayerful witnesses there.

A calendar is available on the **Rockford Family Initiative's website for people to sign up to cover as many hours as possible.** You will need to fill out a form and be approved first: proliferockford.com/members. The Rockford Diocese has asked each church to cover two days each month, and **St. Mary Oratory's days are the 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday.** Please consider January 9 and January 25 as well as any other dates and times you are available when signing up.



THE US INSTITUTE'S PROVINCE IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE A SPECIAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES FROM JANUARY 20-28 IN PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF OUR HOLY PATRON'S FEAST DAY ON JANUARY 29. DURING THIS NOVENA, PRAYERS TO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND SERMONS ON HIS SPIRITUALITY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE INSTITUTE'S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.



Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy Holy Family, that in the hour of our death Thy glorious Virgin Mother, together with Saint Joseph, may come to meet us, and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting life. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Saint Mary Oratory

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Sat., Sun. & Holy Days: CLOSED

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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
ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT

OTHER SACRAMENTS

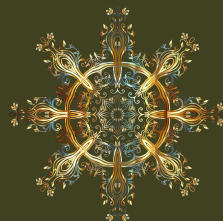
PLEASE CONTACT
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DEVOTIONS

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

GROTTO HOURS

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 18-Jan. 22...**Christmas Raffle**
 Wed. Jan. 11.....Altar Server practice resumes at OLSHA 6pm - 8pm
 Sat. Jan. 14.....**Maria Auxilium Christianorum** meeting after 8am Mass
 Jan. 20-28.....**Special Novena in Honor of St. Francis de Sales**
 Sun. Jan. 22.....First Communion classes resume at 9:15am
 Sun. Jan.29.....*Christmas Raffle drawing after the High Mass*
 Thu. Feb. 2.....**Purification of Our Lady - One High Mass at 10:30am** (with blessing of candles & procession)
 Sat. Mar.4.....Holy Hour for Life after the 8am Mass
 Sat. Mar. 18.....First Communicants morning confessions with Canon O'Connor
 Sun. Mar. 19.....*Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10:30am High Mass*

SAINT MARY ORATORY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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

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

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.

* 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, January 8
Holy Family
 8:00am - Scott & Mikhaele Howell, Children & Grandchildren
 10:30am - Dominik & Cortney Maligranda
Monday, January 9
Feria
 12:05pm - Gianna Schneider
Tuesday, January 10
Feria
 7:00am - Children of Miguel & Griceida Herrera
Wednesday, January 11
St. Hyginus
 7:00am - Edmund Ciebronowicz, RIP
Thursday, January 12
Feria
 7:00am - Hess Anniversary
Friday, January 13
Baptism of Our Lord
 7:00am(Mass with organ) - Kim Clausen, RIP
Saturday, January 14
St. Hilary
 8:00am - Deniel Marin, Birthday
Sunday, January 15
Second Sunday after Epiphany
 8:00am - Parents of Miguel & Griceida Herrera
 10:30am - Warren Myers, RIP



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.



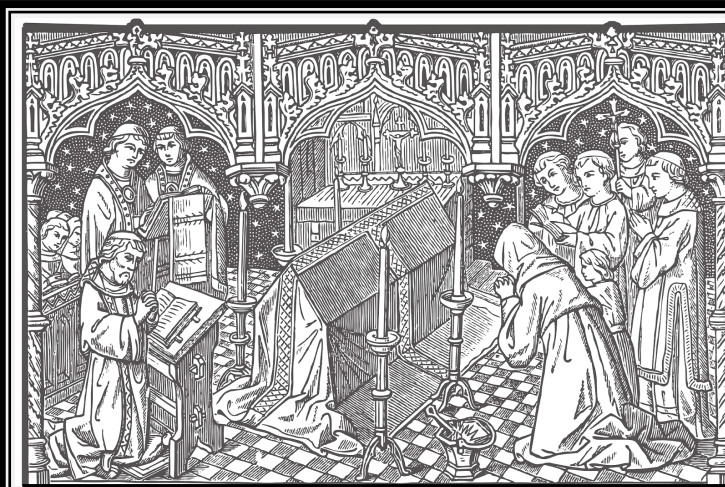
Our prayer group **MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM** will meet **Saturday, Jan. 14,** after the 8am Mass in the church, to pray for the conversion of children, relatives or friends who have left the church or lost the faith, under the mantle of:

“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



A Sung Mass of Requiem will be offered for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI on Tuesday, January 31, at 12:00pm.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258
LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
TOTAL: \$8,079
ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$171,245
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$195,966

Catechism Corner

The Communion of Saints and the Forgiveness of Sins
 Lesson 13 from the Baltimore Catechism
 "I believe in ... the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins ..."

170. What is meant by "the communion of saints" in the Apostles' Creed?

By "the communion of saints" is meant the union of the faithful on earth, the blessed in heaven, and the souls in purgatory, with Christ as their Head.

171. Through the communion of saints, what can the blessed in heaven do for the souls in purgatory and the faithful on earth?

Through the communion of saints, the blessed in heaven can help the souls in purgatory and the faithful on earth by praying for them.

It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins. (II Maccabees 12:46)

172. Should the faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, honor the blessed in heaven and pray to them?

The faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, should honor the blessed in heaven and pray to them, because they are worthy of honor and as friends of God will help the faithful on earth.

Let us now praise men of renown, and our fathers in their generation. (Ecclesiasticus 44:1)

173. Can the faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, relieve the sufferings of the souls in purgatory?

The faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, can relieve the sufferings the souls in purgatory by prayer, fasting, and other good works, by indulgences, and by having Masses offered for them.

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174. Can the faithful on earth help one another?

The faithful on earth, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, can help one another by practicing supernatural charity and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Pray for one another that you may be saved. For the unceasing prayer of a just man is of great avail. (James 5:16)

175. What is meant in the Apostles' Creed by "the forgiveness of sins"?

By "the forgiveness of sins" in the Apostles' Creed is meant that God has given to the Church, through Jesus Christ, the power to forgive sins, no matter how great or how many they are, if sinners truly repent.

Receive the Holy Ghost; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. (John 20:22-23)

