

THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



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Welcome to the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine

The Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine is pleased to welcome you. We are an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis faithful to the teachings of the Church and striving to grow as a family of faith through the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass and other Sacraments.

In the First Book of *The Confessions*, the other great St. Augustine (of Hippo) wrote the following: “Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee.” Whether you are curious about the traditional Latin Mass and interested in exploring its beauty, searching for a parish community where you and your family will feel at home, or seeking rest for your heart, we hope that the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine can provide that respite for you.

Our bulletin serves to provide information about the weekly activities occurring here at the Oratory. Along with our website (www.stlouislainmass.com), the bulletin is your point of contact with the ever-increasing activities at the Oratory. I hope this will give you some sense of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. I am delighted that God has brought you here! *Oremus pro invicem!*

—The Very Reverend Monsignor C. Eugene Morris, Rector

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses

- 6:30 am (Low Mass)
- 8:00 am (Low Mass)
- 10:00 am (High Mass)

Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Friday: 6:30 am & 12:15 pm
- First Friday: 6:30 pm
- Saturday: 8:15 am

Confession

- Sunday: 7:00 -7:45 am; 9:00 am – 10:30 am
- Monday thru Friday: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Wednesday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- First Friday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 am – 8:00 am

Divine Office

- Sunday: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; Vespers @ 2:30 pm; Compline @ 7 pm
- Monday: Vespers @ 6 pm & Compline @ 7pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: Compline @ 7 pm
- Wednesday: Compline @ 6:30 pm

Infant Baptism – Baptisms are normally scheduled on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month beginning at 10:00 am. Families expecting newborns and anticipating that they will be baptized here at the Oratory should schedule their baptism at the earliest convenience by contacting the Oratory office.

Adult Baptism – If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are an adult Catholic not yet confirmed, please contact the Oratory office for more information about adult catechesis.

Matrimony – Please contact the Oratory office at least six months prior to the desired date for the rite of marriage. The date is reserved after consultation and confirmation from the Rector of the Oratory.

Extreme Unction/Visitation of the Sick – Contact the Oratory to arrange the sacrament either at home or in the hospital.

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FROM THE RECTOR

This month of Our Lady provides us a perfect opportunity to deepen, strengthen, and solidify our intimacy with the Mother of God. Our Lady receives a new mission at the Foot of the Cross to assist us in putting on the new man who is Christ. The Blessed Mother is best suited to not only nurture the Church which is the Body of Christ but also model the interior dispositions needed to respond completely to the will of our heavenly Father. At the heart of Marian generosity is the virtue of humility making it possible for Mary’s perfect cooperation with the will of God. Allowing God to direct us is the only way that our lives have meaning and can give glory to Him. We must demand from ourselves a slavish obedience to His will motivated by nothing more than to love God with every fiber of our being. The Blessed Virgin Mary stands ready, waiting and willing to provide us with tender, motherly love and affection or the guidance and admonishment whichever the case may be. It is incumbent upon the whole Oratory to foster this filial Marian piety especially through our daily recitation of the rosary. As an individual or as families, the rosary should be an integral part of our spiritual discipline so that we can give ourselves completely into the hands of our heavenly Father. Even though the world stands against us, the majesty of the Cross, the intercession of Our Lady and the power of the rosary are all that is needed to stand tall in the face of any and all adversity. Call upon Our Lady at all times that through her intercession we persevere in this life to enjoy the fruits of everlasting life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 6 October:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Coffee Hour @ 9:00 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Monday, 7 October:

- Serving Training @ 4:30 pm
- Girls’ Guild @ 4:30 pm
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Troops of St. George @ 6:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 8 October:

- Compline @ 7:00 pm
- Choir practice @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday 9 October:

- Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, 10 October:

- Knights of Columbus Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 11 October:

- No Events Scheduled

Saturday, 12 October:

- Catholic Latin Study @ 7:00 am
- Baptism @ 10:00 am

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2024

09/22-09/29 Kelly	09/29-10/06 Jones
10/06-10/13 Holman	10/13-10/20 Carapella
10/20-10/27 Cook	10/27-11/03 Hayward

11/03-11/10 Fowler	11/10-11/17 Blum
11/17-11/24 Wisniewski	11/24-12/01 Catalano
12/01-12/08 Kenney	12/08-12/15 Raymond
12/15-12/22 Hayes	12/22-12/29 Schuette
12/29-01/05 Filla	01/05-01/12 Petrick

Drop off and pick up the statue in the vestibule (back of church). Place the statue bag on the floor to left of the Oratory table. To join or to quit the schedule contact Sharon Alexander saalexa@sbcglobal.net

