



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.

*“Veritatem
Facientes
In Caritate”*

(Live the Truth in Charity)



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so we can schedule a time
for Canon to visit.*



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**To preserve the
Sacramental Seal
please leave
phones outside
of the confessional.**

PRECEPT ON FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to **FAST** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days one full meal is permitted. Two smaller meals which added together would not equal one full meal is allowed if necessary.

All Catholics 14 years old and older are obliged to **ABSTAIN** from meat, soup and gravy made from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

**“FASTING CLEANSSES THE SOUL,
RAISES THE MIND, SUBJECTS ONE’S FLESH TO THE
SPIRIT, RENDERS THE HEART CONTRITE AND
HUMBLE, SCATTERS THE CLOUDS OF
CONCUPISCENCE, QUENCHES THE FIRE OF LUST,
KINDLES THE TRUE LIGHT OF CHASTITY.”**
- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

*“...Although we may be able to do
but little, the enemy nevertheless
stands more in awe of those
whom he knows can fast.”*
-St. Francis de Sales



**“THEN JESUS SAID TO HIM,
BEGONE, SATAN, FOR IT IS
WRITTEN, THE LORD THY
GOD SHALT THOU ADORE,
AND HIM ONLY SHALT
THOU SERVE. THEN THE
DEVIL LEFT HIM; AND
BEHOLD ANGELS CAME,
AND MINISTERED TO HIM.”**

MATTHEW 4:10-11

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Monday - Thursday:
9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday - Sunday &
Holy Days: CLOSED

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Monday: 12:00pm
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00am
Saturday: 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Monday &
Wednesday-Friday:
11:15am-11:45am
Saturday: after 8:00am Mass
Sunday: 7:15am & 9:45am

OTHER SACRAMENTS
& ALL APPOINTMENT
PLEASE CONTACT
THE OFFICE

**For baptisms, please contact
the office a month before the
baby is due. Baptisms should
be done within 1 to 3 weeks
after the baby is born*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Feb. 14 - 40 Days for Life begins

Thu. Feb. 22 - St. Mary Oratory's

day to pray at the abortion clinic

Sun. Feb. 25 - Altar server practice

in St. Joseph Hall from 9am to 10am

Wed. Feb. 28 - Restaurant Night Fundraiser

at Noodles & Company from 4pm to 8pm

(6430 E State St Ste 118)

Sat. Mar. 2 - 55+ Group breakfast meeting

at Stockholm Inn at 9:30am

The First Sunday of Lent

“Lent solemnly opens to-day. We have already noticed, that the four preceding days were added since the time of St. Gregory the Great, in order to make up Forty days of fasting. Neither can we look upon Ash Wednesday as the solemn opening of the Season, for the Faithful are not bound to hear Mass on that day. The Holy Church, seeing her children now assembled together, speaks to them, in her Office of Matins, these eloquent and noble words of St. Leo the Great: “Having to announce to you, dearly beloved, the most sacred and chief Fast, how can I more appropriately begin, than with the words of the Apostle, (in whom Christ Himself spoke,) and by saying to you what has just been read: Behold! now is the acceptable time; behold! now is the day of salvation. For although there be no time, which is not replete with divine gifts, and we may always, by God’s grace, have access to His mercy, yet ought we all to redouble our efforts to make spiritual progress and be animated with unusual confidence, now that the anniversary of the day of our Redemption is approaching, inviting us to devote ourselves to every good work, that so we may celebrate, with purity of body and mind, the incomparable Mystery of our Lord’s Passion.”

Excerpt from: The Liturgical Year by Dom Guéranger

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

First Sunday of Lent

Bratt Children & their Families

Baby Johnson

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Feria

Alphonse & Ruth Jones, RIP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Feria

Brenner Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Ember Wednesday

David Kacsir & Ralph Lauwagie

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Chair of St. Peter

Carol Lyter

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Ember Friday/ St. Peter Damian

Bageanis Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Ember Saturday

Zachary Veitch, RIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Second Sunday of Lent

Gwen & Marilyn Jones, RIP

Lucia Herra, Birthday

The **55+ Group** is planning a breakfast meeting Saturday, March 2, at 9:30am at Stockholm Inn.

(2420 Charles St, Rockford, 61108.)

Members will pay for their own breakfast and share in great conversation (including discussions for future events!)

Please **RSVP by Saturday, February 24**, with

Adrienne Majewski if you plan to attend. (815-601-1816 or adenbill1776@outlook.com)

Hope to see you there!

Did you know that **40 Days for Life** has saved over 24,000 babies in the womb? You have the opportunity to join pro-lifers around the country as we pray to save more babies during the upcoming **40 Days for Life** campaign. Beginning Wednesday, February 14, we will be praying from 8am-5pm at 611 Auburn St, Rockford.

We need your help to fill the schedule!

Go to ProLifeRockford.com/40Days to sign up for a time slot. May God reward you for standing up for life!

There will be a **40 Days for Life** Kick-off Rally on Tuesday, February 13th, 7pm in the St. Bernadette Church Parish Center (2400 Bell Ave, Rockford.) Steve Karlen, the campaign director of the peaceful, prayerful, effective **40 Days for Life** project will tell the story of this groundbreaking effort.



During Lent, St. Mary Oratory will be participating in the **CHANGE for LIFE** campaign to benefit **The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford**. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, baby bottles will be available to take home to fill with coins. They can be returned to church at the end of Lent.

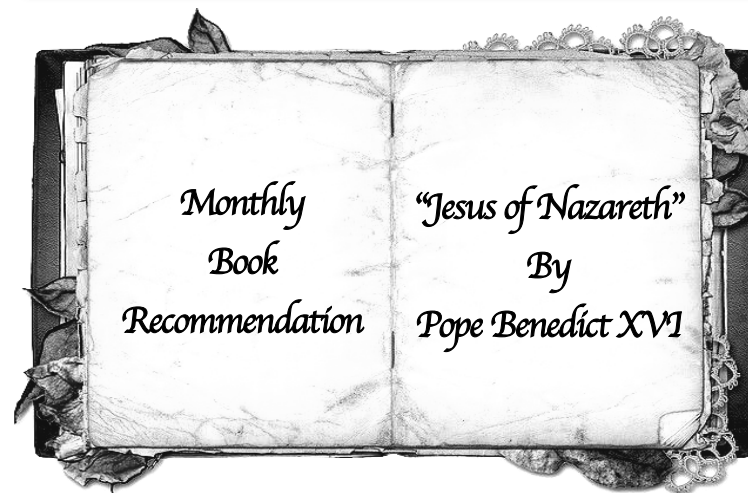
Our loose change will help change lives!

A parishioner of St. Mary Oratory is maintaining a prayer chain.

If you would like to join this list, please email:

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and we will forward your request.



THE COMPENDIUM

CREDO

Part One-The Profession of Faith-
Section One “I believe” – “We believe”

CHAPTER TWO

**God Comes to Meet Man -
The Revelation of God**

Sacred Scripture

22. What importance does the New Testament have for Christians?

The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church.

23. What is the unity that exists between the Old and the New Testaments?

Scripture is one insofar as the Word of God is one. God’s plan of salvation is one, and the divine inspiration of both Testaments is one. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other

24. What role does Sacred Scripture play in the life of the Church?

Sacred Scripture gives support and vigor to the life of the Church. For the children of the Church, it is a confirmation of the faith, food for the soul and the fount of the spiritual life.

Sacred Scripture is the soul of theology and of pastoral preaching. The Psalmist says that it is “a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105). The Church, therefore, exhorts all to read Sacred Scripture frequently because “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (Saint Jerome).

