



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*

August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Continuing our Series on the Ten Commandments

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Fourth Commandment begins the second section of the Ten Commandments which cover the second "Great Commandment" to love our neighbor as ourselves.

It rightly begins with "Honor your Father and Mother" which is our duty to our parents and therefore our whole family. The Catechism teaches that this commandment also extends to all those who hold rightful authority. We are to be respectful and obedient to teachers, employers, and rightful civil authorities.

The family is the first and most fundamental unit of society. Membership in a family is a universal human right and privilege. It is within the family that a child is properly nurtured and taught. The dignity of the family is supported by the fact that Jesus Christ himself was born into a human family and He himself honored Mary his mother and Joseph his earthly father. Furthermore, the human family reflects the relationship of the Holy Trinity which exists in an endless relationship of love.

When God commands us to honor our father and mother He is, by extension, reminding us of our duties to our whole extended family. We are to love and care for one another. We are to love and care not only for our parents, but for our grandparents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters and members of our whole family.

The New Testament teaches that children should honor and obey their parents, but it goes on to say, "Parents do not provoke your children to anger." In other words, the command to honor your parents includes the understanding that the parents are also honoring the children by loving them with honesty, forgiveness and tender affection.

Our society has seen a terrible breakdown in the extended family. Through increased mobility, the suburban lifestyle which emphasizes the nuclear family of one man, one woman and children, with both parents working--all these factors have contributed to a breakdown of the family.

When the family breaks down, society breaks down because the family is the basic unit of society. Therefore, it is our responsibility to do everything we can to build up the human family. Do you want to make the world a better place? Make your home a better place. Do you want the world to be more forgiving, loving and caring? Make your own home more forgiving, loving and caring.

There is no greater blessing than a family where parents and children genuinely love and care for one another, and there is no greater sadness than a broken and unforgiving family.

God gives these commandments to lead us into happiness, not to make us miserable. So, remember this Fourth Commandment and keep it with joy. Honor your mother and father and do everything you can to build up forgiveness, love and peace within your home.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending July 27, 2025

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| Needed: | \$ 22,000. |
| Received: | \$ 21,800. |
| Deficit: | \$ 200. |

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #5
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

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| Needed: | \$ 110,000. |
| Received: | \$ 123,841. |
| Surplus: | \$ 13,841. |

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Greed will demand of you labor, danger, hardships, and troubles, and you will readily agree to its demands. And for what purpose? So you can have what will fill up your purse but empty out your peace of mind!" **Saint Augustine**

At Mother Teresa House we deal with many people in poverty. Many have what I call "The Poverty Mentality" in which they believe they deserve benefits and care.

I recently had a young woman come to Mother Teresa House who was looking for her bills and rent to be paid. She was driving a fairly new nice car, lived in a \$2300/month apartment and had all the things she "deserved". She had a full time job but most of her income was taken up in rent and a \$900/month car loan. She didn't ask for assistance but demanded it, *"You need to pay my bills or else you are not a Christian."* This is greed.

No matter how many possessions you have, few or many, they can replace God in your heart if you are not careful. Please pray we do not worship "things" but only Him above.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions, nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

**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 Culklin, 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.

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**.

Please note . . .

**School and Parish SUMMER Office Hours
will end on Friday, August 8.**

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.

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Friday, Aug. 15

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass at 10:00am and 12:00pm

*Anticipated Mass at 7:00pm on
Thursday, Aug. 14*

Join us at Christ On Main (Downtown Greenville) on **Saturday, August 16**, from 6-9pm as we welcome *Hoverath Live!* Alexander Hoverath, a local Catholic songwriter & multi-instrumentalist. Music, coffee, pastries, fellowship. Cover charge \$15, seating limited.

Recently baptized was

Jude William Cross

son of

John & Elizabeth Cross

*We welcome Jude 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 **September 6**, and October 4. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

AUGUST

| 2 Saturday | 3 Sunday <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 4 Monday |
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| 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 9:30a Pro-Life Mass, CANCELED 10:30a NFP Meeting, GH Classroom 1:00p Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Louise Bagnato+</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment Program, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC | 7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Dawn Scheboth+</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 The People</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH, Gym | 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For John Warga, Sr. +</i> 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC |
| 5 Tuesday | 6 Wednesday | 7 Thursday |
| 7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 12:00p Daily Mass, LC <i>For Br. Lazarus Gordy, OSB</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, GH | 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Murray M. Howard, Jr. +</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00-9:00p Fellowship of St. Joseph, GH | 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For OLR Faculty & Staff</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC 6:30-9:30p Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria 7:00p Volleyball Refs Mtg., GH 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC |
| 8 Friday | 9 Saturday | 10 Sunday <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 4:00p Wedding Prep, GH 5:00p Wedding, UC | 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:00p Interment, LC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Dan Sanders+</i> 6:00-8:00p Norris Small Group, 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 Bridget Geerts</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Judy Singleton+</i> |

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

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