



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MASS

Upper Church

Saturday 5:00 pm, Anticipated

**Saturday, 8:00pm, Neocatechumenal
Way Mass (Lower Church)**

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, 9:00-10:00 am

DAILY MASS

Monday, 8:30 am, Lower Church

Tuesday, 12:00 pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 6:00 pm Upper Church

Thursday, 10:00 am, Upper Church

Friday, 10:00 am, Lower Church

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Upper Church

Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 pm

Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

September 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Pastor's Letter this week is from Peg Verranault,
President of the OLR St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLR was founded in 1993 in the old white house that was the original OLR Church, and has been serving the needy in the surrounding neighborhoods for the past 30 years. Those who were instrumental in founding the conference and the first Vincentians at OLR were Anne Sokol, Marianne Stoddard, Pat Conrad and Jim Cooper, who was also the first president. The society at OLR did not become a conference until three years later in 1996. Named in tribute to the original Conference of Charity, the Conference is the basic organizational unit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. There have been several presidents over the years and one of them, Tom Kassekert, was instrumental in growing the membership at OLR until he passed away. There are now over 50 Vincetians who serve today.

OLR SVdP began with a Food Pantry using food drives to provide food to the needy in the area. We now contract with Harvest Hope for government subsidized food and last year we purchased 48,442 lbs. of food and serve over 200 families each month. The food pantry has been located throughout the OLR campus, at one point being housed in what is now the school library for 7 years. The current location allows us to store food in multiple refrigerators and freezers along with a large amount of storage for other non-perishable items.

We are committed to serving the poor and needy in our parish and the surrounding neighborhood by offering other forms of help through financial assistance for utilities and rent payments and homebound visitations. Deacon Ron Meyer, past Chaplain of the OLR Conference, was instrumental in working with other area churches in the area, especially Pastor Alfred Johnson's "Greenville Church Without Walls" to help those in need in the Pleasant Valley area south of OLR. He also participated in the establishment of Mother Teresa House, and SVdP continues its support there by providing financial assistance for the cost of dentures for those in need. We continue to look at other areas and ways in which we can reach out and help.

The OLR SVdP Conference was established with only four parishioners who are responsible for the dedicated group that the current SVdP has become. None of this would be possible without the support of our pastor, Fr. Longenecker, the generous donations from the people of our parish, and the commitment of all those who volunteer and have volunteered over the past 30 years. Thank you all and God Bless You!

Peg Verranault
President, SVdP, OLR Conference

Please join us for our 30th Anniversary reception and light refreshments, this Sunday, Sep. 17, immediately following the 10:30am Mass, in Guadalupe Hall.

We are also sponsoring a food drive this weekend, please bring non-perishable food items to the Narthex or Guadalupe Hall.

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Sep. 10, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 19,197.
Surplus: \$ 197.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections
Through Week #11 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 209,000.
Received: \$ 218,244.
Surplus: \$ 9,244.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Bridget Gracon, Michael Granger, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Janet Hardy, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Ingrid Ireland, Bob Jackowski, Bethe Kitchen, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Lisa Meyer, Dianne Morrison, Marjorie Munson, Mrs. That Nguyen, Kim Orr, Marlowe Pastor, Dcn. Ray & Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Nancy & Earl Smith, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Cheryl Wallace, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 16, through Sunday, September 24

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 9/16	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Jack Byers+</i>
Sunday, 9/17	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Frank & Margie Milewski+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Monday, 9/18 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For William Pankraft+</i>
Tuesday, 9/19 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For MaryAnn Mahan+</i>
Wednesday, 9/20	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Alvin & Naomi Clark+</i>
Thursday, 9/21 (School)	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Friday, 9/22 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Girson Carl Bryant+</i>
Saturday, 9/23	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Past, Present and Deceased Members of OLR St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>
Sunday, 9/24	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Maureen Bolchoz+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Dominic Mary of Mercy, O.P.</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

THIRD THURSDAY ADORATION

**Thursday, Sep. 21, 6-8pm,
in Lower Church.**

Please join us in praying for the Cursillo Movement, an organization within the church, focused on personal faith renewal.



New School Meeting with Hord Architects will be held in the GYM at 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 20.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our high school youth group will meet on
Sunday, Sep. 17, after the 5pm Mass, from 6-8pm.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"The Good News is that God still loves the world through each one of you. You are God's good news, you are God's love in action." **Mother Teresa**

You may have noticed the increase in homelessness in our area. The population has more than doubled and they are coming from every state in the continental US. It is hard to find woods, an abandoned building or under a bridge with seclusion that does not have someone living there. If it sounds overwhelming for those working with homeless, it is. With the influx, shelter space and housing is harder to come by, especially for homeless families who often move here with no money and no job. Wins are hard to come by, as even when you can find something, they present additional barriers.

Recently, we had a mom with three children under age 5 living in a car, but with the help of the community of homeless workers, we were finally able to get shelter space. It is a first step that hopefully she will take full advantage of, for her family. Keep praying for us and the workers the larger community of workers, as these small wins can have great ripple effects to show God's love to the world.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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Please join the Knights of Columbus for an **OCTOBERFEST DINNER** on Saturday, **Sep. 23**, after the 5pm Mass, in the Gym.

