



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, 6:00p
Thursday, 10:00a, *Lower Church*
Friday, 10:00a *Lower Church*

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

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

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Continuing our Series on the Ten Commandments

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Third Commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day completes the first section of the Ten Commandments which deals with our obligation to love God.

For the Jews, the Sabbath is a Saturday. According to the Genesis creation story it is the day on which God rested. The Sabbath is therefore observed as a day of rest. It is also observed as a memorial of the Jew's deliverance from slavery in Egypt, and the prophets teach that it is a day "of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money."

After the resurrection, the first Christians began to keep the Sabbath as "the Lord's Day" and the celebration of the Jewish sabbath was merged into a weekly celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord--which the early church fathers understood as the "eighth day" of creation--the day of God's re-creation of the world through Christ's redemption.

We are therefore called to celebrate the Lord's Day by attendance at Mass. As Catholics, this is how we "keep holy the Sabbath Day". A Catholic's obligation to attend Mass is paramount. Putting attendance at Mass first in our lives is a way to put God first in our lives. When we neglect our Sunday obligation we are telling God that other things are more important in our lives.

The commandment to keep holy the Sabbath Day is not only the opportunity to put God first in our lives through worship, but the command to take a day of rest is also our way of publicly stating that God is more important than our work and our efforts to make money.

The way we keep Sunday special is up to us, but the church still teaches that we not only have an obligation to attend Mass, but we must also take a day for rest and recreation. Do you and your family take time and effort to keep Sunday special? The way to do this is to plan quality family time, to visit loved ones, to reach out to the needy and to offer hospitality.

Sunday is meant to be a joyful celebration of life. Don't waste it on work and make it just another day to earn money. Instead keep Sunday as a day of generosity, joyful relaxation, and thanksgiving for God's blessings.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending July 20, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 23,387.
Surplus:	\$ 1,387.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #4
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 88,000.
Received:	\$ 102,041.
Surplus:	\$ 14,041.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"When we say: Lead us not into temptation, we admonish ourselves to seek that we may not, through being deprived of God's help, be either ensnared to consent or compelled to yield to temptation. When we say: Deliver us from evil, we admonish ourselves to consider that we are not yet enjoying that good estate in which we shall experience no evil."

St. Augustine (Letter 130, Chapter 11)

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the "Our Father" in response to the question to teach them how to pray. I want to focus on the parts above and being ensnared by sin. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of their sin. This week we celebrated the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, a woman who had seven demons cast out of her by Jesus, and was saved.

The people we work with at Mother Teresa House have been ensnared by sin and cannot find their way out. Recently, we had a 66 year old woman who spent her life addicted to drugs. She was finally ready to make a change, and we helped get her placed in a treatment center where she can live out her days if she stays in the program. Pray for her to continually convert her life to Him as He is the Light, the Way and the Truth in this dark world.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, God's love and care for us is unlimited.

In the month of June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 252 families, providing over 4,000 lbs. in food and \$1,362 for utility payments.

**The Poor Box in the Narthex is being replaced,
please leave your donations at the Parish
Office until further notice. Thank you.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Bill Burgess, 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, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, 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, 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.

Sign-ups are now open for the **High School Retreat**, on **August 8–9**, at **Heart Ridge Retreat Center**. We will have adoration, hiking, confession, and Mass. This retreat is open to **all incoming high school students** who are affiliated with our school **OR** parish community. While the retreat is being led by our Youth Group Team, it is not limited to regular youth group attendees. We recognize the importance of providing spiritual opportunities throughout the year, and we want every student to participate—regardless of how frequently they attend youth group events.



Church Without Walls BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

Pastor Johnson is asking for your help in donating backpacks and school supplies for 600 children at the Waters on Augusta apartment complex in the Pleasant Valley neighborhood. The donation drop off box will be available by the St. Vincent de Paul statute in the Narthex from **July 28 - August 2**.

Volunteers will be available to accept donations after all Masses on August 2-3. Donations will **not** be accepted at the Parish office.

Calling All Aspiring Actors – Join the Recusant Players!

A new parish-based theatre troupe, the **Recusant Players**, is forming and looking for parishioners interested in participating in a reader's theatre production of **Fr. Longenecker's play, "Only You."**

"Only You" is a lively adaptation of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, filled with humor, antics, and frolic—set in southern Alabama during the 1950s. This is a staged reading—not a school-related event—and is open to individuals in the **Upper School** as well as **adults**. Reader's theatre is a style of performance where actors read from scripts on stage, focusing on voice and expression rather than memorization or elaborate staging. Come to our informal meeting to learn more. **Information Night: Wednesday, August 13, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall**

Rehearsals will be minimal and flexible. The staged reading is tentatively scheduled for October. This is a wonderful opportunity to build fellowship through the arts and celebrate the joy of storytelling together. For more information, or to sign up for the Information Night, please call or text **Nichola Bricco** at **864-525-7260**.

On Thursday, **July 31**, there will be Solemn Adoration held in the Lower Church beginning at 7:00pm and ending with Benediction at 8:00pm. All are welcome to join, but please try to arrive a few minutes **before the 7:00 opening**.

SCHOOL NEWS

Aug 11 Back to School Night, 3:00-6:00pm

Aug 13 First Day of School, NOON Dismissal

Family Enrichment Greenville

Married Love Course

- ♦ Marital Communication
- ♦ Work and Family Life
- ♦ Love Bond



Family Enrichment is a non-profit that helps families grow stronger through small and large group sessions. This course begins in the fall and the **next Demo Session is on Saturday, August 2, at 6pm in Guadalupe Hall**.

Questions & Registration for the Demo Session, email to: FEGreenville@gmail.com



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in **Lower Church** on **Friday, August 1**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am Mass and continues until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed at 5:00pm.

This weekend, the last weekend of the month, the Blessing Table will be available for those that wish to have items blessed. The deacons will be in the Narthex after all the Masses.

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors on Saturday, August 2, **has been CANCELED**.

Recently baptized was

Finn Wesley Althoff

son of

Wesley & Alexandra Althoff

We welcome Finn as a new member of the OLR family.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes begin mid-September. If you are a non Catholic who is interested in becoming Catholic, or an Adult Catholic who has not received all of your sacraments, please reach out to JohnMark Cayer at the parish office.

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 **5th Grade Classroom** on **August 2**, September 6, and October 4. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

JULY - AUGUST

26 Saturday	27 Sunday <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	28 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 10:00a-5:00p Set Up for Grandparents Day, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Connie & Fred Gowe+</i> 6:00p Grandparents Day Celebration, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Les Callan+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For William Brabston+</i> 12:00 Knights of Columbus Installation Ceremony, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i>	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Communion Service 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
29 Tuesday	30 Wednesday	31 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 12:00p Daily Mass, LC <i>For Paul Bever, Jr.+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, GH	8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Paul Sloan+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Ronda Hanvey+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 5:30p Volleyball Refs Meeting, GH 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC 6:30-9:30p Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
1 Friday	2 Saturday	3 Sunday <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For OLR Faculty & Staff</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a-5:00p First Friday Adoration, LOWER Church 4:00p Wedding Prep, GH 5:00p Wedding, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 9:30a Pro-Life Mass, CANCELED 10:30a NFP Meeting, 5th Grade Classroom 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Louise Bagnato+</i> 6:00p Family Enrichment Program, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Dawn Scheboth+</i>

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

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