Welcome to St. Mary Oratory

With the gracious permission of Bishop David Malloy, Bishop of Rockford, the extraordinary form of Holy Mass is offered 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.

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During Lent, St. Mary's 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!

Dear Faithful of Saint Mary Oratory,
Your ***continued and generous*** support during these difficult times is greatly appreciated!
There are several ways to donate:
1) Mail in your check to the rectory office
2) Place your donation in the wooden collection box (bucket) in the center aisle
3) Donate online at our website: www.institute-christ-king/rockford-home (at the top of the page is a "donate" link)

Thank you for your goodness in supporting Saint Mary Oratory, and be assured of our prayers for you!

*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.

Reminder,
per the Diocese of Rockford guidelines:
"All those attending Mass must adhere to the requirements of social distancing, wearing of masks and proper sanitation before and after Mass." - rockforddiocese.org

Saint Mary Oratory

Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Oratory Clergy
Very Rev. Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz, STD, JCD Vicar General & Delegate for the United States
Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior

In Residence
Rev. Canon Luke V.A. Zignego
Rector

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Mrs. JeanAnn Hays

Office Hours
Monday: 11:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Mass Schedule
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am (must sign-up)
Monday-Thursday: 12:05pm
Friday: 12:05pm & 6:05pm
Saturday: 8:00am

Confessions
Monday-Friday: 11:15am-12:00pm
Saturday: after 8:00am Mass & 3:30pm-4:30pm
Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, & 11:00am
(half hour before each Mass)
Anytime by appointment

Other Sacraments
Please contact Canon Zignego

Devotions
*Thursday:
Exposition, Holy Rosary, Adoration, & Benediction
10:30am - 12noon
*Friday:
Exposition, Adoration, & Benediction
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Grotto Hours
Monday-Friday: 8:00am-3:00pm
Saturday: 7:30am - 3:00pm
Sunday: CLOSED

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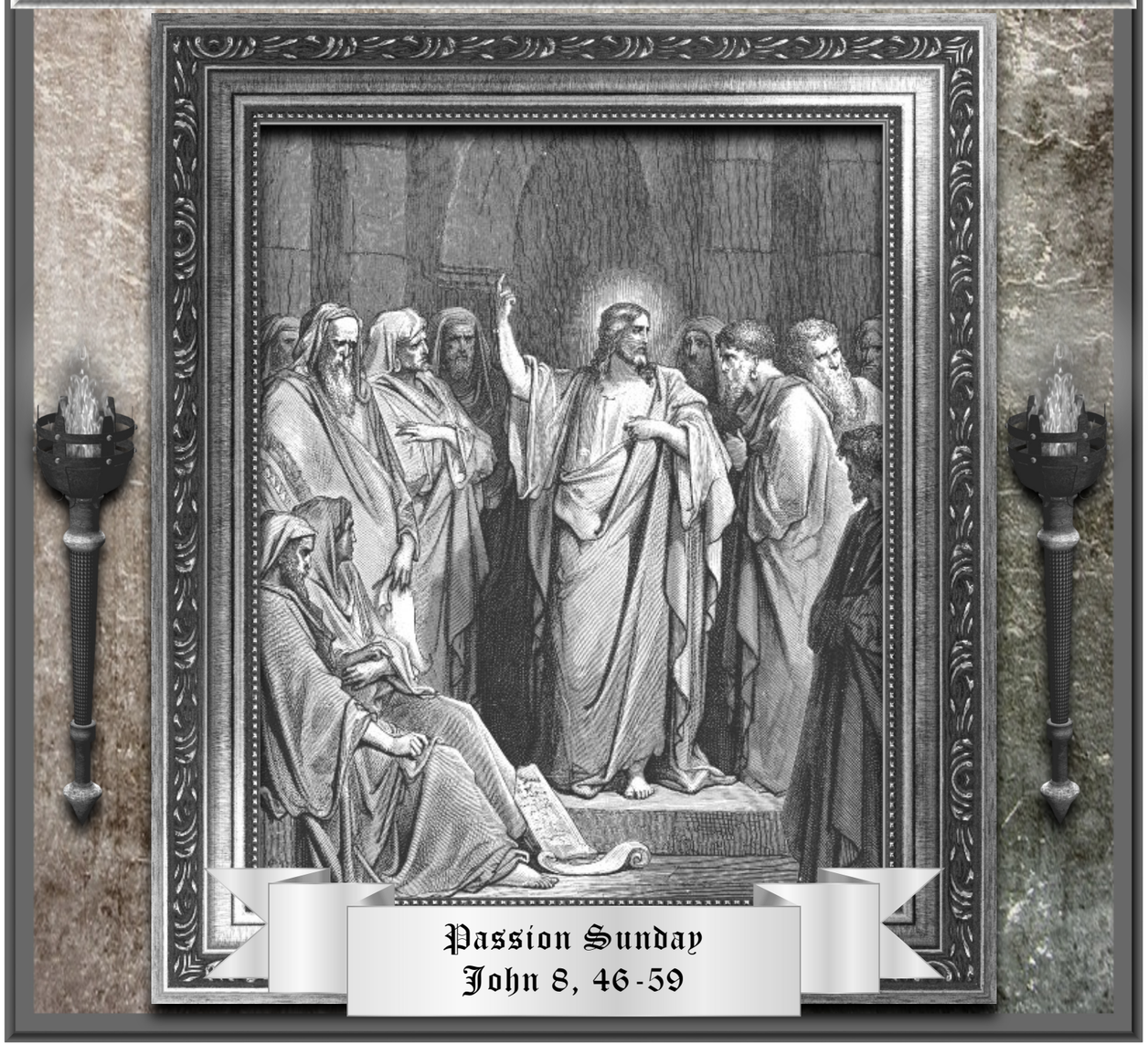

Passion Sunday
John 8, 46-59

WHY NOT SACRIFICE YOUR FRIDAY EVENINGS THIS COMING LENT?

