



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.



DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR, **SUNDAY, MARCH 10 AT 2:00AM!**



St. ROCH CENTER Dr. Bob Tiballi
Catholic Centered Healthcare
Board Certified Infectious Diseases & Internal Medicine

Telemedicine General Practice Lyme Disease
Licensed in AL, IA, IL, MI, MN, ND, SD, WI
Phone/Fax: 847-741-4376 strochcenter.org

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



Hahn Tax Accounting, LLC
TAX PREPARATION
INDIVIDUAL & CORPORATE

hahntax@outlook.com | hahntaxaccounting.com



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

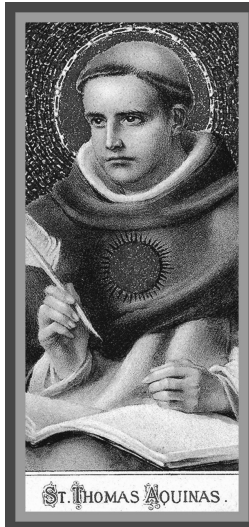
PRECEPT ON FASTING & ABSTINENCE

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

By virtue of St. Thomas Aquinas being a patron of the Institute, a plenary indulgence may be obtained under the usual conditions by assisting at Holy Mass on his feast, March 7th, at any of the Institute’s apostolates. To obtain the plenary indulgence: go to confession within several days, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Pope, & have no attachment to sin.



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS March 7

“In the life of the body, a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life, a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance.”

Saint Mary Oratory

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

UNITED STATES PROVINCE:

VERY REV. MSGR. R. MICHAEL SCHMITZ,
STD, JCD VICAR GENERAL & DELEGATE FOR THE UNITED STATES
REV. CANON MATTHEW TALARICO,
PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

ORATORY CLERGY

REV. CANON JOHN JOSEPH O’CONNOR, Rector

ORATORY RECTORY

517 ELM ST
ROCKFORD, IL 61102
PHONE: (815) 965-5971
E-MAIL: stmaryrockford@institute-christ-king.org

ORATORY STAFF

Business Manager:
MRS. JEANANN HAYS
Director of Sacred Music:
MISS MARIAH EHRKE

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 - Confirmation Class in the Grotto
Sun Mar 10 - Special Second Collection for the Institute's "Many Apostolates, One Mission"
Sun Mar 10 - First Communion Class in the Grotto
Sun Mar 24 - No Altar Server practice
(unless you are on the Triduum Schedule)

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

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Third Sunday of Lent
Richard Konecnik, RIP

Msgr. Wach

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Feria/St. Casimir

Sr. Thomeissa

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Feria

Spratling Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Feria/Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

Grace Hulstedt, RIP

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 *(Mass with organ)*

St. Thomas Aquinas

Tammy Johnson, RIP

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Feria/St. John of God

Jeff Brown Grandchildren

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Feria/St. Frances of Rome

Annie Jones, Birthday

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent-Laetare Sunday

Mr. & Mrs. T. Westerman

Larry & Kathryn Hogard



WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,022

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$5,470

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$219,362

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$280,770

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!

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!



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.

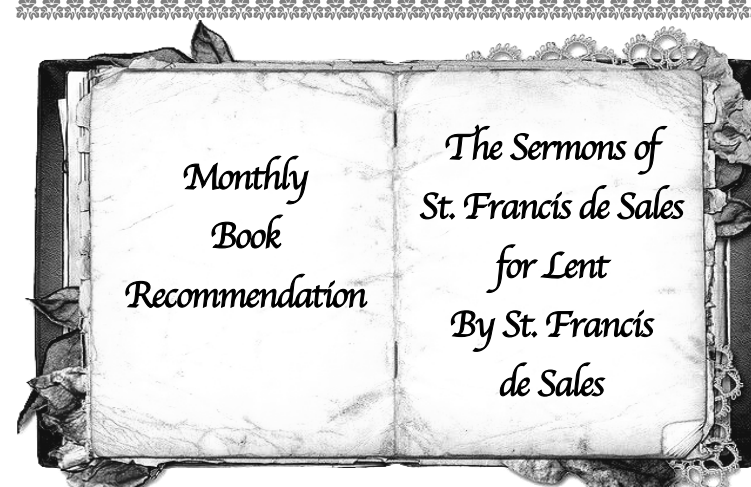
Our loose change will help change lives!

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



*** EASTER FLOWERS ***

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



Monthly Book Recommendation

The Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent By St. Francis de Sales

THE COMPENDIUM

CREDO

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

CHAPTER THREE

Man's Response to God

I Believe

29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?

Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith.

"I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." (Saint Augustine)

We Believe

30. Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time ecclesial?

Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, "We believe". It is in fact the Church that believes: and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher.

"No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother." (Saint Cyprian)

31. Why are the formulas of faith important? The formulas of faith are important because they permit one to express, assimilate, celebrate, and share together with others the truths of the faith through a common language.

32. In what way is the faith of the Church one faith alone?

The Church, although made up of persons who have diverse languages, cultures, and rites, nonetheless professes with a united voice the one faith that was received from the one Lord and that was passed on by the one Apostolic Tradition. She confesses one God alone, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and points to one way of salvation. Therefore we believe with one heart and one soul all that is contained in the Word of God, handed down or written, and which is proposed by the Church as divinely revealed.