



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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*For homebound or sick calls,
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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

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.

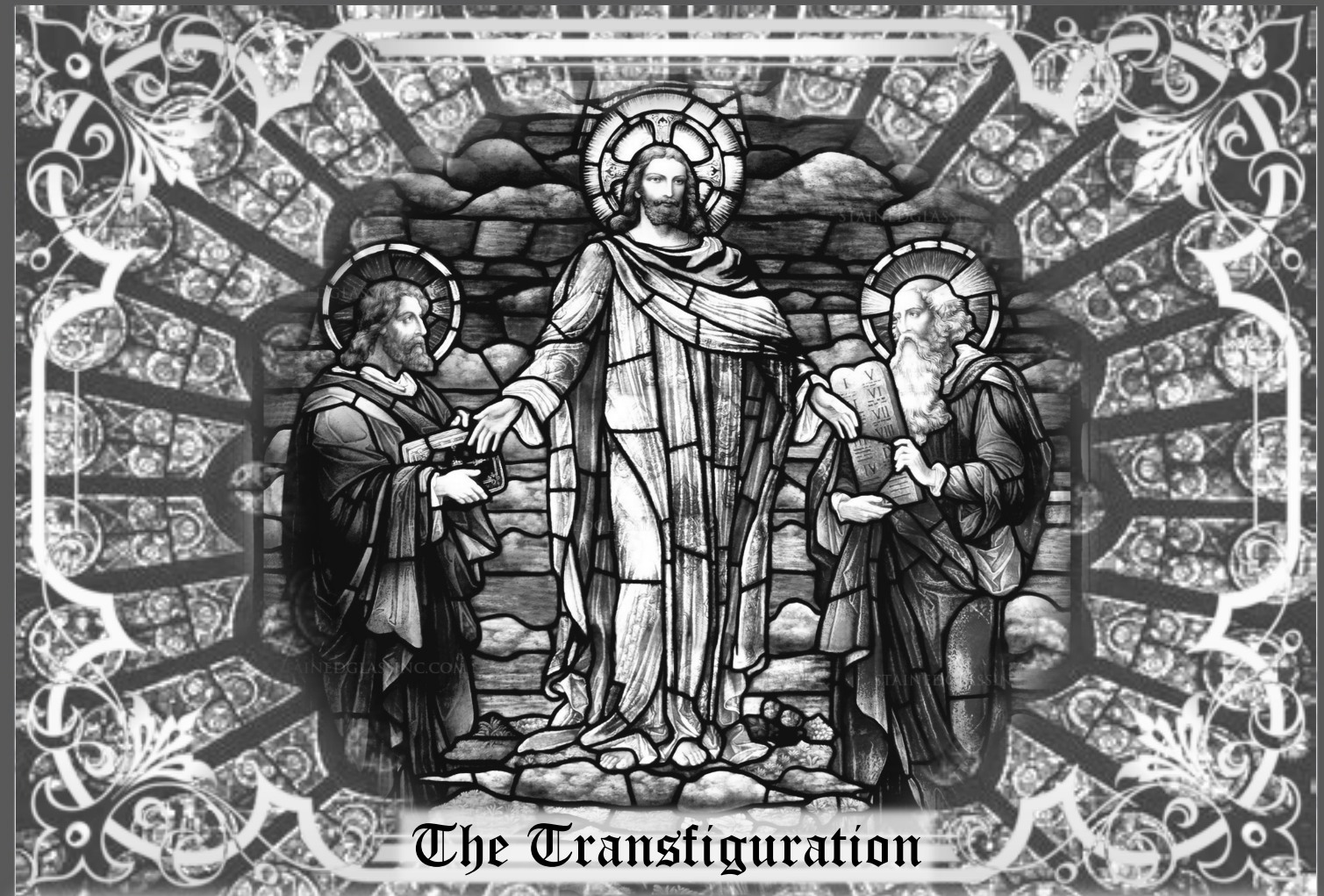
We find some people who think that to fast well during the holy season of Lent it is enough to abstain from eating some prohibited food. We know very well that it is not enough to fast exteriorly if we do not also fast interiorly, and if we do not accompany the fast of the body with that of the spirit. 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”



The Transfiguration

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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

Every Friday during Lent:
Holy Hour 6pm - 7 pm

TODAY - 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

Mar. 10 - Special Second Collection for the
Institute's "Many Apostolates, One Mission"

The Second Sunday of Lent

"...Let us not wait till we have betrayed Him: let us at once acknowledge that He is our Lord and our God. We are soon to be keeping the anniversary of His Sacrifice; like the Apostles, we are to see Him humbled by His enemies and bearing, in our stead, the chastisements of Divine Justice. We must not allow our faith to be weakened, when we behold the fulfilment of those prophecies of David and Isaias, that the Messiah is to be treated as *a worm of the earth* [Ps. xxi. 7], and be covered with wounds, so as to become like a *leper, the most abject of men*, and the *Man of sorrows* [Is. liii. 3,4].

