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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

7:00am & 9:30am

Monday-Thursday: 12:05pm

Friday: 12:05pm & 6:05pm

(Friday: 5:00pm Holy Hour)

Saturday: 8:00am

CONFESSIONS:

Monday-Friday:

11:15am-12:00pm

**Saturday: after 8:00am Mass
& 3:30pm-5:00pm**

**Sunday: after 7:00am Mass
& at 9:00am**

ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT

OTHER SACRAMENTS:

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CANON ZIGNEGO

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday-Friday:

9:00am - 3:00pm

GROTTO HOURS:

Monday-Friday:

8:00am-3:00pm

Saturday:

7:30am - 3:00pm

Sunday: CLOSED

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*Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8*

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December 8, 2019

INTROIT. Is. 61,10. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, and my soul shall be joyful in my God: for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, and with the robe of justice He hath covered me, as a bride adorned with her jewels. Ps. 29, 2. I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me: and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me. V. Glory.

COLLECT. O God, Who, by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, didst prepare a worthy dwelling for Thy Son, we beseech Thee that Thou, Who, by the death, foreseen by Thee, of the same Son, didst preserve her from all stain, wilt grant us also, by her intercession, to come to Thee pure in heart. Through the same.

COLLECT II. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest.

EPISTLE. Prov. 8, 22-35. The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His ways, before He made anything, from the beginning. I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived; neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out; the mountains with their huge bulk had not as yet been established: before the hills I was brought forth; He had not yet made the earth, nor the rivers, or the poles of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there; when with a certain law and compass He enclosed the depths; when He established the sky above and poised the fountains of waters; when He compassed the sea with its bounds, and set a law to the waters that they should not pass their limits; when He balanced the foundations of the earth, I was with him, forming all things, and was delighted every day, playing before Him at all times, playing in the world: and my delight is to be with the children of men. Now, therefore, ye children, hear me: blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates, and waiteth at the posts of my doors. He that shall find me shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

GRADUAL. Judith 13, 23. Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord, the most high God, above all women, upon the earth. V. Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people.

ALLELUIA. Alleluia, alleluia. V. Thou art all fair, O Mary, and there is in thee no stain of original sin. Alleluia.

GOSPEL. Luke 1, 26-28. The angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

OFFERTORY. Luke 1, 28. Hail, Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women. Alleluia.

SECRET. Receive, O Lord, the saving oblation which we offer Thee on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grant that, as we confess her to have been preserved, by Thy prevenient grace, from all taint of evil, so, through her intercession, we may be freed from all sin. Through our Lord.

SECRET II. Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and offerings of our lowliness, and where no support of merits is at hand, do Thou hasten to us with Thine aid.

COMMUNION. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O Mary; for He that is mighty hath done great things unto thee.

POSTCOMMUNION. May the sacrament which we have received, O Lord, our God, heal in us the wounds of that sin from which, by a singular privilege, Thou didst preserve immaculate the conception of blessed Mary. Through our Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION II. Filled with the food of spiritual nourishing, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this mystery Thou wouldst teach us to condemn earthly and love heavenly things. Through our Lord.

**PROCESSIONAL: *Prelude in D Major -
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)***

**RECESSIONAL: *Rondeau -
Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)***

The Immaculate Conception

“O Mary! Ark of the Covenant, built of an incorruptible wood, and covered over with the purest gold! Help us to correspond with those wonderful designs of our God, who, after having found his glory in thy incomparable purity, wills now to seek his glory in our unworthiness, by making us, from being slaves of the devil, his temples and his abode, where he may find his delight. Help us to this, O thou that by the mercy of thy Son hast never known sin! and receive this day our devoutest praise. Thou art the Ark of Salvation; the one creature unwrecked in the universal deluge; the white Fleece filled with the dew of heaven, whilst the earth around is parched; the Flame which the many waters could not quench; the Lily blooming amidst thorns; the Garden shut against the infernal serpent; the Fountain sealed, whose limpid water was never ruffled; the House of the Lord, whereon his eyes were ever fixed, and into which nothing defiled could ever enter; the mystic City, of which such glorious things are said. We delight in telling all thy glorious titles, O Mary! for thou art our Mother, and we love thee, and the Mother's glory is the glory of her children. Cease not to bless and protect all them that honour thy immense privilege, thou that wast conceived on this day! May this feast fit us for that mystery, for which thy Conception, thy Birth, and thy Annunciation, are all preparations, - the Birth of thy Jesus in Bethlehem: yea, dear Mother, we desire thy Jesus, - give him to us and satisfy the longings of our love.”