Featuring an authentic German menu, proceeds will benefit "Special Needs through Columbus HOPE".

Beer and wine, hot pretzels with beer cheese, and kids menu of hot dogs and mac and cheese.

\$10. per person, \$7. for kids, \$45. for a whole family.
Go [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Spiritual Adoption WEEK 26 September 17



The skin of your baby is reddish and has a wrinkled appearance. This week Baby weighs almost two pounds and is about 14.4 inches long with his legs extended. He can now open and close his eyes, and he sleeps and wakes at regular intervals. He may suck his fingers, and although his lungs are still immature, they would be capable of functioning he were to be born now.

School News



Sep. 28 Picture Day
Dress Uniform required

Sep. 30 Classical Coffee, 9-11am
Guadalupe Hall

Additional information such as [uniform policy](#) and [print-friendly yearly calendar](#) can be found on the Parents Tab of the [school website](#).

PTO Information can be found on the [PTO page](#).

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be **celebrating 30 years of service at OLR this Sunday, Sep. 17, following the 10:30am Mass**. Please join us in Guadalupe Hall for light refreshments and see where you might help serve those most in need in our community.

We are also hosting a **food drive**. Please bring any non-perishable items -- popular items are peanut butter, pasta sauce & pasta, and breakfast cereal.

St. Martha's Book Club invites you to join our discussions in Guadalupe Hall, 12:30-2:00 pm.

Monday, Oct. 2 - **A Gentleman in Moscow**
by Amor Towles.

Monday, Nov. 6 - **There and Back Again**
by Fr. Longenecker

Call Marianne at (864) 360-2406 for information.

Attn: Parents with teens preparing for Confirmation this year! An exciting part of the preparation for this Sacrament is **Family Honor's "REAL LOVE & REAL LIFE"** retreat. We provide a unique opportunity for you and your teen to come together to hear about God's gift of sexuality PLUS we give you a common language for effective communication in your family. Virtue formation, dating, vocation discernment, true worth, and peer pressure are among the other topics discussed.

This three-session program will start on Wednesday, Sept. 27, (Parents only), and continue on Oct. 4 & 11 (Parents AND Teens for sessions 2 & 3). If you have a teen in Confirmation preparation this year, **please register by Wednesday, Sep. 20, [HERE](#)**.

Parents with 9th graders or mature 7th graders (not in the Confirmation class) are also welcome to attend. Sessions are from 6:45 - 9:15 pm, in Guadalupe Hall. Cost is \$45 total per family. Want to know more about the content of the program? Visit ww.familyhonor.org, or watch this [short video](#).



*Providing comfort and assistance to
Moms in Need. Call or email for an
appointment. 864-412-7101 or
wwmin@proton.me
YOU COUNT and we are here to help!*

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Catechesis will begin on **Sunday, September 17**, for adults in Guadalupe Hall. Middle and High School students are welcome to join with the adults.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation registration is now open. Please submit [registration](#) forms to the parish office by **January 8**.

FAMILY HONOR PROGRAM

The Family Honor Program for our confirmands will meet on September 27, October 4, and October 11. Please register [HERE](#).

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, Sep. 20, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm. "Introduction and the Human Longing for God"



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

For more information, please contact JohnMark Cayer, at jcayer@charlestandioocese.org.



11th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14 at the Greenville Convention Center

Our featured speakers include:
Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, STB, STL;
Fr. Thomas Petri, OP, STB, STL, STD; Jim Wahlberg;
John Martignoni; Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D.

General admission is \$125, youth is \$75, and it includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

Register by October 2, by mail. Registration after October 2: \$135. All need to be registered by October 6. For more information, go to:

<http://www.meconferencesc.net>

40 Days for Life: You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort from September 27 through November 5.



Be the ONE to say YES to praying for the least and most vulnerable among us!

To find out more and sign up to help please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville, or contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964 or Ingrid Ireland, 864-329-0044. Help to spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally: Tuesday, Sept 26th, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm, parking lot of Piedmont Women's Center, 1143 Grove Rd. We will have a special guest speaker who was a missionary in China and can compare abortion in the U.S. with what he observed in China. Music will be provided by members of the music ministry at Brushy Creek Baptist Church. Parking is at Grove Road Baptist Church a short walk south of PWC on Grove Road. Call Carolyn at 864-477-0359.

Life Chain – Sunday, Oct. 1, 2:30 – 3:30 PM, Woodruff Road, Greenville. Please join others across the country for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. OLR is assigned the grassy areas near the road in front of Cracker Barrel and Whole Foods all the way down to Verizon. Please pick up your signs at Whole Foods parking lot beginning at 2:00 PM. You may park there. If praying in front of Cracker Barrel you may drive over there and park in their far back area by Drury Inn. Life Chain guidelines are to be prayerful and to stand at minimum 10 feet apart to form a continuous chain. Please return signs afterwards. Call Ingrid 864-329-0044.

Rosaries for Life: Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human Life. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to familylife@charlestandioocese.org.

Sidewalk Counseling Training: Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964, or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org

Sign-ups for 40 Days for Life and answers about participation will be available after all Masses this weekend and next, Sept. 23-24.

Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.