



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)



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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.**

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.

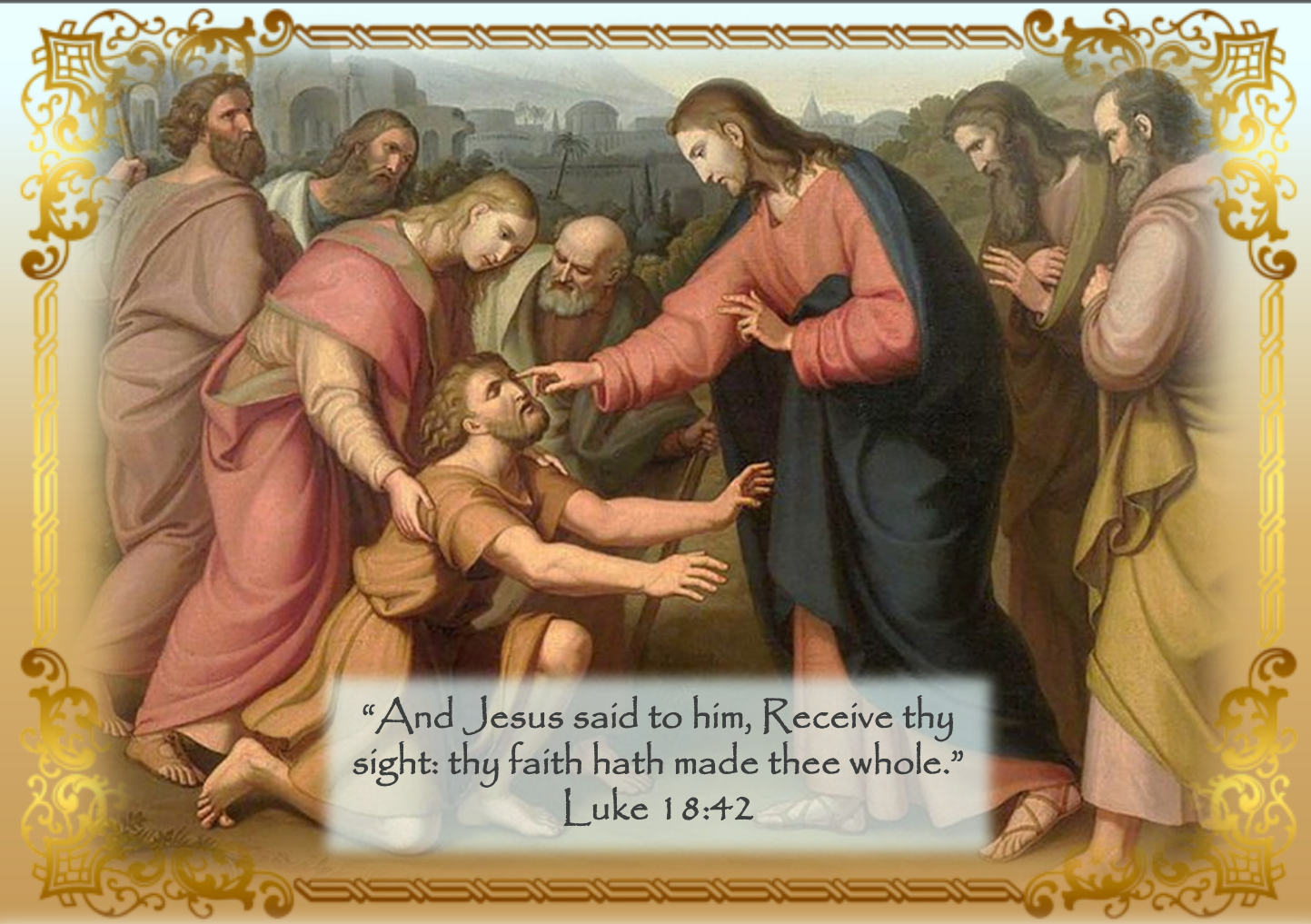
All Catholics 14 years old and older are obliged to **ABSTAIN** from meat, soup and gravy made from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

“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



“If the poison of pride is swelling up in you, turn to the Eucharist; and that Bread, Which is your God humbling and disguising Himself, will teach you humility. If the fever of selfish greed rages in you, feed on this Bread; and you will learn generosity. If the cold wind of coveting withers you, hasten to the Bread of Angels; and charity will come to blossom in your heart. If you feel the itch of intemperance, nourish yourself with the Flesh and Blood of Christ, Who practiced heroic self-control during His earthly life; and you will become temperate. If you are lazy and sluggish about spiritual things, strengthen yourself with this heavenly Food; and you will grow fervent. Lastly, if you feel scorched by the fever of impurity, go to the banquet of the Angels; and the spotless Flesh of Christ will make you pure and chaste.”