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 7 October – ***Our Lady of the Rosary***

- 6:30 am: Nick Kassebaum (d)
- 12:15 pm: Gertrude Otto (d)

Tuesday, 8 October – ***St. Bridget of Sweden***

- 6:30 am: Grace Mueller
- 12:15 pm: Josh Hawlely

Wednesday, 9 October – ***St. Dennis & Companions***

- 6:30 am: Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 12:15 pm: Joseph Ley (d)

Thursday, 10 October – ***Ss. Francis Borgia***

- 6:30 am: Matt Schlapp
- 12:15 pm: Norma Jean Johnson (d)

Friday, 11 October – ***Motherhood of the BVM***

- 6:30 am: Nick Kassebaum (d)
- 12:15 pm: Msgr. John McCarthy (d)

Saturday, 12 October – ***Saturday of Our Lady***

- 8:15 am: Joan Pisoni

Sunday, 13 October – ***21st Sunday after Pentecost***

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
- 8:00 am: Wiktor & Zofia Kozlowski
- 10:00 am: Minna Spann & Family

~ 09/29/2024 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 7,983.15
Online Giving	\$ 7,142.44
Total	\$ 15,125.59
Needed	\$ 17,869.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 190,593.08

VOCATIONS

In the six years the Oratory has been here at the Church of St. Luke the Evangelist, we have been blessed in so many ways: continued growth in our Oratory numbers; financial generosity; greater ownership and involvement from the Oratory community. All of these blessings have happened while we have experienced various hardships.

One of the hidden blessings has been the generosity of our young people in responding to the call of a religious vocation. Two years ago, Br. Peter Mary of the Cross (Colton Marks) departed the Oratory to begin his new life as a Discalced Hermit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. He was followed by Br. Matthew of Jesus and Mary (Kevin Murphy). This past Christmas, Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified (Donald Mueller) joined them at this Carmelite monastery which continues to experience vibrant growth. In addition to these three young men, this past week, Cameron Toal departed the Oratory to begin his formation with the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest.

In recent months the Oratory has also been blessed with two young women entering consecrated religious life. This past August of 2024, Mary Hampton Hayden entered the Carmelites in Fairfield, Pennsylvania and just this month, Erin Losin entered the Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters in Fort Scott, Kansas.

In just six years, the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine has fostered six vocations and there are many more who have expressed a desire to follow them. Sadly, there are some parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis that have never produced a vocation. We are blessed to have these signs of hope in our midst and should be encouraged to continue upon this great path of Traditional Catholicism. Please pray for the grace of perseverance for our young people already committed to formation. Pray for those who are discerning now their call from the Lord. Parents are exhorted to patience, trust, and confidence in the Lord if their son or daughter expresses an interest in the priesthood or consecrated religious life. And for all of us, let us always strive to keep our eyes on the blessings bestowed upon us; to thank the Lord for those blessings; and radiate joy and hope in this world that desperately needs both.

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VOCATIONS: PART II

The faithful have been asked to pray for the six young people who have entered consecrated religious life or have begun studying for the holy priesthood. Cameron Toal, who is studying with the Institute of Christ the King, has asked for financial assistance during his time of priestly formation. A significant portion of the financial responsibility for their priestly formation rests with each individual candidate. If you are able and so inclined, Cameron would appreciate your assistance. So too, if you have questions about his needs, he will happily respond to any letters he receives. At this juncture, email communication is limited. All donations

should be made out to him. In advance, may God bless and reward your generosity.
His address: Cameron Toal, 1828 Jay Street, Detroit, MI 48207

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OSGA CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2024

The Christmas Giving Tree, sponsored by The Almonry, is a way for the Oratory faithful to receive or contribute to local needs. If you or someone you know could benefit from help around the Christmas Season, please let us know by emailing almonry@oratorysga.org with the following information:

- name of person in need and their contact info for delivery
- specific needs in detail, gift cards are acceptable

Starting Sunday, 1 December, needs will be displayed on ornaments for the faithful to take and fulfill. All names will be kept anonymous and gifts will be distributed prior to Christmas.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAD

The schola would like to announce two opportunities for our parish to pray for the faithful departed in the month of November:

1. A triduum of Vespers of the Dead for deceased parishioners of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine
 - a. November 1 @ 4:30 pm (Following Second Vespers of All Saints @ 4:00 pm)
 - b. November 2 @ 4:00 pm
 - c. November 3 @ 3:00 pm (Following Sunday Vespers @ 2:30pm)
2. Offices of the Dead for the month of November for your deceased relatives and friends
 - a. Registration information can be found at scholastl.org

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HOLY HOUR -THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER @ 7:00 pm

Please join us for a Holy Hour organized by the Oratory Knights of Columbus on Thursday, 10 October from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Oratory. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a priest will be available to hear Confessions. The Schola will chant Compline at 7:30 pm.

