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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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St. Mary's Pro-Life group, has organized a prayerful presence at 611 Auburn St. on **March 13 and March 23.**

(Sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule or at proliferockford.com on the calendar page.)

The Rockford Diocese Pilgrimage to the Illinois March for Life is **Tuesday, March 21.**

Deadline to sign up is March 15. For more details, visit rockforddiocese.org/march-for-life.

Please join us in the fight for life!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ON FASTING DURING LENT

"I thought of speaking to you of the conditions which render **fasting good and meritorious**. Understand that of itself, fasting is not a virtue. It is a virtue only when it is accompanied by conditions which render it pleasing to God. We find some people who think that to fast well during the holy season of Lent it is enough to abstain from eating some prohibited food. We know very well that it is not enough to fast exteriorly if we do not also fast interiorly, and if we do not accompany the fast of the body with that of the spirit.

Now among all the conditions required for fasting well, I will select 3 principal ones...

The first condition is that we must fast with our whole heart, willingly, wholeheartedly, universally and entirely.

The second condition is never to fast through vanity but always through humility.

The third condition necessary for fasting well is to look to God and to do everything to please Him, withdrawing within ourselves in imitation of a great saint, St. Gregory the Great who withdrew into a secret place where he remained for a time."

Excerpt from "Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent"



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!

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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**



Veritatem Facientes In Caritate



Third Sunday of Lent
Luke 11, 14-28

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Mar. 15.....No altar server practice
Sat. Mar. 18.....First Communicants' mini-retreat, rehearsal & confessions with Canon O'Connor at 9:30am
Sat. Mar. 18.....Altar Service practice at St. Mary's 9:30am for Holy Week
Sun. Mar. 19.....Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10:30am High Mass
Tue. Mar. 21.....Rockford Diocese Pilgrimage to the Illinois Right to Life
Wed. Mar. 29.....Be Reconciled Day - Two confession times: 7:45am - 8:45am & 11:15am - 11:45am

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

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: \$7,412
ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$227,506
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$261,288
'MANY APOSTOLATES, ONE MISSION'
RAISED \$6,784!
MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, March 12
Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am - Special Intention
10:30am - Bravo Family
Monday, March 13
Feria
12:05pm - Celine Pribble
Tuesday, March 14 - no confessions
Feria
7:00am - David Kascir & Ralph Lauwagie
Wednesday, March 15 - no confessions
Feria
5:30pm - Erin McNeely, RIP
Thursday, March 16 - NO MASS or confessions
Feria
Linda Najdowski, Birthday
Friday, March 17
Friday/St. Patrick
7:00am - Lewis Pribble
Saturday, March 18
Feria/St. Cyril
8:00am - Brenner Family
Sunday, March 19
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00am - Nelson Family, Deceased Members
10:30am - Kostek, Todek & Basia Maligranda

Please Note!
MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR:
Tuesday March 14, 2023
7am Low Mass - No confessions
Church open 11am -12pm
Wednesday March 15, 2023
5:30pm Low Mass (instead of 7am) - No confessions
Church open 11am -12pm
Thursday March 16, 2023
No Mass - No confession
Church open 11am -12pm
Friday March 17, 2023
Standard schedules resume

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MARCH 19, LAETARE SUNDAY at the 10:30am High Mass
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FIRST COMMUNICANTS!
May Our Lord give you many graces on this special day!

The Third Sunday of Lent
Ever since the promulgation of the Gospel, the power of Satan over the human body has been restricted by the virtue of the Cross, at least in Christian countries; but this power resumes its sway as often as faith and the practice of Christian piety lose their influence. And here we have the origin of all those diabolical practices, which, under certain scientific names, are attempted first in secret, and then are countenanced by being assisted at by well-meaning Christians. Were it not that God and his Church intervene, such practices as these would subvert society. Christians! remember baptismal vow! you have renounced Satan: take care, then, that by a culpable ignorance you are not dragged into apostacy. It is not a phantom that you renounced at the Font; he is a real and formidable being, who, as our Lord tells us, was a murderer from the beginning [St. John, viii. 44]...
In order that we may understand the full force of the warning conveyed to us by the Church in this Gospel, we must keep before us the great reality, that this is the acceptable time. In every part of the world, there are conversions being wrought; millions are being reconciled with God; divine Mercy is lavish of pardon to all that seek it. But, will all persevere? They that are now being delivered from the power of Satan, - will they all be free from his yoke, when next year's Lent comes round? A sad experience tells the Church, that she may not hope so grand a result. Many will return to their sins, and that too before many weeks are over. And if the Justice of God overtake them in that state - what an awful thing it is to say it, yet it is true, - some, perhaps many, of these sinners will be eternally lost! Let us, then, be on our guard against a relapse; and in order that we may ensure our Perseverance, without which it would have been to little purpose to have been for a few days in God's grace, - let us watch, and pray; let us keep ourselves under arms; let us ever remember that our whole life is to be a warfare. Our soldier-like attitude will disconcert the enemy, and he will try to gain victory elsewhere.
Excerpt from: The Liturgical Year by Dom Guéranger

Most Reverend Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, has granted a dispensation from the observance of the law of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Catechism Corner
THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMANDMENTS OF GOD
Lesson 18 from the Baltimore Catechism
224. What is the second commandment of God?
The second commandment of God is: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that shall take the name of the Lord in vain. (Exodus 20:7)
225. What are we commanded by the second commandment?
By the second commandment we are commanded always to speak with reverence of God, of the saints, and of holy things, and to be truthful in taking oaths and faithful to them and to our vows.
Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever. From the rising of the sun unto its going down, may the name of the Lord be praised. (Psalm 112:2-3)
226. What is an oath?
An oath is the calling on God to witness the truth of what we say.
For men swear by one greater than themselves, and an oath given as a guarantee is the final settlement of all their disagreement. (Hebrews 6:16)
227. What things are necessary to make an oath lawful?
To make an oath lawful, three things are necessary: first, we must have a good reason for taking an oath; second, we must be convinced that what we say under oath is true; third, we must not swear, that is, take an oath, to do what is wrong.
And thou shalt swear: As the Lord liveth, in truth, and in judgment and in justice. (Jeremiah 4:2)
228. What great sin does a person commit who deliberately calls on God to bear witness to a lie?
A person who deliberately calls on God to bear witness to a lie commits the very grievous sin of perjury.
Thou shalt not swear falsely by my name, nor profane the name of thy God. (Leviticus 19:12)
229. What is a vow?
A vow is a deliberate promise made to God by which a person binds himself under pain of sin to do something that is especially pleasing to God.
When thou hast made a vow to the Lord thy God, thou shalt not delay to pay it; because the Lord thy God will require it. (Deuteronomy 23:21)
230. What is meant by taking God's name in vain?
By taking God's name in vain is meant that the name of God or the holy name of Jesus Christ is used without reverence; for example, to express surprise or anger.
Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever. From the rising of the sun unto its going down, may the name of the Lord be praised. (Psalm 112:2-3)
231. Is it a sin to take God's name in vain?
It is a sin to take God's name in vain; ordinarily, it is a venial sin.
232. What is cursing?
Cursing is the calling down of some evil on a person, place, or thing.
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. (Romans 12:14)
233. What is blasphemy?
Blasphemy is insulting language which expresses contempt for God, either directly or through His saints and holy things.
Amen I say to you, that all sins shall be forgiven to the sons of men, and the blasphemies wherewith they may blaspheme; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Ghost never has forgiveness, but will be guilty of an everlasting sin. (Mark 3:28-30)