



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
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, 6:00p
Thursday, 10:00a, *Lower Church*
Friday, 10:00a (School Mass)

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

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

September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was somewhat aware of the work of Charlie Kirk before his assassination last week, but to be better informed I watched some of his interactions with college young people. While many contend that he was controversial, it seemed to me that he was simply putting forward some values and truths that the vast majority of people would have considered basic truths only a few decades ago.

In the clips I viewed he came across as respectful, witty and a tough debater. No matter what your politics, I think there is one thing everyone can agree on: the sensible use of screen time. Charlie Kirk advocated a “screen Sabbath”. In other words, for one day of the week—for him it was Saturday—the phone went in a drawer, the computers and TVs were turned off and everyone in the family took a day off from gazing non stop at their screens.

I’m one of the guilty ones. My parish work and writing keeps me looking at the screens it seems non-stop. Here’s how it has affected me personally: I have a shorter attention span. I find it harder to concentrate on a good book. I find it easier to stimulate my mind by watching dumb stuff on social media. Furthermore, I’ve developed eye strain and back pain and wonder if that is because I’m looking at the screen too much.

The other deleterious effects in our society are worse. Not only is pornography instantly available, but the gaming subculture lures young men into an underworld that is emotionally and mentally unhealthy. Social media encourages gossip, rumors and insane conspiracy theories. Too much TV indulges the addiction to entertainment for entertainment’s sake. All of these factors lead us into a realm of unreality—and too much unreality makes us confused about our world, our relationships and ourselves.

So, as your pastor I’m advising you and your family to observe a “screen sabbath”. Take a day off from screen time. Parents, monitor your kids’ phone and screen use. The tablet, laptop and TV are NOT your best babysitters!

Instead build a prayer time. Read the scriptures. Spend time at Eucharistic Adoration and so focus on what is real. It’s called the “Real Presence” because that is where we find reality.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Sep. 14, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 21,913.
Deficit:	\$ 87.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #12
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 264,000.
Received:	\$ 307,543.
Surplus:	\$ 43,543.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“After all, we are all stewards, and we have to do something with whatever has been entrusted to us in this life, so that we can account for it to the great householder.”

St. Augustine (Sermon 359A – 11)

The gospel this week is a famous parable of the steward who is cheating his master. He then decides to cheat the master again to make friends with those who can take care of him after he is fired. Jesus uses this to say that even those who are dishonest look to secure their earthly future here, while Christians don't do what is necessary to share in the eternal rewards. We are to give alms and help the needy. Your alms giving is what supports MTH and the other ministries in our parish. We cannot know the hearts of those who we serve. We make friends of those who may not “deserve” help, but we must remind ourselves that we are serving Him and shining His light into a dark world.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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At 11:00 am at the Basilica of Saint Peter in Columbia, on **Saturday, September 27**, our Deacon in Training, **Brian Hansen** will receive the Master of Arts in Theology degree. Please attend if you are able, and congratulate Brian when you see him.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

Life Chain takes place Sunday, Oct. 5, on Woodruff Road.

It is a peaceful, prayerful public witness for the sanctity of human life. People from all denominations hold respect life signs while standing and praying on the public right-of-way along busy thoroughfares.

OLR will be standing in front of Cracker Barrel, Petco, and Whole Foods spreading towards Verizon 2:30-3:30pm.
Please contact Ingrid at 864-329-0044.

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 Culin, 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, Bethe 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, Gail Rosenthal, 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, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

High School Youth Group will **NOT** have our regular meeting on Sunday, Sep. 21.

Middle School Youth Group **will start this Sunday**, Sep. 21, 6-8pm.

All students who intend to participate in OLR Youth Group this year need to complete the forms found at the links below.

[MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)
[HIGH SCHOOL](#)

Have you ever wished for a “quiet, flexible” ministry?

We would love to have assistance providing light meals for our youth group meetings on Sunday nights. Please go [HERE](#) if interested in helping our OLR youth in this way.

2025-26 Youth Group Schedule [HERE](#)



To mark our parish feast on Oct. 7, we invite all families to enroll in the **Confraternity of the Rosary**.

Each member enrolled in the Confraternity strives to pray the complete Rosary each week. There are no meetings, dues, or fees! Benefits include:

- A share in the prayers of all members of the Confraternity, living and deceased
- A plenary indulgence upon enrollment (normal conditions apply)
- The special protection of the Mother of God, and more.

One must be old enough to understand and fulfill the weekly obligation of praying the complete Rosary. To enroll, please go [HERE](#). Please take this beautiful opportunity to honor Our Lady of the Rosary and implore her protection for our families!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **Sep. 24, at 7:00pm** in Guadalupe Hall, discussing the *Existence of God and the Trinity*.



Go [HERE](#) for details and link to register.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sep. 24 Family Honor, 6:45pm, GH

Oct. 2 PTO Meeting, 8:15am, GH

The 7:15am Wednesday Mass on September 24, has been CANCELED.



Oct. 4 St. Francis **Blessing of the Animals**, 10:30am

Oct. 5 40 Days for **Life Chain**, 2:30pm
Respect Life Ministry **Brunch**, 11:30am, GH

Oct. 11 Knights of Columbus **Parish Party**, 6:00pm



The 13th Marian Eucharistic Conference

will be held from **October 24-25**, at the Greenville Convention Center. Featured speakers include: Fr. Joseph Wolfe, EWTN; Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Fr. Donald Callaway, MIC; Daniel Cellucci, CEO, Catholic Leadership Institute; Russ Breault, Founder of Shroud Encounter; John Martignoni, President, Bible Christian Society.

General admission is \$135, and youth is \$90, which includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Registered by October 11, by mail. Registration after Oct. 11: \$145. We offer gluten-free meals as you request.

For more information, call (864)354-7160, or go to <http://www.meconferencesc.net>.

Join St. Martha's Book Club in Juan Diego Room on Monday, **October 6**, from 12:30-2:00 as we discuss ***The Confession of Brother Haluin*** by Ellis Peters.



Father Ballard will be joining us with information about the author, her books, and a question/answer session on confession. Call 864-360-2406 for more info.



You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local **40 Days for Life** effort **Sep. 24-Nov. 2**.

Though Roe vs Wade was overturned, abortions are still performed before a heartbeat is detected, for rape, incest, and fetal anomalies. 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign to end abortion. Be the ONE to make this a priority in your life. www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up on the vigil calendar or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-991-5873.

Recently baptized was

Anna Lark Seiter

daughter of

Charles & Morgan Seiter

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



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 October 4**. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER

UC (Upper Church) LC (Lower Church) JDR (Juan Diego Room) GH (Guadalupe Hall) CAF (Cafeteria) GYM (School Gym)

20 Saturday	21 Sunday <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	22 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 1:00p Wedding Prep, GH 2:00p Wedding, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Alvin & Naomi Clark+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Fernando Iannacchino+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 12:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Maria Amata Verbi, OP</i> 6:00p WWMIN Celebration, GH 6:00-8:00p MS Youth Group, CAF/GYM	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For To End Abortion</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
23 Tuesday	24 Wednesday	25 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Dan Rambo+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH	7:15a Mass, CANCELED 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 11:30a Rosary & Funeral, UC 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Gianna, OP</i> 6:45p Real Love & Real Life, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH Classroom	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 9:00a-1:00p School Pictures, UC 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Kellum Mahan</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
26 Friday	27 Saturday	28 Sunday <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, UC (Limited Seating) <i>For Frank Mills+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For St. Vincent de Paul</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment GH, GYM, CAF 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For St. Vincent de Paul</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> 12:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & HS Youth Groups, GH, CAF, GYM
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		