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LATIN COURSE

Beginning 5 October, the Cantores Sancti Ludovici and other Latin instructors will offer an 8-week course in Ecclesiastical (Catholic) Latin designed especially for laity. Meeting dates are October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:00am-8:00am in the St. Joseph Room. The meetings will be largely stand-alone, so it is not necessary to attend them all. While integrating basic Latin grammar and syntax, this course is primarily intended to increase the devotion and piety of the faithful by offering glimpses of the rich theology and history contained in the prayers of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Divine Office, and other Catholic prayers in their original language.

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This course is free, but RSVP registration is requested to schola@oratorysga.org. Students must be 12 years of age or older. There is no required textbook, but a list of helpful books will be provided to registrants. We encourage you to join us to learn more about our deep Roman Catholic heritage!

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FACILITIES MANAGER

The Oratory is seeking a facilities Manager. The job is posted on the Archdiocesan website. If you or someone you know would be interested in filling this position, please follow the application process outlined on the archdiocesan website. It is our hope that this position can be filled as quickly as possible. We ask for your patience during these intervening weeks with the upkeep of the Church and Oratory grounds. This work will be accomplished by volunteers until we can fill the position.

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

The prayers for Perpetual Help Devotion have changed (as of early September) reflecting a more traditional format to the devotion. So too, Perpetual Help will be prayed publicly only after the 12:15 pm Holy Mass. Those who attend the 6:30 am Holy Mass are certainly encouraged to pray the devotion privately.

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CCD

Attention parents! The Oratory is pleased to offer the full Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) program this year. Classes began Wednesday, 2 October and will be held every Wednesday evening (with some exceptions) in the school building at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4092 Blow St, St Louis, MO 63116. Children between the ages of 6 and 18 (as of 2/28/24) may participate. The cost is \$25 per child, \$100 maximum per family; online registration is open: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-louis-latin-mass/giving/funds/ccd-registration-fees>. Contact Jake & Terri Fowler with any questions: ccd@oratorysga.org.

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HOMILIES

If you would like to listen to Msgr. Morris's homilies you can find them on our website (see link below). They are usually posted the following week. If you would like to read Fr. Rennie's homilies you can find those on his website (see link below).

Msgr. Morris

<https://stlouislatinmass.com/about-us/homilies>.

Fr. Rennie:

<https://michaelrennier.wordpress.com/author/michaelrennier/>

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MILES CHRISTI RETREAT

Do you desire to renew your prayer life in Christ? Are you wanting to get away for a weekend to recollect yourself in Jesus truly present in the most Holy Eucharist? Join Miles Christi in Glencoe, MO for a weekend of peaceful silence, contemplation, and prayer! During these silent retreats, there will be spiritual talks, time for private meditation, the Holy Rosary, daily Mass, Adoration, and Benediction of the

Most Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for confession and spiritual direction. Deepen your relationship with our Lord at these weekend retreats. Space is limited so register today to secure your spot! Women's retreat: November 15-17 <https://www.mileschristi.org/event/glencoe-mo-3/>

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WEEKLY COLLECTION/TITHING

Asking for money is never easy; I am grateful that the generosity of the faithful of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, have made it possible for me to limit asking for money. However, as the new budget is submitted to the Archdiocese, it is time again to encourage your continued support; to ask that everyone prayerfully consider increasing their donation; to ask those who either never give or give little, to consider increasing their donation. I want to specifically encourage those who have not given to share the responsibility of caring for the Oratory along with the other generous members of the community. While the giving of the faithful of the Oratory generally surpasses that of other parish entities, there are still a significant number of registered parishioners who fail to contribute each fiscal year. I realize that the financial situations of each person are unique, and some may not be in a position to give, but I would still ask everyone to contribute something. As I often say when raising money for Covenant Network-Catholic Radio, no amount is too small!

Each year, the needed weekly collection number has increased, and this fiscal year is no different. Beginning 7 July 2024, the targeted weekly collection amount is \$17,869. The increase reflects the continued growth of the Oratory, more personnel for our liturgical celebrations and the on-going maintenance and improvement of the physical plant itself. Regarding the maintenance and improvement of the physical plant, part of the work on the electric system is included in this new budget. It is also anticipated that there will be some work done on the parking area near the garage. There is still work to be accomplished on the outside of the Church and Rectory as well as work to be accomplished on the whole parking lot.

