



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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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 scheduled days each month to go and pray are the **second Monday** and the **fourth Thursday**. Our goal is to have a prayerful presence at 611 Auburn St. as much as possible.

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

If it is not possible to go there and pray, please pray at Mass, at an Adoration Chapel, or at home.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us!

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.



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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

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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

"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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TODAY.....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. 4.....**Cookie Baking Day** at 10:30am
- 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**
- Sun. Mar. 19.....**First Holy Communion Celebration/St. Joseph Altar** at OLSHA after the 10:30am High Mass



TODAY 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: \$5,814
ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$211,995
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$246,772

Liturgical Calendar

- Sunday, February 26**
First Sunday of Lent
8:00am - Msgr. Wach
10:30am - Kathy Gerberi
- Monday, February 27**
Feria
12:05pm - Paul & Nancy Schmitt Family, Living & Deceased
- Tuesday, February 28**
Feria
7:00am - Gary LaFevre
- Wednesday, March 1**
Ember Wednesday
7:00am - Scott Klimczak
- Thursday, March 2**
Feria
7:00am - Emery S. Hulstedt, RIP
- Friday, March 3**
Ember Friday
7:00am (Mass with organ) - Patricia Hornyman, RIP
- Saturday, March 4**
Ember Saturday
8:00am - Fr. Anthony Gargotta, RIP
- Sunday, March 5**
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00am - Julia Schussman
10:30am - Konecnik Deceased Family Members



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.

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

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

Baby bottles will be available in the upper vestibule to take home and fill with 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!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!
There is a **cookie baking day** this Saturday March 4, at 10:30am (for Saint Joseph's Altar at OLSHA on March 19)
Please contact Phyllis Monty at 815-229-0346 for directions or if you cannot make the baking day but would still like to bake cookies.

Catechism Corner

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF GOD
Lesson 16 from the Baltimore Catechism

209. When does a person sin by despair?
A person sins by despair when he deliberately refuses to trust that God will give him the necessary help to save his soul.

May no temptation take hold of you but such as man is equal to. God is faithful and will not permit you to be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also give you a way out that you may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

210. What are the chief sins against charity?
The chief sins against charity are hatred of God and of our neighbor, envy, sloth, and scandal.

Charity does not envy. (1 Corinthians 13:4)

211. Besides the sins against faith, hope, and charity, what other sins does the first commandment forbid?
Besides the sins against faith, hope, and charity, the first commandment forbids also superstition and sacrilege.

212. When does a person sin by superstition?
A person sins by superstition when he attributes to a creature a power that belongs to God alone, as when he makes use of charms or spells, believes in dreams or fortune-telling, or goes to spiritists.

Neither let there be found among you any one that ... consulteth soothsayers, or observeth dreams and omens. Neither let there be any wizard, nor charmer. (Deuteronomy 19:10-11)

213. When does a person sin by sacrilege?
A person sins by sacrilege when he mistreats sacred persons, places, or things.

They have set thy sanctuary ablaze, they have profaned the dwelling of thy name on the earth. (Psalm 73:7)



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.