



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)*

*For homebound or sick calls,
please contact the office
so we can schedule a time
for Canon to visit.*



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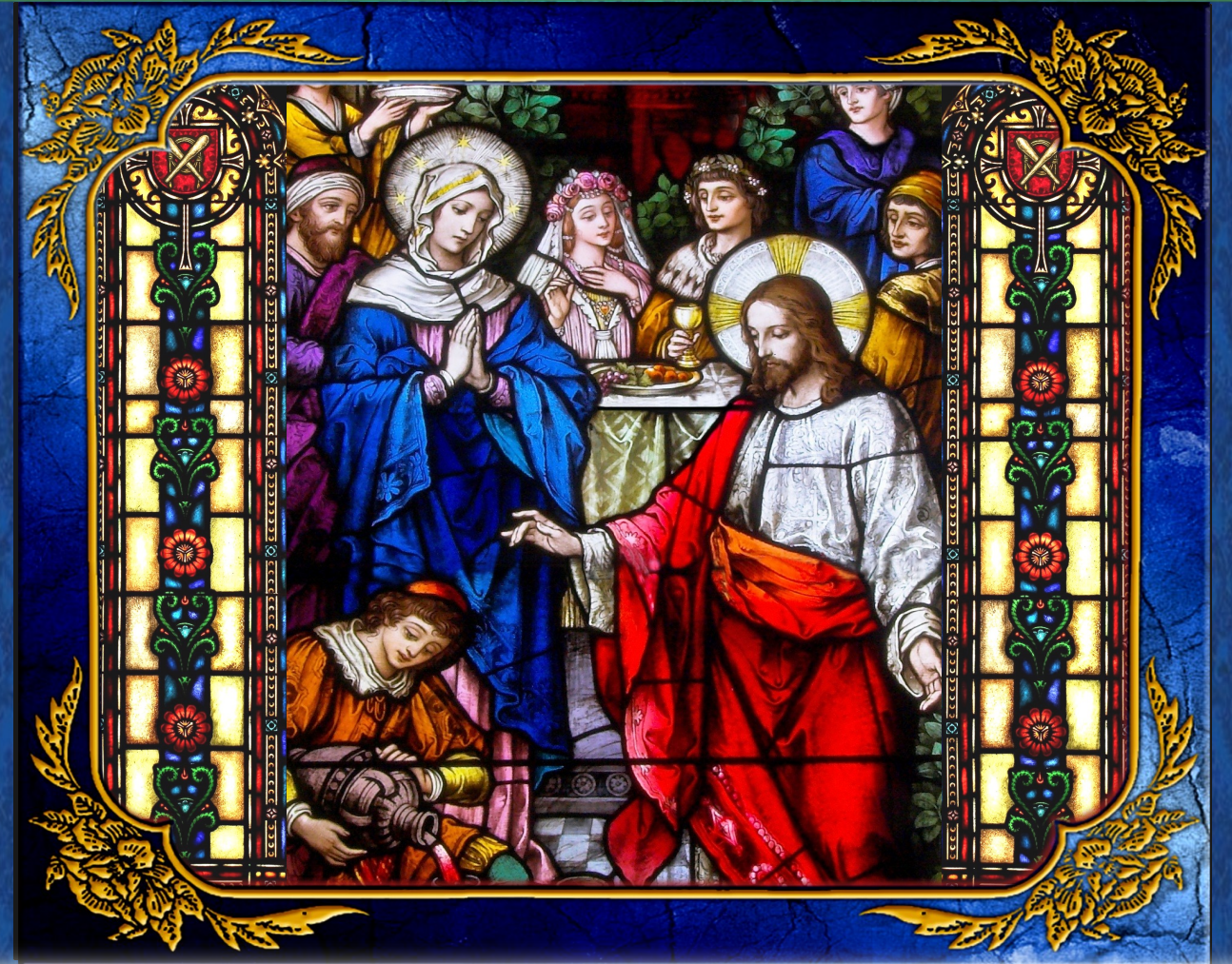
**To preserve the
Sacramental Seal
please leave
phones outside
of the confessional.**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (WEDDING FEAST AT CANA)

“St. Matthew, the Evangelist of the Humanity of our Lord, has received from the Holy Ghost the commission to announce to us the Mystery of Faith by the Star; St. Luke, the Evangelist of Jesus' Priesthood, has been selected, by the same Holy Spirit, to instruct us in the Mystery of the Baptism in the Jordan; but the Mystery of the Marriage-Feast was to be revealed to us by the Evangelist John, the Beloved Disciple. He suggests to the Church the object of this third Mystery, by this expression:

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and He MANIFESTED His glory [St. John, ii. 11]. At Bethlehem, the Gold of the Magi expressed the Divinity of the Babe; at the Jordan, the descent of the Holy Ghost and the voice of the Eternal Father proclaimed Jesus, (known to the people as a carpenter of Nazareth) to be the Son of God; at Cana, it is Jesus himself that acts, and he acts as God, for, says St. Augustine, He who changed the water into wine in the waterpots could be no other than the same who, every year, works the same miracle in the vine. Hence it was, that, from that day, as St. John tells us, his disciples believed in him [Ibid.], and the Apostolic College began to be formed.”

