



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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

WEEKEND MASS
Saturday 5:00p, Anticipated
Saturday, 8:00p, *Neocatechumenal
Way Mass, Lower Church*
Sunday 8:00a, 10:30a, 5:00p

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30p
Sunday, 9:00 - 10:00a

DAILY MASS
Monday, 8:30a, *Lower Church*
Tuesday, 12:00p, *Lower Church*
Wednesday, 7:15a and 6:00p
Thursday, 10:00a, *Lower Church*
Friday, 10:00a

DAILY CONFESSIONS
Wednesday, 4:15 - 5:15p, *Lower Church*
Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
First Friday, 11a - 5p
Monday, 9a - 1p
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that if Christ is not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain. As our society drifts further into immorality, uncertainty and unbelief, it is our duty and joy to explain and defend our Christian faith.

The cornerstone of our faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. During the weeks of Eastertide in my pastor's letters I will be explaining various ways modern people deal with the resurrection, and I will give you some answers to their questions.

The first thing we must get clear is that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was an actual historical event. The New Testament makes no bones about it. The disciples met Jesus Christ in the flesh. He was dead. Now He was alive. He was not a ghost. They touched Him. They ate meals with Him.

The first attack on the resurrection is an attack by modernist Christians who do not believe this. Instead, they say that Jesus' resurrection was a story the disciples made up to explain the fact that they still held Jesus' memory as something precious.

The theory goes like this: "The resurrection story is a way of saying that despite Jesus' tragic death His disciples still loved Him and tried to follow the beautiful teachings He had given them."

This is harder to believe than the resurrection itself! These were hard headed, sensible, working class men. They knew that when a person died, he didn't rise again. They knew the difference between a beautiful story and cold, hard facts.

Furthermore, are we to believe that these men gave up everything and eventually died martyr's deaths for a mere story or fairy tale? Don't you think when they were about to be tortured and killed that they would have said, "Hold on! It was only a story. We didn't mean for you to take that resurrection stuff literally!"

No. Jesus' disciples recorded in the New Testament what they actually experienced. There were hundreds of witnesses. If they had been making up a meaningful story about their dead friend, plenty of people would have corrected them.

Instead, we have to take the gospel accounts at face value. The disciples experienced something that had never happened before: a man had risen from the dead. This is why they went on to change the world--because the event of the resurrection really does change everything.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending May 4, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 39,496.
Surplus:	\$ 17,496.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #45
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed:	\$ 990,000.
Received:	\$ 1,288,363.
Surplus:	\$ 298,363.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Salvation is from our God...on the throne, and from the Lamb!"
This is the same Jesus whom "everyone in the crowd was trying to touch...because power came out from Him that cured them all . . .
from the Lamb flows a river of grace which heals every nation."*

Mother Teresa

This week's readings focus on the call to eternal life with Him. There were those who rejected His teachings and they were headed down the wide and smooth path, the easy path to hell. It is our love of Him, surrendering our entire lives to Him and allowing Him to use us in service to others that allows us to walk the hard and narrow path to our eternal reward with Him. Many of the people we deal with at Mother Teresa House have chosen the easy path or have become unwilling or unable to get off the wide and smooth path. They fall many times. Our Lord fell many times on His journey with the cross to Calvary and kept getting up. He had to get help from Simon of Cyrene. We try to imitate that help and to help them back up but they often continue to fall. We are not to get tired from the work, and as a reminder at the end of Christ's journey, Jesus forgave the repentant thief. We never know when we those we help will finally make permanent changes, especially in faith, as it may come at the end. Our work is to trust in His grace and love for us and those we work with.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt and are struggling to make ends meet. If you are unable to donate financially, have you thought about volunteering with us? We could really use your help in the Food Pantry on Saturday mornings from 9-10am as well as making calls and completing interviews with our Financial Assistance Ministry.

If you are hearing the call to help, please find more information [here](#). We also welcome teenagers who are 14 years of age or older and accompanied by a parent! We would love to have you join us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkun, 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, Stacy Isenbarger, Beth Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Mike McMahon, 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, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will NOT meet on Sunday, May 11.
Happy Mothers Day!
We will have Youth Group at the usual time,
6-8pm next Sunday (May18).
Please pray for the conclave.