**From: *The Liturgical Year
by Dom Guéranger***

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - I Class
7:00am - BRP
9:30am - Alan Nicosia, RIP

***Novena to the Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 9

Feria of Advent - III Class
12:05pm - For an End to Abortion in America & Everywhere

Tuesday, December 10

Feria of Advent - III Class
12:05pm - Bernadette Westholder, RIP

Wednesday, December 11

St. Damasus - III Class
12:05pm - In Reparation for Abortion & All Sins against Human Life

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe - III Class
12:05pm - Alan Nicosia, RIP

Friday, December 13

St. Lucy - III Class
12:05pm - Mary & William Tennant, RIP
6:05pm - Alan Nicosia, RIP

Saturday, December 14

Feria of Advent - III Class
8:00am - Intentions of the MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM Group

Sunday, December 15

"Gaudete" - Third Sunday of Advent - I Class
7:00am - Savannah Dudzik
9:30am - Kalah Williams

ST. MARY ORATORY WILL BE HAVING A **YOUNG LADIES CRAFT DAY**

THIS UPCOMING SATURDAY,

DECEMBER 14TH,

AFTER THE 8AM MASS.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.



Epiphany Celebration 2020!

St. Mary Oratory will once more host a **TALENT SHOW!** Start preparing your skits, musical performances, and visual arts now!
More details will follow in the coming weeks.



Our prayer group **MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM** will meet this month on

Dec. 14, 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"**.

Everyone is welcome to join us! If you would like more information, please call Sandra Dettori at (815)793-2661.

LET US KEEP IN MIND THAT IF WE MANAGE TO SAVE ONE SOUL, WE ALSO ENSURE THE SALVATION OF OUR OWN:

"The Master of unity did not wish prayer to be offered individually and privately as one would pray only for himself...he wished one to pray for all, just as he himself bore all in one."

- St. Cyprian

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fri. Dec. 13 *Holy Hour of Reparation at 5pm*
Sat. Dec. 14 Young Ladies Craft Day after 8am Mass
Sat. Dec. 14 MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM
MEETING AFTER 8AM MASS

Fri. Dec. 20 *Holy Hour of Reparation at 5pm*
Sun. Dec. 22 Church Christmas decorating after 9:30am Mass

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tue. Dec. 24 9am Low Mass of the Christmas Vigil
3:30pm - 5pm Confessions
11:15pm Carols and Instrumentals
11:45pm Blessing of the Nativity Scene followed by Midnight Mass
9:30am Mass of Christmas
Wed. Dec. 25 6pm Low Mass no confessions
Thu. Dec. 26 *Holy Hour of Reparation at 5pm*
Fri. Dec. 27 *Holy Hour of Reparation at 5pm*

Miracle on Elm

Our fundraiser was an amazing success, especially for a first time! We had a great turnout and many helping hands! A sincere THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make this event a success! Thanks to all the businesses that donated the many prizes and those who personally donated prizes, goods, time, and/or money. From set-up to clean-up, and everything in between, your generosity was apparent! *A very special thank you to Leslie Tuttle, who put in incomparable hours for this fundraiser to benefit St. Mary Oratory.*



A CHRISTMAS CAROL NATIVITY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:00 PM

Open House/Cookie Walk 5:30 pm
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy
3445 Elmwood Road, Rockford, IL

Call to reserve seats (815) 399-3021
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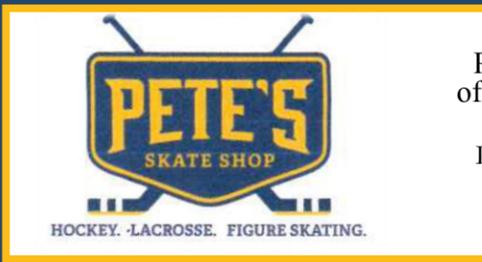
You and your family and friends are invited to our 2019 Christmas play. Our students have worked hard to prepare for this special Christmas production; you will not be disappointed.

Free will donation accepted.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$3308.00
LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
CHECKS: \$2964.00
CASH: \$723.25
TOTAL: \$3687.25
ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$80,647.17
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$72,776.00
May God reward your generosity!



FLY CESSNA!
FLIGHT INSTRUCTION BY BILL RADOVICH
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March for Life
— January 24 —
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REGISTRATIONS FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C ARE NOW OPEN!

Four buses this year. Open to everyone!
Deadline: December 20th. (note: Quad Rooms for overnight trips).
Rockford - Chicago to Washington and back (3 days round trip) For more information and to register, please visit: institute-christ-king.org

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING

From Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ our King, Jerusalem, the holy city of David, Cana and Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, River Jordan and Mount Carmel, travel to Old and New Testament sites where the greatest mysteries of our Faith have unfolded! To pray the Holy Mass in these sacred places is an unparalleled privilege!

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Five nights in the Old City of Jerusalem near the Holy Sepulchre
- Two nights and days along the Sea of Galilee
- One night on Mount Carmel overlooking the Mediterranean Sea
- The sites of many of Jesus' miracles including the Wedding Feast of Cana
- Ein Kerem; the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and place of the Visitation
- Mt. Tabor; site of the Great Transfiguration
- The Carmel Convent founded by St. Mariam Baouardy in Bethlehem
- The Israel Museum housing the Dead Sea Scrolls

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***The two side altar angels are lit with the intention of the needs and growth of St. Mary Oratory & Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy.**