



## 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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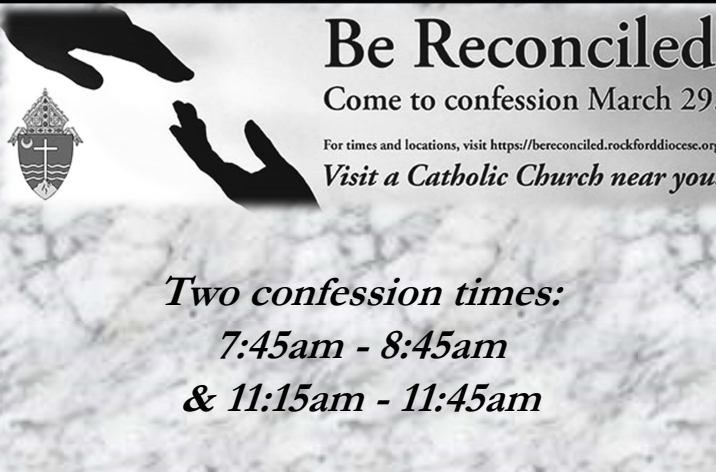
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St. Mary's Pro-Life group, has organized the **second Monday & fourth Thursday** of each month to go and pray at 611 Auburn St.

(Sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule or at [proliferockford.com](http://proliferockford.com) on the calendar page.)

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



## Be Reconciled

Come to confession March 29.

For times and locations, visit <https://bereconciled.rockforddiocese.org>  
Visit a Catholic Church near you.

**Two confession times:**  
7:45am - 8:45am  
& 11:15am - 11:45am



Thank you to all who contributed this Lent by filling The Pregnancy Care Center baby bottles and helping to change lives.

**On Easter Sunday** the basket will be on the table in the upper vestibule for returned bottles.

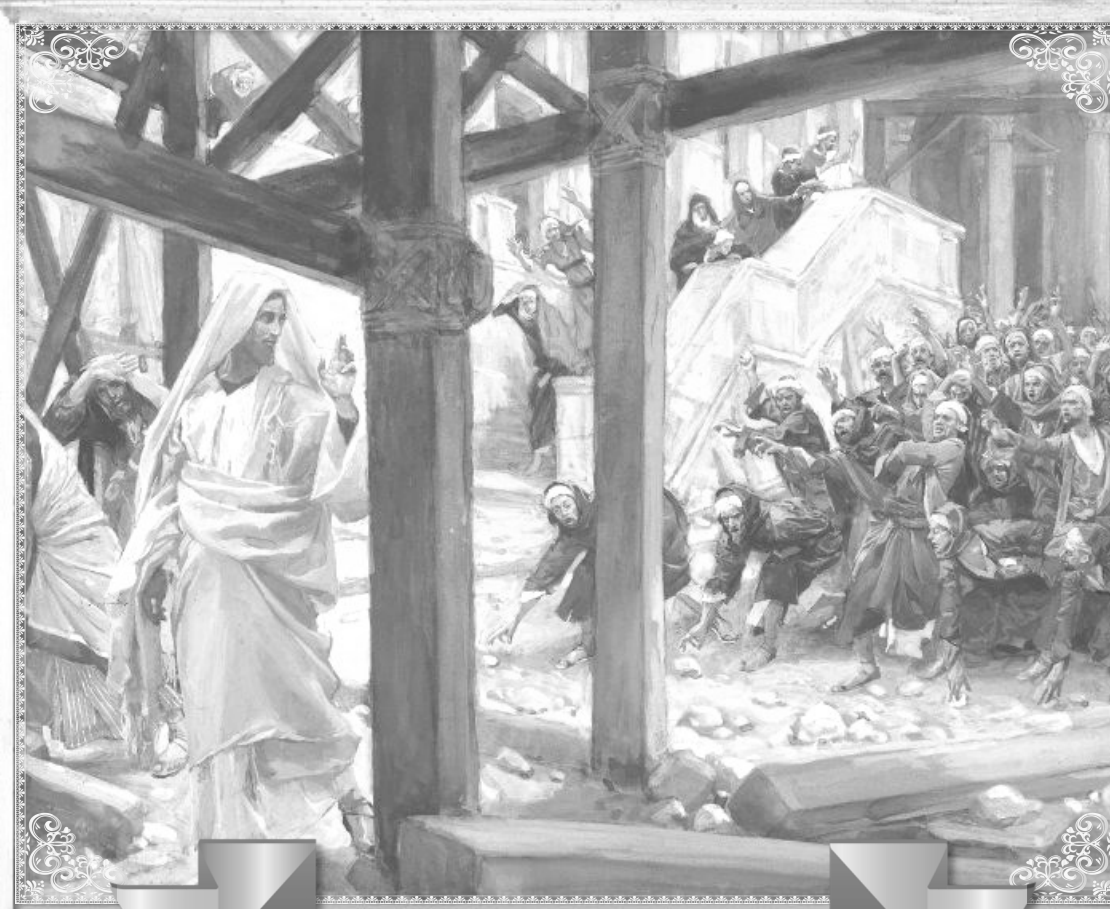
All donations are greatly appreciated and help this ministry save lives. (every penny counts)



The prayer group **MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM** Meets monthly, *on the second Saturday after the 8am Mass* in the church, to pray for the conversion of children, relatives or friends who have left the church or lost the faith, under the mantle of: **"MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS"**.

For more information please contact Sandra Dettori at (815)793-2661.

Everyone is welcome to join us!