Save the Dates in May . . .

- May 16** 6:00pm School Choral Concert
Thursday
- May 22** 6:00pm Confirmation
Thursday
- May 23** 10:00am Graduation Mass
Friday
- May 24** 10:00am First Communion
Saturday
- May 26** Memorial Day - School and Parish
Monday Offices Closed

Campus Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 17, from 8am-12pm OLR school and parish families will gather to clean up the campus and get things looking beautiful for Confirmation, Graduation, and First Communion. Campus Cleanup is a great way to earn some service hours before the end of the school year by bringing kids along. Come for as long as you want and bring any tools you have. We'd love to see you there.

Eucharistic Procession - Corpus Christi Walk



On **Sunday, June 22**, our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Eucharistic Procession on Main Street in Downtown Greenville. We will gather at 12:30pm at the Hyatt Square and begin walking at 1:00pm, for 5 blocks down to the TD stage near the Peace Center. There Fr. Longenecker will give the benediction and blessing. All believers in Christ are welcome.

Our goal is to honor our Lord and share with the world the fact that our Lord and Savior's blood and body are alive in the Eucharist.

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 10:15am in the GH Classroom on **June 7**, July 12, and August 2. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

- May 15** Spring Concert in Upper Church, 6-7pm
Art Show:
Pre-K – 1st Grade from 5-6pm
2-8th Grade from 7-8pm
- May 17** Campus Clean Up Day/ Family Trivia Night

Family Trivia Night

Join us on Saturday, **May 17**, from 6-9pm in the Gym. We will have a potluck dinner and a family "pub-style" trivia competition. Test your knowledge and your wits as you compete against other OLR families. Prizes will be awarded to the top team. Come enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship!

Recently baptized was
**Stella Bernadette
Lichtenwalner**

daughter of
Mark & Ariel Lichtenwalner



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

Post Abortion Healing Retreat
June 20-22, 2025
Fort Mill Area

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion. This retreat offers everyone a place to find peace and closure and a strengthened relationship with God while experiencing God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

SUMMER CAMPS AT OLR

OLR teachers are offering 20 different opportunities for all parish children in rising grades 3-12, in June and July.

Please note, summer camps run for a whole week from Mon-Fri for the allotted time slot. Academic camps are \$105. and sport camps are \$85. per student/class. Some camps may vary in price. If you have questions related to a camp, please email the teacher listed in the details for that class.

Go [HERE](#) for the list of camps and to sign up.

MAY

10 Saturday	11 Sunday	12 Monday
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>4:30p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Deceased Members of the Morelli Family+</i></p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Sue Higgins+</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Maria Christi, OP</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p NO Youth Group, GH</p>	<p>7:30a Morning Prayer</p> <p>8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Kevin Melena</i></p> <p>9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC</p> <p>6:30p St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, GH</p> <p>7:00p Rehearsal for First Communion, UC</p>
13 Tuesday	14 Wednesday	15 Thursday
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH</p> <p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>9:00a-3:00p Rehearsal for School Choral Concert, UC</p> <p>12:00p Daily Mass, LC <i>For Eugene O'Reilly+</i></p> <p>12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC</p> <p>3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, Cafeteria</p>	<p>7:15a Daily Mass, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5p Adoration, LC</p> <p>9:00a-3:00p Rehearsal for School Choral Concert, UC</p> <p>3:00p Schola Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC</p> <p>5:15p Benediction, LC</p> <p>6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Tom Michaelis</i></p> <p>6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p>	<p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Mary Parrella+</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>5:00-6:00p K4-1st Grade Art Show, UC Narthex</p> <p>6:00p School Spring Choral Concert, UC</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Grades 2-8 Art Show, Gym</p> <p>7:00p Upper School Coffee Night, GH</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p>
16 Friday	17 Saturday	18 Sunday
<p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>10:00a School Mass, UC <i>For Irene Wright+</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym</p> <p>8:00a-12:00p Campus Clean Up Day</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Jean Nadeau+</i></p> <p>6:00p Family Trivia Night, Gym and Cafeteria</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Jane Tice+</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH</p>