~Saint Cyril of Alexandria



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

Mon. Feb. 12 - St. Mary Oratory's

day to pray at the abortion clinic

Tue. Feb. 13 - Sursum Corda

Fat Tuesday Event at 5pm

Wed. Feb. 14 - Mass at 7am & 6pm

(Ashes will be distributed at both Masses)

Wed. Feb. 14 - 40 Days for Life begins

Thu. Feb. 22 - St. Mary Oratory's

day to pray at the abortion clinic

Sun. Feb. 25 - Altar server practice

in St. Joseph Hall from 9am to 10am

Wed. Feb. 28 - Restaurant Night Fundraiser

at Noodles & Company from 4pm to 8pm

(6430 E State St Ste 118)

Sat. Mar. 2 - 55+ Group breakfast meeting

at Stockholm Inn at 9:30am

The **55+ Group** is planning a breakfast meeting Saturday, March 2, at 9:30am at Stockholm Inn.

(2420 Charles St, Rockford, 61108.)

Members will pay for their own breakfast

and share in great conversation

(including discussions for future events!)

Please RSVP by Saturday, February 24, with

Adrienne Majewski if you plan to attend.

(815-601-1816 or adenbill1776@outlook.com)

Hope to see you there!



There will be no children's choir practice on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,022

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$8,256

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$202,184

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$256,704

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Quinquagesima Sunday

Mitch Lind, Birthday

Sherry Maloney Hall, RIP

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Seven Holy Servite Founders

Howell Family, Living & Deceased

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Feria

Jeff Brown Children

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

Vince & Lois Ormond, RIP

William L. Winterbauer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Feria/ Ss. Faustina & Jovita

Jodie Mitchell, RIP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Feria

Richard & Carol Johnson, RIP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Feria

Anne Westerman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

First Sunday of Lent

Bratt Children & their Families

Baby Johnson

Sursum Corda February Event
Adults (18-35) join us February 13, at 5pm for a Fat Tuesday celebration at the Ehrke's House in Dekalb. Good food and great fun!

For more details, please contact Mari Ehrke at (779-255-0036).

Did you know that **40 Days for Life** has saved over 24,000 babies in the womb? You have the opportunity to join pro-lifers around the country as we pray to save more babies during the upcoming **40 Days for Life** campaign. Beginning Wednesday, February 14, we will be praying from 8am-5pm at 611 Auburn St, Rockford.

We need your help to fill the schedule!

Go to ProLifeRockford.com/40Days to sign up for a time slot. May God reward you for standing up for life!

There will be a **40 Days for Life** Kick-off Rally on Tuesday, February 13th, 7pm in the St. Bernadette Church Parish Center (2400 Bell Ave, Rockford.) Steve Karlen, the campaign director of the peaceful, prayerful, effective **40 Days for Life** project will tell the story of this groundbreaking effort.



During Lent, St. Mary Oratory will be participating in the **CHANGE for LIFE** campaign to benefit **The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford**. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, baby bottles will be available to take home to fill with coins. They can be returned to church at the end of Lent.

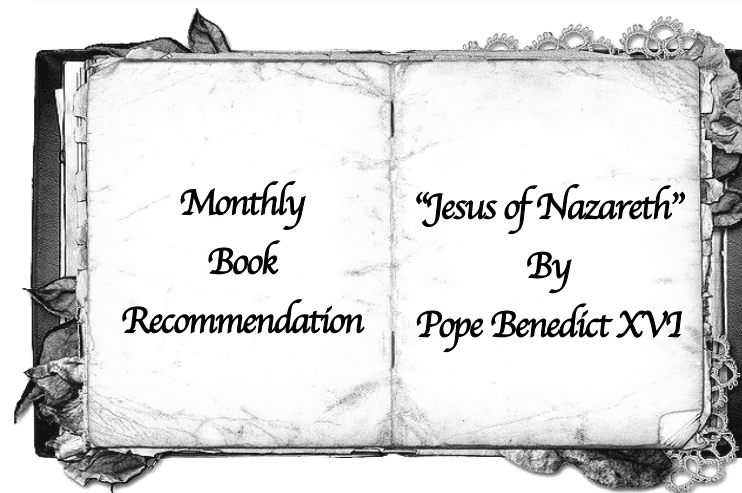
Our loose change will help change lives!

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.



THE COMPENDIUM

CREDO

Part One-The Profession of Faith- Section One "I believe" – "We believe"

CHAPTER TWO

God Comes to Meet Man - The Revelation of God

Sacred Scripture

18. Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth?

Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a "religion of the Book", but of the Word of God – "not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living" (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).

19. How is Sacred Scripture to be read?

Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith themselves.

20. What is the Canon of Scripture?

The Canon of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The Canon consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

21. What is the importance of the Old Testament for Christians?

Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God's saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ the Savior of the universe.