



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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*All services are held in
UPPER CHURCH
unless otherwise noted.*

WEEKEND MASS

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, 7:15am and 6:00 pm

Thursday, 10:00 am, *Lower Church*

Friday, 10:00 am

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, 4:15-5:15 pm, *Lower Church*

Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm

Monday, 9am - 1pm

Wednesday, 7:15am-5:15pm, *Lower Church*

Thursday, 7-8 pm, *Lower Church*

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday falls on March 5. On Shrove Tuesday, March 4, the Daily Mass at 12 noon will be celebrated in the Upper Church. Afterwards, there will be donuts in the Narthex and in the courtyard a special ceremony of burning palms to produce the ashes for Ash Wednesday. You are asked to bring used palms and palm crosses to Mass on the weekend of March 1-2, or to the Daily Masses on March 3-4.

During Lent this year we are running a mini-capital campaign to raise the funds necessary for the modular classrooms and gym renovations. In order to secure a loan from the diocese for half the amount we need to raise \$1.5m in cash and two year pledges.

Now here's the deal: OLR has just over 1,000 households registered. If we split the burden evenly every registered household would make a cash gift or two year pledge of \$1,500.00. However, not everyone can do this so those who are better off will need to do more.

Most of all, we need 100% participation to make this work. On the weekend of March 29/30, we will ask for your gifts and pledges. The diocese has already helped us by giving approval for this campaign and allowing the gifts and pledges to be exempt from the 10% diocesan tax. As you prepare for Lent, please consider what you can do.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Feb. 16, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 29,028.

Surplus: \$ 7,028.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #34 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 748,000.

Received: \$ 897,317.

Surplus: \$ 149,317.

Year End Tax Reports

Please contact [Rachel Hutson](#) if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2024.

Electronic contributions made exclusively through OSV can be printed directly from the OSV website [HERE](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bishop, 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, Beth Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Mike McMahon, Lisa Meyer, Theresa Morelli, 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, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, February 22, through Sunday, March 2

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 2/22	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Steve & Virginia Wiltberger</i>
Sunday, 2/23	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Caroline Hardin Rocci+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Agnes Maria of St. John, OP</i>
Monday, 2/24 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Lynn Northam</i>
Tuesday, 2/25 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Wednesday, 2/26	7:15am - NO Mass 7:15 am - 5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration (Lower Church) 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Confessions (Lower Church) 5:15 pm - Benediction (Lower Church) 6:00 pm - Daily Mass, <i>For Rick Morris, Jr.</i>
Thursday, 2/27 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Brooke Renee Bozard Baldowski+</i>
Friday, 2/28	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Cordelia Buchholz</i>
Saturday, 3/1	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Elizabeth Wilson Bozard</i>
Sunday, 3/2	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Alyssa Gourde</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Sandra Schumerth+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular meeting from 6-8pm on Sunday, Feb. 23. Mr. Cayer will be leading a question box session.

The regular Daily Mass at 7:15 am on Wednesday, February 26, has been canceled.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Service to Mankind is Service to God."

Mother Teresa

In this week's gospel, Jesus says "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you".

We often judge people, condemn them, cannot forgive them and give them nothing. It is easy to do when people wrong us. We do it when we see people living on the streets or on the fringes of society. Many are dealing with mental health, drug and alcohol addictions, or just poor choices. Many have criminal records, some very long records. They are not blameless for their situations.

It does not matter how they got where they are, we are still called to Jesus' teaching. The work we do at MTH does not judge them and we understand the issues they are dealing with, but to truly help them they must be willing to make changes. We will always be here for them in His love. Pray for them to turn to Him.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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NEXT WEEKEND, March 1/2 . . .



Bring your dried palms and crosses from last year and deposit them in the containers provided in the Narthex. You may also bring them to the Daily Masses on March 3 and 4.

SHROVE TUESDAY March 4

Join us for donuts in the Narthex after the Daily Mass at 12:00pm in **Upper Church**.

Fr. Ballard will conduct a ceremony to burn the dried palms from last year for our Ash Wednesday ashes.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday-School Mass, 10am

Mar. 7-11 NO School- Spring Mini Break

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to:

"Love your enemies

Give to everyone who asks of you

Do to others as you would have them do to you

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

In the month of January through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 93 families, providing food and \$1,785 for utility bills. Thank You!



Join us for our
LENT RETREAT
Mon-Wed. March 10-12,
with Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.
6pm in Upper Church

The Rosary: Mary's Perennial Peace Plan

How to pray when distracted, your difficulties with the Rosary, and how he prays with sacred art.



Our Knights of Columbus will be serving
Lenten Fish Dinners
on Friday nights, in the Gym,
March 7 - April 11.
Watch for more details coming soon.

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Feb. 26**, at 7pm, discussing "Lent, Stations of the Cross, Ash Wednesday, Fasting, etc."



Information for Senior Parishioners from Bon Secours LifeWise Group can be found [HERE](#).

Learn more about Natural Family Planning with the Creighton Model System.

Introductory Sessions will be presented by OLR parishioner and Family Nurse Practitioner, Meghan Pillow, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, on Saturday mornings after the Pro-life Masses at about 10:15am in Guadalupe Hall on **March 1**, April 5, May 3. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

LENT EVENTS

- March 1-4** **Dried Palms and Crosses** - Bring palms and crosses from Palm Sunday last year to be burned for our Ash Wednesday ashes.
- March 4** **Shrove Tuesday** - Mass at 12:00pm in Upper Church, donuts in the Narthex, Fr. Ballard conducts ceremony to burn ashes.
- March 5** **Ash Wednesday** - *Distribution of ashes will take place at all the liturgies.*
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| Mass | 10:00 Upper Church (School Mass, limited seating) |
| Penitential Service | 12:15 Upper Church |
| Adoration | Begins in Lower Church after 12:15 Penitential Service |
| Confessions | 4:30 - 6:30 Lower Church |
| Mass | 7:00 - Upper Church |
- March 10-12** **Lent Retreat with Fr. Lawrence Lew. O.P.** - Monday-Wednesday, 6pm in Upper Church, "**The Rosary: Mary's Perennial Peace Plan**, How to pray when distracted, your difficulties with the Rosary, and how he prays with sacred art. Go [HERE](#) for details.
- March 7 - April 11** **Friday Fish Dinners** - Fridays during Lent, 6pm in the Gym.



*Tickets for the **OLR Gala** are now on sale. Celebrating our school's 70th anniversary since its founding with a Back to the Future theme, it'll be the biggest gala yet! Full Price is \$150. The gala will be held on **March 22**. We have a special guest speaker Rod Dreher, and we'll even have a real DeLorean at the event! You can learn more [on the school website](#).*

Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

40 Days for Life KICKOFF RALLY: Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, parking lot of Christ the King Church (formerly Grove Road Baptist Church) 1223 Grove Road, Greenville. Guest speaker will be Dr. John Carrano, founder of Flourish, a unique, Christ-centered, best-in-class family medical care and OB/GYN. Pastor Wallace Purvis from Woodside Church of God will offer the opening prayer. Deacon Bob Connor from Our Lady of the Rosary and Upstate coordinator for 40 Days for Life will lead the closing prayer. We will enjoy singing, refreshments, and door prizes. Parking is on the premises. Please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up, contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-329-0044. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