We must remember the grand things of Thabor, and the adorations paid Him by Moses and Elias, and the bright cloud, and the voice of the Eternal Father. The more we see Him humbled, the more must we proclaim His glory and divinity; we must join our acclamations with those of the Angels and the Four-and-

Twenty Elders, whom St. John, (one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration,) heard crying out with a loud voice: *The Lamb that was slain, is worthy to receive power and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and benediction!*

[Apoc. v. 12]."

Excerpt from: *The Liturgical Year*
by Dom Guéranger

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Second Sunday of Lent
Gwen & Marilyn Jones, RIP
Lucia Herra, Birthday

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Feria
Phyllis Monty, RIP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Feria
Doyle Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Feria/St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy Staff

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Feria
Matt Adas Sr. Family
FRIDAY, MARCH 1
Feria/First Friday
Dominik & Cortney Maligranda

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Feri
Sherry Maloney Hall, RIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Third Sunday of Lent
Richard Konecnik, RIP
Msgr. Wach



WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,022

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
TOTAL: \$6,280

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$213,892

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$272,748

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!



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!

**INSTITUTE SPECIAL
COLLECTION
ON MARCH 10**



"Many Apostolates, One Mission"

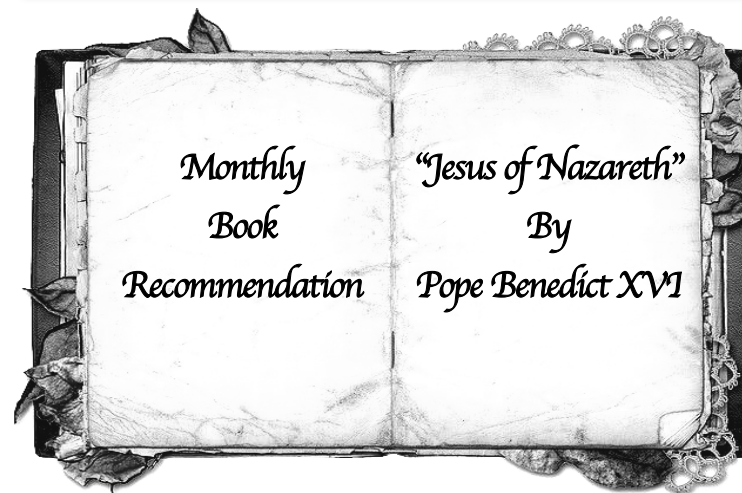
Please use the blue envelopes (*available near the bulletins*) for this important cause.

Help the Institute continue to restore Catholic life and culture in the USA!



**PLEASE JOIN US THIS
LENT FOR
HOLY HOUR
ON FRIDAYS (except Good Friday)
FROM 6:00PM - 7:00PM**

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.



Monthly Book Recommendation
"Jesus of Nazareth" By Pope Benedict XVI

THE COMPENDIUM

CREDO

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

CHAPTER THREE

Man's Response to God

I Believe

25. How does man respond to God who reveals himself?

Sustained by divine grace, we respond to God with the obedience of faith, which means the full surrender of ourselves to God and the acceptance of his truth insofar as it is guaranteed by the One who is Truth itself.

26. Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures?

There are many such witnesses, two in particular: One is Abraham who when put to the test "believed in God" (Romans 4:3) and always obeyed his call. For this reason he is called "the Father of all who believe" (Romans 4:11-18). The other is the Virgin Mary who, throughout her entire life, embodied in a perfect way the obedience of faith: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

27. What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God?

It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

28. What are the characteristics of faith?

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation. It is a free gift of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a human act, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also certain because it is founded on the Word of God; it works "through charity" (Galatians 5:6); and it continually grows through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a foretaste of the joys of heaven.