



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

"Veritatem Facientes In Caritate"

** Live the Truth in Charity **

*"But that on the
good ground are
they who in a
good and very
good heart,
hearing the word,
keep it, and bring
forth fruit in
patience."
-Luke 8:15*



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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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat. Feb. 18.....**55+ Group** breakfast meeting at Stockholm Inn at 9:30am
- Wed. Feb. 22.....**Ash Wednesday** - High Mass at 8am & Low Mass at 5:30pm (ashes distributed at both Masses)
- Sun. Feb. 26.....Special Second Collection - "Many Apostolates, One Mission"
- 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. 11.....**Maria Auxilium Christianorum** meeting after 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**



"My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience."

-Saint Therèse of Lisieux



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
 TOTAL: \$8,282
 ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$199,715
 GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$232,256

Liturgical Calendar

- Sunday, February 12**
Sexagesima Sunday
8:00am - Howell Children, Spouses, & Grandchildren
10:30am - Kirkwood Family
- Monday, February 13**
Feria
12:05pm -John Althoff, RIP
- Tuesday, February 14**
St. Valentine
7:00am - Rolando Aguilar & Family
- Wednesday, February 15**
Ss. Faustina & Jovita
7:00am - Chris & Judy Garton Zavesky
- Thursday, February 16**
Feria
7:00am - Dawson Family
- Friday, February 17**
Feria
7:00am - Tom & Kim Donohue Deceased Family
- Saturday, February 18**
St. Simeon
8:00am - Michael A. Wolfe, RIP
- Sunday, February 19**
Quinquagesima Sunday
8:00am - Alphonse & Ruth Jones, RIP
10:30am - Tosiek Maligranda



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.

Practice During Septuagesima Season

"The joys of Christmastide seem to have fled far from us. The forty days of gladness brought us by the Birth of our Emmanuel are gone. The atmosphere of holy Church has grown overcast, and we are warned that the gloom is still to thicken. Have we, then, for ever lost Him, we so anxiously and longingly sighed after, during the four slow weeks of our Advent? Has our divine Sun of Justice, that rose so brightly in Bethlehem, now stopped his course, and left our guilty earth?"

Not so. The Son of God, the Child of Mary, has not left us. The Word was made Flesh in order that he might dwell among us. A glory, far greater than that of his Birth, when Angels sang their hymns, awaits him, and we are to share it with him. Only, he must win this new and greater glory by strange countless sufferings; he must purchase it by a most cruel and ignominious death: and we, if we would have our share in the triumph of his Resurrection, must follow him in the Way of the Cross, all wet with the Tears and the Blood he shed for us.

The grave maternal voice of the Church will soon be heard, inviting us to the Lenten penance; but she wishes us to prepare for this laborious baptism, by employing these three weeks in considering the deep wounds caused in our souls by sin. True, - the beauty and loveliness of the Little Child, born to us in Bethlehem, are great beyond measure; but our souls are so needy, that they require other lessons than those He gave us of humility and simplicity. Our Jesus is the Victim of the divine justice, and he has now attained the fulness of his age; the altar, on which he is to be slain, is ready: and since it is for us that he is to be sacrificed, we should at once set ourselves to consider, what are the debts we have contracted towards that infinite Justice, which is about to punish the Innocent One instead of us the guilty.

The mystery of a God becoming Incarnate for the love of His creature, has opened to us the path of the Illuminative Way; but we have not yet seen the brightest of its Light. Let not our hearts be troubled; the divine wonders we witnessed at Bethlehem are to be surpassed by those that are to grace the day of our Jesus' Triumph: but, that our eye may contemplate these future mysteries, it must be purified by courageously looking into the deep abyss of our own personal miseries. God will grant us His divine light for the discovery; and if we come to know ourselves, to understand the grievousness of original sin, to see the malice of our own sins, and to comprehend, at least in some degree, the infinite mercy of God towards us, we shall be prepared for the holy expiations of Lent, and for the ineffable joys of Easter."

Excerpt from: The Liturgical Year by Dom Guéranger

Catechism Corner

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF GOD
Lesson 16 from the Baltimore Catechism

198. What is the first commandment of God?
The first commandment of God is: I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.

Thou shalt not have strange Gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. (Exodus 20:3-4)

199. What are we commanded by the first commandment?
By the first commandment we are commanded to offer to God alone the supreme worship that is due Him.

It is written, "The Lord thy God shalt thou worship, and him only shalt thou serve." (Luke 4:8)

200. How do we worship God?
We worship God by acts of faith, hope, and charity, and by adoring Him and praying to Him.

201. What does faith oblige us to do?
Faith obliges us: first, to make efforts to find out what God has revealed; second, to believe firmly what God has revealed; third, to profess our faith openly whenever necessary.

Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. (Matthew 10:32)

202. What does hope oblige us to do?
Hope obliges us to trust firmly that God will give us eternal life and the means to obtain it.

Paul, a servant of God and apostle of Jesus Christ, in accordance with the faith of God's elect and the full knowledge of the truth which is according to piety, in the hope of life everlasting which God, who does not lie, promised before the ages began. (Titus 1:1-2)

203. What does charity oblige us to do?
Charity obliges us to love God above all things because He is infinitely good, and to love our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

And one of them, a doctor of the Law, putting him to the test, asked him, "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him, "'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:35-40)