



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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We are pleased to have you join us in this venerable act of worship and invite you to return often.



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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 next day to
pray at the abortion mill
(611 Auburn St.) is **Thursday, February 23.**
Our goal is to have a prayerful presence there
as much as possible.

*(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,
please pray at Mass, at an Adoration Chapel,
or at home.

Thank you for praying for an end to abortion!



Every first Saturday from
October 2022-2024, parishes across
the diocese will host a
**Diocese of Rockford
HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**

St. Mary Oratory's
Holy Hour is
Saturday
March 4, 2023
after the 8am Mass.

All are welcome to attend!

**The Diocese of Rockford unites
in praying for all hearts to move
toward a culture of life.**



*"And Jesus said to him, Receive thy sight: thy faith
hath made thee whole. And immediately he saw,
and followed Him, glorifying God: and all
the people when they saw it, gave praise to God."*

Luke 18:42-43

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

Sat., Sun. & Holy Days:

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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

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

Feb. 22-Mar. 17..First Holy Communion Meetings with Canon O'Connor (please call the office to schedule before March 17)

Wed. Feb. 22.....**Ash Wednesday** - High Mass at 8am & Low Mass at 5:30pm (ashes distributed at both Masses)

Sat. Feb. 25....."Lenten Life Rally" 611 Auburn St. from 11am to 12:15pm

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*



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26:
Special Second Collection
**"MANY APOSTOLATES,
ONE MISSION"**

Please use the blue envelopes marked "Many Apostolates, One Mission" in the pews.

Help the Institute continue to restore Catholic life and culture in the USA!



PLEASE JOIN US THIS LENT FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS AFTER 7AM MASS.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258
LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
TOTAL: \$6,466
ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$206,181
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$239,514

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, February 19
Quinquagesima Sunday
8:00am - Alphonse & Ruth Jones, RIP
10:30am - Tosiek Maligranda

Monday, February 20
Feria
12:05pm - Brenner Family

Tuesday, February 21
Feria
7:00am - Margaret Bird

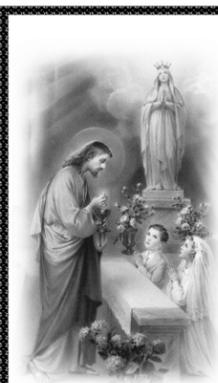
Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday - Fast & Abstinence
▶▶▶ **High Mass 8:00am** - Adam Family
▶▶▶ **Low Mass 5:30pm** - Richard Bird, RIP

Thursday, February 23
Feria
7:00am - Tom & Kim Donohue Grandchildren

Friday, February 24
St. Matthias
7:00am (Mass with organ) - Antonio Dettori

Saturday, February 25
St. Simeon
8:00am - Gwen & Marilyn Jones, RIP

Sunday, February 26
First Sunday of Lent
8:00am - Msgr. Wach
10:30am - Kathy Gerberi



PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING WITH CANON O'CONNOR

MEETINGS BEGIN ASH WEDNESDAY AND GO TO SAINT PATRICK'S DAY.

PLEASE NOTE:
ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE,
ON WED. FEB. 22,
AT OLSHA,
IS CANCELLED.



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



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.



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.

Catechism Corner

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF GOD
Lesson 16 from the Baltimore Catechism

204. How can a Catholic best safeguard his faith?
A Catholic can best safeguard his faith by making frequent acts of faith, by praying for a strong faith, by studying his religion very earnestly, by living a good life, by good reading, by refusing to associate with the enemies of the Church, and by not reading books and papers opposed to the Church and her teaching.

I know that after my departure fierce wolves will get in among you, and will not spare the flock. And from among your own selves men will rise speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. (Acts 20:29-30)

205. How does a Catholic sin against faith?
A Catholic sins against faith by apostasy, heresy, indifferentism, and by taking part in non-Catholic worship.

206. Why does a Catholic sin against faith by taking part in non-Catholic worship.

A Catholic sins against faith by taking part in non-Catholic worship when he intends to identify himself with a religion he knows is defective.

This is why I was born, and why I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth bears my voice. (John 18:37)

207. What are the sins against hope?
The sins against hope are presumption and despair.

208. When does a person sin by presumption?
A person sins by presumption when he trusts that he can be saved by his own efforts without God's help, or by God's help without his own efforts.

Nay I do not even judge my own self. For I have nothing on my conscience, yet I am not thereby justified. (1 Corinthians 4:4)

This Lent, Saint Mary's is participating in the "Change for Life Campaign" benefiting the *Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford.*



On **Ash Wednesday**, baby bottles will be available to take home and fill with coins (or cash or checks!) Last year, we collected \$2,801 (\$286 more than the prior year.) **Let's collect over \$3,000 this year!**

Please return bottles back to the church after Lent!