I would ask everyone for their continued generosity as we continue to grow. Our fiscal responsibility indicates to the Archdiocese our ability to sustain ourselves and contributes to our longevity and stability. In advance, thank you so much and may God reward your generosity.

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PARKING ON CAMPUS

The Oratory has the happy problem of more faithful than available parking spaces. It is appreciated that for the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Masses finding a spot can be difficult. Please, however, only park in designated areas. Regarding the middle parking lot between the Church and the school building: Park only in those spots that have a parking curb in front of them. **DO NOT** park next to the garage, **DO NOT** park in the spots on the lot east of the garage which are all reserved spots. **DO NOT** park near the trashcans. Your attention to this is appreciated.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE (FRIDAYS @ 10AM)

The deadline that LPI has set for our submission of the full bulletin is Tuesdays by 12 Noon each week. Consequently, the new deadline for bulletin submissions from individuals and groups of the Oratory is the prior Friday at 10:00 am.

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BLESSED ITEMS

If you wish to have items blessed, please drop them off at the rectory (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) and include your name and telephone number. Please make sure all items are clearly marked. Once Msgr. Morris or Fr. Rennie have blessed the items Donna Mueller, Administrative Assistant to the Rector, will call you to let you know the items are ready for pick up (from the rectory office, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm). **Please drop off/pick up items at the front door on Dale Avenue, across from the field parking lot.**

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NEW FAMILIES for SEPTEMBER (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Belken Family ~ Mike & Cyndi, John Paul, and Patrick
- The Consolino Family ~ Vince & Kelly, and Vincent
- The Hacker Family ~ Katherine, Louise, and Virginia
- Stacy Hayes
- Anthony Leacock
- The Mack Family ~ Andy & Laura, Dorothy, Roger, and Daphne
- Karl Maurer
- Mark McCord
- Samuel Porter
- Dan White
- Tania Zuniga Lara

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BAPTISMS (July-September 2024):

(In alphabetical order)

- Stephen Patrick Brennan (Patrick & Margaret)
- Chiara Gabrielle Coursey (Nathanael & Catherine)
- Rhys Owain Davey (Patrick & Katherine)
- Sophia Jane Fisher (Hugh & Rachel)
- Leah Grace George
- Liliana Leticia Halferty (Mathew & Diana)
- Frederick George Hayward (Logan & Julie)
- Katerina Callisa Hylla (Brennan & Lily)
- Edwin Gregory Lux (Thomas & Geena)
- Bryce Alexander Newman (Brennan & Lily)
- GeorgeMarcus Phinnegus Sebastian Roberts (Brandon & Anna)

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- Maria-Magdalena Sofia Rodriguez (Carlos & Ana)
- Gertrude Kat Stewart (David & Jessica)

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PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Rosalind Anderson, mother of Agnes Joseph and Robert Anderson
- Elizabeth Berwin, cousin of David O’Gorman
- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund
- Anthony “Kim” Edgar, father of Fr. Zach Edgar
- Robert Milton Folle, father of Dottie Schwartz
- Sharon Koenig, sister of Dottie Schwartz
- Joseph Ley, father of Teresa Holman
- Mary Machain, grandmother of Kiera Petrick
- Gerald Saykes, husband of Karen Saykes
- Thomas Schuette, brother of Robert Schuette
- Donald Sunbury, uncle of Terri Fowler

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Jeanmarie DeCoster; Mary Gleckler, mother of Cathy Saccente and Mary Nelson; Hannah Green, daughter of Nicholas & Julie Green; Lena Henry, daughter of Toni & Mickey Henry; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; James Frances Mooney, father of Dr. Joseph Mooney; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Patrick Schneider; Leah & Sylvester Soldinie, and Renee Weidner.

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USHERS’ SCHEDULE

Sunday, 6 October

6:30 am Ben Schubert* Bill Saccente

8:00 am Kip Babington*, Jeff Martin, Sam Ashlock, Greg Rheinheimer

10:00 am Phil Henzler*, Tom Gates, John Simmons, Mark Scheer

Sunday, 13 October

6:30 am Chris Bauman* Evan Adair

8:00 am Jeff Martin*, Sam Ashlock, Greg Rheinheimer, Michael Nelson

10:00 am Tom Gates*, John Simmons, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan

Sunday, 20 October

6:30 am Jim Alexander*, Ben Schubert

8:00 am Sam Ashlock*, Greg Rheinheimer, Michael Nelson, Kenny Buyle

10:00 am John Simmons*, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan, Patrick Kelly

