



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

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A Pro-Life group, under
the patronage of
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
has been formed here at St.
Mary's to organize regular
prayer and protest to counter
the evil of abortion.

The Oratory's upcoming days
to pray at the abortion mill (611
Auburn St.) are **Monday, February 13** and
Thursday, February 23. Our goal
is to have a prayerful presence there
as much as possible on those days.

*(Please sign up on the calendar at the
Rockford Family Initiative's website at:
proliferockford.com/members. This allows everyone
to see which hours need coverage.
Click on the "Sign up to Pray/Witness" box.)*

If it's not possible to go there and pray on
those days, please pray at Mass, at an
Adoration Chapel, or at home.
Thank you for praying for an end to abortion!

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy
Under the patronage of St. Louis Martin
Invites you to

Mardi Gras Masquerade Father Daughter Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 18th, 2023

5:30pm-9:00pm at OLSHA
3445 Elmwood Rd. Rockford

Semi Formal attire

Advanced ticket sales only
\$20/ticket

Available at the OLSHA office through
Monday, February 13th

Missing Raffle Ticket Details:
(691-700, 841-850, 861-870, 1001-1020)

Anyone holding a missing ticket may contact the Rectory office at Saint Mary
Oratory for a refund within 30 days of the raffle drawing date.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

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

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

- Sat. Feb. 11.....**Maria Auxilium Christianorum**
meeting after 8am Mass
- Sat. Feb. 11.....**SURSUM CORDA** ice skating at the Williams' house at 11am
- Sat. Feb. 18.....**55+ Group** breakfast meeting at *Stockholm Inn at 9:30am*
- Wed. Feb. 22.....**Ash Wednesday** - one High Mass at 8am
- Tue. Feb. 28.....**Blue Mantle Society** *Works of Mercy* at St. Anne's Place at 3:30pm
- Sat. Mar.4.....**Holy Hour for Life** after the 8am Mass
- Sat. Mar. 18.....**First Communicants' mini-retreat, rehearsal & confessions** with Canon O'Connor at 9:30am
- Sun. Mar. 19.....**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** at the 10:30am High Mass

J+M+J

Dear Faithful,

Our 2023 Christmas raffle fundraiser raised just over \$9,000.00!

Thank you to all who participated in purchasing and selling tickets. A special thank you to those who helped in selling and collecting tickets and to the office volunteers who assisted.

Winning tickets numbers:

- 1 \$3,000 Prize - 00185
- 2 \$500 Prize - 00492 & 01060
- 5 \$100 Prizes - 00895, 00508, 01132, 00231 & 01327

Our new HVAC System should be completed this spring. More information regarding upcoming Church Restoration plans and future fundraising efforts to help assist in covering costs will be announced in due course.

In Christ,
Rev. Canon John O'Connor



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.

Liturgical Calendar

- Sunday, February 5**
Septuagesima Sunday
8:00am - Ralph A. & Ellen C. Herrmann, RIP
10:30am - Spratling Family
- Monday, February 6**
St. Titus
12:05pm - John & Daniele Mayer Family
- Tuesday, February 7**
St. Romuald
7:00am - Adam Fryer, Birthday
- Wednesday, February 8**
St. John of Matha
7:00am - Denny Howell, RIP
- Thursday, February 9**
St. Cyril of Alexandria
7:00am - Inocencio Morales
- Friday, February 10**
St. Scholastica
7:00am - Bob Schneider
- Saturday, February 11**
Our Lady of Lourdes
8:00am - Maria D'Ambrosio
- Sunday, February 12**
Sexagesima Sunday
8:00am - Howell Children, Spouses, & Grandchildren
10:30am - Kirkwood Family



BLUE MANTLE SOCIETY - All girls and young ladies please join us in performing our next work of mercy by visiting the sick and elderly on Tuesday February 28, at 3:30pm at St. Anne's Place, 4405 Highcrest, Rockford, IL 61107.

(Masks are required.) You are welcome to make cards or artwork to bring and hand out to the residents. If your child would like to play an instrument, sing, recite a poem or speech, please email Claire Bageanis at clairebageanis@gmail.com with the name of your song or recitation.

SURSUM CORDA (YOUNG ADULTS 18-35)



Join us Saturday, February 11, at 11am for lunch, warm drinks, and ice skating at the Williams' house.

Please contact Mari Ehrke at 779-255-0036 for directions.

The 55+ GROUP breakfast meeting is Saturday, February 18, at 9:30am at Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles St, Rockford, IL 61108. Members will each pay for their own breakfast, and share in fellowship and conversation. Canon O'Connor will give a short talk to help prepare us for the Lenten season. Please RSVP with Adrienne Majewski by Monday, February 6 if you plan to attend. (815-601-1816 or adgnbill1776@outlook.com) Hope to see you there!



Our prayer group **MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM** will meet Saturday, Feb. 11, 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

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$6,277

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$191,433

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$224,998

Please contact the office if you would like a copy of your 2022 Tax Statement

Catechism Corner

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS
Lesson 15 from the Baltimore Catechism (con't)

193. Is everyone obliged to perform the works of mercy?

Everyone is obliged to perform the works of mercy, according to his own ability and the need of his neighbor.

For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; naked, and you covered me; sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me. (Matthew 25:35-36)

194. Are all the ordinary deeds done every day to relieve the corporal or spiritual needs of others true works of mercy?

All the ordinary deeds done every day to relieve the corporal or spiritual needs of others are true works of mercy, if done in the name of Christ.

For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you are Christ's, amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward. (Mark 9:40)

195. Which are the commandments of God?

The commandments of God are these ten: I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

196. Should we be satisfied merely to keep the commandments God?

We should not be satisfied merely to keep the commandments of God, but should always be ready to do good deeds, even when they are not commanded.

If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me. (Matthew 19:21)

197. What does Our Savior especially recommend that is not strictly commanded by the law of God?

Our Savior especially recommends the observance of the Evangelical Counsels – voluntary poverty, perpetual chastity, and perfect obedience.

You therefore are to be perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)