## Passion Sunday John 8, 46-59

## Saint Mary Oratory

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Office Administrator: MRS. JEANANN HAYS  
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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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Wed. Mar. 29.....**Be Reconciled Day**  
*Two confession times: 7:45am - 8:45am  
& 11:15am - 11:45am*
- Sat. Apr. 1.....**Men's Lenten Retreat**  
*(flyers available in the upper vestibule)*
- Wed. Apr. 5.....**No Altar Server practice**  
*(unless you are on the Triduum Schedule)*
- Sun. Apr. 9.....**Easter Egg Hunt** in the garden after both Masses
- Sat. Apr. 22..... **55+ Group** breakfast meeting at Stockholm Inn at 9:30am

**2023 YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS -**  
*register at [institute-christ-king.org/camps2023](http://institute-christ-king.org/camps2023)*  
**2023 SURSUM CORDA ANNUAL RETREAT -**  
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**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 7<sup>th</sup> grader (or older) ready to be confirmed.



*Classes will begin once the hall reopens.*

**WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258**

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:  
TOTAL: \$6,500

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$239,473  
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$275,804

**MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**Liturgical Calendar**

- Sunday, March 26**  
*Passion Sunday*  
8:00am - Msgr. Wach  
10:30am - Carlton Chase, RIP
- Monday, March 27**  
*Feria*  
12:05pm - Megan Schneider
- Tuesday, March 28**  
*Feria*  
7:00am - Special Intention
- Wednesday, March 29**  
*Feria*  
7:00am - Ormond/Holliday  
Deceased Family Members
- Thursday, March 30**  
*Feria*  
7:00am - Jeff Brown Family
- Friday, March 31**  
*Feria/Our Lady of Sorrows*  
7:00am - Special Intention
- Saturday, April 1**  
*Feria*  
8:00am - Keith Najdowski
- Sunday, April 2**  
*Palm Sunday*  
8:00am - George Miller Jr., RIP  
10:30am - Roy Lazaro, Birthday



**EASTER FLOWERS**

*Anyone wishing to help defray the cost of Easter flowers, please use the special envelopes in the pews.*

**Thank you.**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

“Everything around us urges us to mourn. The images of the saints, the very crucifix on our altar, are veiled from our sight. The Church is oppressed with grief. During the first four weeks of Lent, she compassionated her Jesus fasting in the desert; His coming sufferings and crucifixion and death are what now fill her with anguish. We read in to-day's Gospel, that the Jews threaten to stone the Son of God as a blasphemer: but His hour is not yet come. He is obliged to flee and hide Himself. It is to express this deep humiliation, that the Church veils the cross. A God hiding Himself, that He may evade the anger of men - what a mystery! Is it weakness? Is it, that He fears death? No; we shall soon see Him going out to meet His enemies: but at present He hides Himself from them, because all that had been prophesied regarding Him has not been fulfilled. Besides, His death is not to be by stoning: He is to die upon a cross, the tree of malediction, which, from that time forward, is to be the tree of life. Let us humble ourselves, as we see the Creator of heaven and earth thus obliged to hide Himself from men, who are bent on His destruction! Let us go back, in thought, to the sad day of the first sin, when Adam and Eve hid themselves because a guilty conscience told them they were naked. Jesus has come to assure us of our being pardoned, and lo! He hides Himself, not because He is naked - He that is to the saints the garb of holiness and immortality - but because He made Himself weak, that He might make us strong. Our first parents sought to hide themselves from the sight of God; Jesus hides Himself from the eye of men. But it will not be thus for ever. The day will come when sinners, from whose anger He now flees, will pray to the mountains to fall on them and shield them from His gaze; but their prayer will not be granted, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with much power and majesty “

**FROM: THE LITURGICAL YEAR**  
BY THE VERY REV. DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER,  
ABBOT OF SOLESMES


The **55+** Group is hosting a "Welcome to Spring" breakfast meeting Saturday, April 22 at 9:30am at Stockholm Inn. (2420 Charles St, Rockford, 61108.) Members will pay for their own breakfast and share in great conversation. **Please RSVP by Wednesday April 12**, with Adrienne Majewski if you plan to attend. (815-601-1816 or [adenbill1776@outlook.com](mailto:adenbill1776@outlook.com)) Hope to see you there!

**Catechism Corner**

**THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH  
COMMANDMENTS OF GOD**

Lesson 19 from the Baltimore Catechism

- 241. What is the fourth commandment of God?  
**The fourth commandment of God is: Honor thy father and thy mother.**  
*Honor thy father and thy mother, that thou mayest be long-lived upon the land which the Lord thy God will give thee. (Exodus 20:12)*
- 242. What are we commanded by the fourth commandment?  
**By the fourth commandment we are commanded to respect and love our parents, to obey them in all that is not sinful, and to help them when they are in need.**  
*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for that is right. (Ephesians 6:1)*
- 243. Does the fourth commandment oblige us to respect and to obey others besides our parents?  
**Besides our parents, the fourth commandment obliges us to respect and obey all our lawful superiors.**  
*Let everyone be subject to the higher authorities, for there exists no authority except from God, and those who exist have been appointed by God. Therefore he who resists authority resists the ordinance of God; and they that resist bring on themselves condemnation. (Romans 13:1-2)*
- 244. What duty have parents toward their children and superiors toward those under their care?  
**Parents must provide for the spiritual and bodily welfare of their children; superiors, according to their varying degrees of responsibility, must care for those entrusted to them.**  
*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but rear them in the discipline and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)*



**SAINT MARTHA  
AUXILIARY SOCIETY,**  
*(named for the Patron Saint of Service)*  
is in place to help plan upcoming Oratory Events!  
To share your ideas and for more details please contact Mary George ([amgeorge96@yahoo.com](mailto:amgeorge96@yahoo.com), text 815-713-6405)  
*Future meetings will be announced in the bulletin.*  
**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME!**