



# 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

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## **DAILY MASS**

Monday, 8:30 am, Lower Church

Tuesday, 12:00 pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 6:00 pm Upper Church

Thursday, 10:00 am, Lower Church

Friday, 10:00 am, Upper 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

August 4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When I was growing up kids had “school clothes” “play clothes” and “church clothes”. School attire was smart casual: neat pants and a button down shirt. Play clothes were jeans and T shirts and shorts in the summer. Church clothes? Girls wore dresses or skirts. Boys wore long pants, jacket and tie. Nobody established a dress code. It was simply the way things were.

Standards of dress have changed since then. Therefore, over the summer there has been some discussion on social media and in the parish about proper attire at Mass.

The more formally minded expressed the view that summertime casual clothes are inappropriate for church. Shorts, flip flops, halter tops and tank tops being named specifically as “not church clothes”. The more casual minded pointed out that it is better that folks come to church informally dressed than not at all.

Where’s the balance? On the one hand we want to encourage good and reverent behavior in church and the way we dress does affect the way we behave. On the other hand we don’t want to be legalistic and exclude people simply because of the way they dress.

To help answer the question we should avoid strict dress codes, but ask ourselves about the “attitude of our attire”. Whether we like it or not, our clothes make a statement about what we believe about ourselves, our values and our faith.

Instead of an arbitrary dress code for Mass, I ask that we all think carefully about how we dress for Mass. Are our clothes immodest or inappropriate? Girls and ladies, are bare shoulders, plunging necklines, short shorts and short skirts really necessary to keep cool? We have air conditioning.

Boys and men: do shorts, T shirts and flip flops represent your dignity as a Catholic man and the reverence you have in your heart for the Lord?

Please do not dismiss this pastor’s letter with the usual, “It doesn’t really matter. God looks at the heart.” That’s true, and we don’t judge anyone by their attire. On the other hand, it doesn’t hurt to ask these questions and work together to maintain high standards for our worship and life together

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending July 28, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.  
 Received: \$ 18,557.  
 Deficit: \$ 3,443.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #5  
 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 110,000.  
 Received: \$ 113,616.  
 Surplus: \$ 3,616.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$ 289,444. Diocesan  
 Loan (total interest & principal remaining)  
 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 564,990  
 Pledge Payments Received: \$ 412,293.  
 Needed: \$ 136,747.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, 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, Ma'May Grimm, 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, Emily Stiffler, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Cheryl Wallace, Carolyn Watson, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, August 3, through Sunday, August 11**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

**All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.**

Saturday, 8/3	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 8/4	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Joseph Gribbon+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Richard Kroeger+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Lepper Family</i>
Monday, 8/5 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Emma Malena</i>
Tuesday, 8/6 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Special Intention</i>
Wednesday, 8/7	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:30 pm - Benediction 6:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Murray Howard, Jr. +</i>
Thursday, 8/8 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Ma'May Grimm</i>
Friday, 8/9 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Sr. Maria Christi, OP</i>
Saturday, 8/10	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Clifford Ray Leonard+</i>
Sunday, 8/11	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Frank Walker+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Faith Reinstein</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



We invite all incoming 6th-12<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in the Middle School or Upper School **Youth Day Away on August 25**, at Lookup Lodge (times and carpool details coming later). There will be swimming, games, prayer, and Mass. Dinner and snacks provided, but you will need to bring a sack lunch. Contact Dave Haggard by email for details at [David.haggard@olrschool.net](mailto:David.haggard@olrschool.net).

Providing a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.



### SAVE THE DATES

September 11, 18, and 25

"Real Love & Real Life" retreat at OLR for 7th and 8th graders and their parents.

Guadalupe Hall, each session, 6:45-9:15pm

\$45 per family, Register [HERE](#)

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"We cannot say that we love Jesus only in the Eucharist—naturally, we want to put that love into action. We cannot separate the Eucharist and the poor"*  
**Mother Teresa**

Poor is a broad term used to describe people. We have the poor we work with at Mother Teresa House who are poor in material things. They struggle with paying their bills and to buy food. They may not have a home and are living in places not meant for habitation. People may struggle with poor health, with and without money. People maybe spiritually poor with no hope, no love, no forgiveness, separated from God.