From: The Liturgical Year by Dom Guéranger



Saint Mary Oratory

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OFFICE HOURS

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

GROTTO HOURS

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

TODAY.....**First Communion Class** in the Grotto from 9am to 10am
 Tue Jan 16.....**Children's Choir Practice** in St. Joseph Hall at 4pm
 Thu Jan 18..... **Sursum Corda** dinner at Panera & Hyper Bowling at Tilted 10
 Sat Jan 20.....**St Marth Auxiliary Society** meeting at the Rockford Roasting Company at 9am
 Thu Jan 25.....**St. Mary's Pro-Life group** day to pray at the abortion clinic
 Sun Jan 28.....**Altar server practice** in St. Joseph Hall from 9am to 10am
 Wed Jan 31.....**Restaurant Night Fundraiser** at Panera from 4pm to 8pm (609 S. Perryville Rd.)



SAINT MARTHA AUXILIARY SOCIETY,
named for the Patron Saint of Service is in place to help plan Oratory Events & Fundraisers!

All parishioners are welcome to join us Saturday, January 20, at 9am at Rockford Roasting Company (inside Embassy Suites 416 S Main St.)

Hope to see you there!



WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,022

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$6,920

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$175,762

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$224,616

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Randy Simon, RIP

Allison Rice, RIP

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

St. Paul the Hermit

Filiae Laboris Mariae

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

St. Marcellus I

Candidates of St. Mary Oratory

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

St. Anthony the Abbot

Thomas Boleski, RIP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

St. Prisca

Mr. & Mrs. William Radovich Sr., RIP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Ss. Marius, Martha, Audifax & Abachum

Maj. Dan Chrisic Kingman, RIP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 (Mass with organ)

Ss. Fabian & Sebastian

First Lt. Bruce Kline, RIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Mary Sue Scordato, RIP

Marshall O. Norcross, RIP



Sursum Corda January Event
 Adults (18-35) please join us
 Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6pm
 for dinner at Panera on Perryville Rd.
 followed by Hyper Bowling at Tilted 10!
 Please bring \$12 cash for lanes/shoes.
 For more details or to RSVP,
 please text Mari Ehrke: (779-255-0036)

Children's Choir Ages (8 -14)
 First Practice Tuesday, January 16, 2024
 at 4pm in the St. Joseph Hall.
(Flyers available in the upper vestibule.)
 For more information or to join,
 please email Mari Ehrke:
mariaehrke@institute-christ-king.org

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

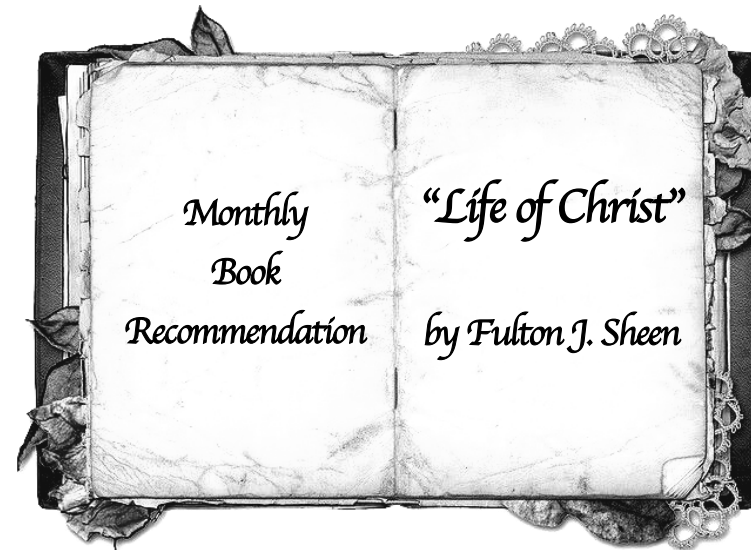
*If you would like to join this list,
 please email:*

*stmaryrockford@institute-christ-king.org
 and we will forward your request.*



2023 Tax Statement are now available.

Please contact the office if you would like a copy of your charitable contribution letter.



THE COMPENDIUM

CREDO

**Part One-The Profession of Faith-
Section One**

“I believe” – “We believe”

(cont.)

3. How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason?

Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the universe, as the highest good and as infinite truth and beauty.

4. Is the light of reason alone sufficient to know the mystery of God?

In coming to a knowledge of God by the light of reason alone man experiences many difficulties. Indeed, on his own he is unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why he stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error.

5. How can we speak about God?

By taking as our starting point the perfections of man and of the other creatures which are a reflection, albeit a limited one, of the infinite perfection of God, we are able to speak about God with all people. We must, however, continually purify our language insofar as it is image-bound and imperfect, realizing that we can never fully express the infinite mystery of God.