Join the Saint Mary Oratory community for
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
starting at 4:30pm,
ADORATION at 5pm
and then
HOLY MASS at 6:05pm..

Set these Fridays aside as being uniquely for God, both in order to make reparation for our sins and to grow closer to our Savior,
He who sacrificed his entire time on Earth in reparation for our sins.

HELP YOUR PRIEST PRAY THIS LENT!

Lent is a time of growing closer to Our Lord, especially through prayer. One of the most privileged times of prayer is that of offering thanksgiving to Our Eucharistic Savior after Mass and Holy Communion. Your priests need this time, as much, if not more, than you, so that they might remain close to the Heart of Jesus, Who is the source of all the good they do in their sacred ministry. Please make a special effort this Lent to allow the priest his time of thanksgiving after the daily Mass by refraining from coming to the sacristy unless absolutely necessary. Feel free to contact Canon in order to set up a time if you need to meet with him. Secondly, please make a renewed effort to silence your phones during Mass, or better yet, leave them in your vehicles. That way, even if you forget to silence it, the unnecessary distraction of a phone ringing during Mass will not occur. If you absolutely need your phone on you during Mass, please be very attentive about putting it on silent or vibrate. Forgetting once in a while happens to everyone. Consistently forgetting constitutes a culpable and unnecessary negligence.
Thank you for your attention in this important matter which is a concrete way of practicing the virtues of both religion and charity!

Dear Faithful of Saint Mary Oratory,

We have been blessed over the last few months to see the number of the faithful attending Mass here at the Oratory increase. Let us give thanks to Divine Providence for using the difficult times in which we find ourselves to bless our Oratory community. From the sorrows of the Cross comes the joys of the Resurrection!

That being said, I would like to ask everyone, insofar as possible, to spread out between the 3 masses. This past Sunday the distribution of the number of the faithful between the different masses was very unequal with fewer at 2 of the masses and quite a few at the other. I just ask that everyone do the best they can to 1) sign up for Sunday Mass and 2) insofar as possible for you and your family, choose a Mass that helps us to observe this goal of spreading out the numbers equally. I know this may involve some sacrifices, and thank you in advance for them. Your efforts to attend Mass during these difficult times is a testament of your faithfulness to Our Lord and His Holy Church, and He will bless you abundantly for it!

Thank you for your attention to these important details which help us to continue to offer Holy Mass at the Oratory. May God bless you and your families in these last few weeks of Lent as we prepare for the greatest and holiest week of the year!

Be assured of my daily prayers for you at the altar of God,
In Christ our King, Mary Immaculate, and Joseph most Faithful,

Rev. Canon Luke Zignego

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 21
Passion Sunday
7:30am - Grandpa Bill Pichen, RIP
9:30am - John & Mary (RIP) Kessen
11:30am - Patrick Zignego
5:30pm - Solemn Vespers
(church opens at 5:00pm)

Monday, March 22
Feast of St. Benedict - Secondary Patron of the Institute
12:05pm - Conversion of Ryan VanBeek

Tuesday, March 23
Lenten Feria
12:05pm - Kathleen Gerberi, RIP

Wednesday, March 24
Lenten Feria - St. Gabriel the Archangel
12:05pm - In Reparation for Abortion & All Sins against Human Life

Thursday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
12:05pm - OLSHA Staff

Friday, March 26
Lenten Feria - Our Lady of Sorrows
12:05pm - Conversion of Nicholas VanBeek
6:05pm - Special Intention

Saturday, March 27
Lenten Feria - St. John Damascene
8:00am - Patrick Cotter, Birthday

Sunday, March 28
Palm Sunday
7:30am - Frank & Mary Lester, RIP
9:30am - Jamie Cotter, Birthday
11:30am - Safe Labor & Delivery of Carla Lazaro

BE RECONCILED DAY -
DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD
Wednesday, March 24, 2021
St. Mary Oratory
Extended Confessions:
10:00am - 12:00noon
& 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: $4,346.00
LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:
TOTAL: $ 3,796.00
ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: $ 176,436.18
GOAL - FISCAL YTD: $ 160,802.00
May God reward your generosity!

We will pray a **Novena to St. Benedict**, one of the Institute of Christ the King's patrons, from March 14th to March 22nd. Special prayer cards will be printed and available to those who wish to complete the Novena.

St. Benedict, 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 22, at any of the Institute's apostolates. To obtain the plenary indulgence: go to confession within several days, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Pope.

FROM THE RECTOR

BECAUSE THE MASS INTENTION BOOK IS FULL FOR THIS YEAR, (DEO GRATIAS!),
I have instructed the Oratory secretaries to **start scheduling masses for 2022 on December 1st**.
Also, until that time, **no** additional masses may be scheduled for specific dates in 2022.
This is to avoid confusion between Purgatorial Society lists and personal lists for 2022.

Thank you for your understanding..
Rev. Canon Luke Zignego

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

March 28 - Palm Sunday
Low Mass - 7:30am & 9:30am
High Mass - 11:30am
April 1 - Maundy Thursday
Mass of Maundy Thursday 6:00pm
April 2 - Good Friday
Mass of the Presanctified 3:00pm
April 3 - Holy Saturday
The Great Easter Vigil 7:30pm
April 4 - Easter Sunday
Low Mass - 7:30am & 9:30am
High Mass - 11:30am