Yes, we can feed the poor, clothe the poor, give financial assistance (and we should do all those things) but do we visit with the sick, those in prison, those who are lonely. Do we reach out to those around us at Mass, at school, at work and say a kind word and have a conversation to make someone's day? The poor "will always be with us" and we need to put His love for us in action.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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### SCHOOL NEWS

August 5 Back to School Night

August 12 First Day of School  
NOON Dismissal



**School Office**  
**REGULAR Hours**  
8am - 3pm

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In today's Gospel the disciples ask for a sign, like the bread that Moses had received in the desert.*

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you make it possible for the members of the OLR Parish Conference to bring food to the hungry as a sign of God's love.

We are looking to schedule another **Marian Tea** this fall, but we need volunteers to plan and host the event. If you are interested in being a part of our next Marian Tea, please contact Nichola Bricco at 864-525-7260.

PLEASE NOTE . . . Starting on August 16

Thursday Daily Mass at 10:00 am will now be held in Lower Church.

Friday Mass will be a School Mass held in Upper Church.

Pastor Johnson with "Church Without Walls" is having a **BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE** for underserved children in our neighborhood.



Public schools open on Thursday August 8, so the SVdP group will collect backpacks and school supplies **after each of the weekend Masses this Saturday, and Sunday, August 3-4, only**. Please see the SVdP representative after each of these Masses to make your donations.

Please DO NOT bring anything to the Parish office. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Marianne Stoddard, (864)360-2406.

Thanks so much for your continued support of Pastor Johnson's ministry to help those in need in our area, especially the children.



Recently baptized was  
**Catherine Victoria Bailey**  
daughter of  
Patrick & Sara Bailey

*We welcome Catherine as a new member of the OLR family.*

**Spiritual Adoption**  
WEEK 18: August 4



Your baby now has a median breathing movement rate of 208 breaths per hour. In just nine weeks, Baby has learned to breathe. He is also continuing to grow and move.

We are especially grateful for the **3 lives saved in Greenville that we know of.**

***We can truly say that prayer and fasting is the answer.***

A big thank you to all who participated for your sacrifice and dedication. Abortions continue to be performed daily at the Greenville Women's Clinic. If you are able, select a day and time that works for you and continue with us for 40 Days 365 at the abortion facility. We are there from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Sign up on the 40 Days for Life 365 Calendar [HERE](#).



**CALLING ALL GARDENERS!**



The OLR St. Vincent de Paul Group will be sponsoring a Farmer's Market for the needy in our area on **Saturday morning, August 27.** You can assist SVdP directly by serving those in need with any extra fresh produce you have from your gardens.

This would be a good opportunity for volunteer hours for your middle or high school children.

You can set up your own table of produce and we will provide bags for patrons to use according to household size. If you can provide produce but can't set up a table, please let us know and we will take care of it – but the mission here is to connect parishioners with those in need in our area.

There is a sign up genius [HERE](#) where you can sign up so that we will know how many will be providing produce. Once we know who will be participating, we will send more information on the set up details.

Photos from First Communion and Confirmation are in the parish office for the families of the First Communicants and the Confirmands. Please come by during office hours to pick up.

Thursday, August 15

**Solemnity of the Assumption**

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, August 14, Anticipated Mass, 6:00pm

Thursday, 10:00am (School Mass) and 7:00pm

**LOST AND FOUND** - Please pick up your items in the Narthex storage area near the Men's Restroom.



Please go [HERE](#) to access all the forms and information needed for fall classes and registration.

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE**

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a beautiful ministry praying for our parish priests. We are looking for women to make a weekly prayer commitment for Fathers Longenecker and Ballard.

This ministry involves one woman praying one holy hour on her assigned or predetermined day of the week, every week for a one-year commitment. It can be done at home or in any nearby Catholic Church, and does not need to be in an adoration chapel. Please go [HERE](#) for more Information. If you are interested, contact Pat Wilder at [patwilder@verizon.net](mailto:patwilder@verizon.net).

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Our fall session of classes will begin in September.

Please contact JohnMark Cayer at [jcayer@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:jcayer@charlestandiocese.org).



Please see the OLR websites at [olr.church](#) and [olr.school](#) for all the most recent news and announcements.

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