+ Altar Server Schedule: October 2024 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
6 October 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Michael Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Paul Thomas Blaxton	Peter Blum	Elijah Robeson	Charles Fowler
13 October 2024	6:30	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00	Matthew Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Michael Rheinheimer	Avery Blaxton	MatthewEmmet Roberts	Silas Buyle

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20 October 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Simon Wisniewski			
	10:00	Joseph Blum	Isaac Robeson	Joseph Fowler	Raymond Buyle

First Friday / First Saturday

Friday, 4 October 2024	6:30 pm	Michael Turntine	Joseph Noble	Joseph Fowler	Silas Buyle
Saturday, 5 October 2024	8:15 am	Michael Rheinheimer	Michael Rennie	Levi Garvey	Jude Kelly

FROM THE WELLSPRING OF TRADITION: *Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham*

Opposite the altar of Our Lady here at the Oratory, we have a shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham. The wooden statue represents Our Lady enthroned as Queen wearing a golden Saxon crown and golden slippers; she holds the Child Jesus Who holds a Gospel book.

Many are unfamiliar with this beautiful apparition of Our Lady and the history of her remarkable image. The short history below comes from an article by Mr. John Paul Sonnen of the *Liturgical Arts Journal*.

The history of the shrine [in Walsingham, England] dates back to the eleventh century - nearly one-thousand years ago - when an English noblewoman by the name of Richeldis de Faverches is said to have experienced heavenly apparitions of the Blessed Mother. That was in the year 1061. The event is recorded as one of the earliest Marian apparitions and certainly the most cherished in English history.

According to legend, Lady Richeldis wished to do something special in order to give honor to the Blessed Mother. She had a series of three visions in which Our Lady fetched her soul from England and brought her to Nazareth during a religious ecstasy. There she saw the house of the Annunciation, a brick structure built into a cave. Our Lady is said to have requested of Lady Richeldis that she build a replica of the house in her native village of Walsingham, a place where people could come and pay homage to her, the Mother of Jesus. Mary is said to have promised, "Whoever seeks my help there will not go away empty-handed." The chapel that was constructed came to be known as the "holy house" and became a shrine and focus of pilgrimage until its destruction by Henry VIII.

While for most people the Holy Land was too distant to visit, Walsingham became a more convenient place of pilgrimage, ranking alongside Jerusalem, Rome, and Santiago de Compostella. The shrine was visited by many important personages, including Erasmus in 1512. Even King Henry VIII himself had come here on pilgrimage, proof of the devotion of the British Sovereigns, paying allegiance to Our Lady with great fervor.

Over the years, Walsingham became famous with wealth and prestige. Lavish gifts were left by many who came to visit. Therefore, its fall under Henry VIII was symbolic. On the eve of the Reformation in 1513 when Erasmus visited, he wrote: "When you look in you would say it is the abode of saints, so brilliantly does it shine with gems, gold and silver...Our Lady stands in the dark at the right side of the altar...a little image, remarkable neither for its size, material or workmanship."

In 1538, with the Protestant rebellion in full swing, Henry VIII allowed the priory, monastery, and shrine to be looted and destroyed. He ordered the sacred statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to be burnt at Chelsea.

The only image that survived of the original statue was a representation seen in the seal/stamp of the pre-Reformation medieval priory. Over the past 100 years, interest in the pre-Reformation shrine, its lost statue, and pilgrimage has grown. In 1921 the local Anglican vicar had the idea to recreate the famous statue based on the image depicted in the seal. In 1922 a new statue was set up in the local Anglican church. Regular pilgrim devotion followed among both Anglicans and Catholics. During World War II, Walsingham was a restricted zone closed to visitors. In May 1945, American forces organized the first Mass in the old priory grounds since the Reformation. After the war, the Catholics, too, recreated their own statue of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Our statue here at the Oratory was selected by then-rector Father Bede Price and has traveled with our community over the years of our growth. It was hand-carved in Italy and blessed by His Eminence, Cardinal Burke.

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us!

***Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!
Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!***

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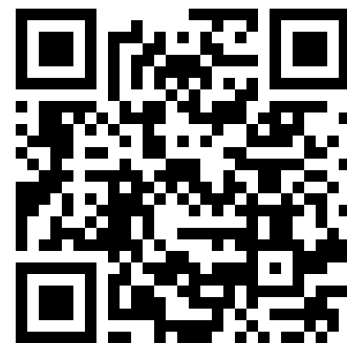
Catechism Classes begin soon!

Sign up now!

Classes will be held at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays
at 4092 Blow St, St Louis, MO 63116 (the
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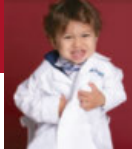
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