



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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

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**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

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**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

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

September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Continuing our Series on the Ten Commandments*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Ninth Commandment is "Do not covet your neighbor's house or his wife." Another way to say this is, "Do not covet another person's happiness or spouse." Put simply, covetousness is to say, "I want that!" The positive statement of this commandment is, "Be content with your own relationships and your own happiness."

The real desire of our heart is for God. As St. Augustine said, "He made us for Himself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Him." Therefore, covetousness is any desire that is for something other than God.

We are commanded not to covet another person sexually because the yearning desire for that which will not satisfy (that is, anything other than God) will not make us happy. Covetousness leads to a never ending cycle of desire. We want more, more, more and we are never happy.

To covet is to desire other things so much that we would do anything to get them. We would live our whole lives for those other things. Therefore, to indulge in constant lust is to commit idolatry, for idolatry is the love of a false god and a false good.

It is easy to excuse ourselves for being covetous. A man is more likely to lust after a woman sexually. A woman is more likely to lust after what she perceives to be a better or happier relationship. We think it is not so bad really to lust. We say it's only natural, but to covet is to want something else to such an extent that we live for them, instead of living for God. And this is the worst kind of sin because we are excluding God from our lives and choosing something other than Him to live for.

We are called to inner purity and chastity. This is why lust is so destructive, because we are indulging in a love that will not ultimately satisfy, and this longing and this lust keeps us from finding the purity that transforms our lives and draws us closer to God.

We are all called to inner purity and to a love that is higher than all our fleshly and materialistic pleasures. To pursue this greater love and to be content and at peace with God is the work of a lifetime.

We develop this kind of life by gradually weeding out the lustful desires that enslave us. The way this is done is through a life of sacrifice and self denial. By handing over those things we idolize we gain mastery over them and direct our love towards God who is the origin and destiny of all our loves.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"All those who belong to Jesus Christ are fastened with him to the Cross."*  
**St. Augustine**

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the high costs of discipleship. Being His disciple means being willing to abandon everything to follow Him, through constant prayer, the sacraments and offering everything to Him. His will be done, not mine. He gives us His grace to strengthen our path. At Mother Teresa House, our primary mission has always been a referral source to those in need in the community. We are expanding to do outreach to those living outside, and work with our community providers to offer them a path out.

Recently, I had a homeless family with 6 children from Greenwood reach out needing a place to live. The father had found a new job, and they just needed a break. Through many calls and using available resources, they were able to move into a place within the week.

This is why the discipleship of each and every member of our parish is so important - it allows His grace to flow through all we do.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The new Poor Box in the St. Vincent de Paul area of the Narthex **was recently vandalized**. We will not be replacing the box and instead request that you make your donations as follows:

- Use the envelopes located in front of the St. Vincent de Paul statue and place them in the collection basket at each Mass during the Offertory.  
**OR**
- Mail or make your donations at the Parish Office. Please make sure your checks are payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society – OLR Conference.  
**OR**
- Use Online Giving (QR Code here) and select St. Vincent de Paul.



## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Aug. 31, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 26,528.
Surplus:	\$ 4,528.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #10  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 220,000.
Received:	\$ 254,843.
Surplus:	\$ 34,843.

## 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, 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, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

Regular Youth Group meetings for Middle School and High School will resume on Sunday, Sep.7, 6-8pm.



**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.



**For increased security**, we are updating our key code policy for access to the church buildings. The privilege of key code access is for registered parishioners only, and these codes are not to be shared. All requests for code access need to come through the parish office.

**After Monday, September 15, all current codes will be deleted**, and moving forward, the codes will be periodically changed. Please sign up for new access codes through the Sign Up Genius link published [HERE](#) and in the Friday email newsletter.

Do you have a child registered for **Confirmation**?

If so, please sign up for the required **“Real Love Real Life”** program that meets on Sept 10, 17, and 24, at 7:30pm in Guadalupe Hall.

Registration and a description of the event are included [HERE](#).

Contact [JohnMark Cayer](#), Director of Faith Formation, with any questions.

### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)



Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, **September 17, at 7:00pm** in Guadalupe Hall.

### Faith Formation Reminders

Sunday Morning Catechesis will begin on September 21, at 9:15am

Go [HERE](#) for 2025-26 schedules and required forms.



Go [HERE](#) for details and link to register. All men age high school and up are invited.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Sep. 10** Family Honor, 6:45pm, GH

**Sep. 11** MS/US Spirit Day

**Sep. 12** Picture Day

Plan to join us for a quarterly **“Coffee and Conversation”** on Monday September 15, at 9am in Guadalupe Hall, hosted by our very own 12th grade class.

This is a great opportunity for the various generations to gather and share in fellowship. Our young people would love to meet you and share who they are, and what your support of OLR school means to them.



### 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>.

### National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn

Saturday, Sep. 13, 6:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel

Our candlelight service will assemble immediately following the 5:00pm Mass, outside the Upper Church entrance.



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](http://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

**Mariana Cecilia Duarte Gelpi**

daughter of

**Paolo & Rocio Gelpi**



*We welcome Mariana 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](mailto:scnaprofnp@gmail.com).



# SEPTEMBER

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

<b>6</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Sunday</b> <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Monday</b>
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a <b>Pro Life Mass</b> , UC 10:30-11:30a Teams of Our Lady, GH 10:30a NFP, 5th Grade Classroom 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For The People</i>	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Xavier Randall+</i> 8:30-9:30a Mugs & Muffins, GH 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For P.J. Schiller+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For The OLR Community</i> 6:00-8:00p High School Youth Group, GH, GYM	8:30a <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Vilma Ortega+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 6:30p St. Vincent de Paul meeting, JDR
<b>9</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Thursday</b>
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For John Warga, Sr.+</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 7:00p School Advisory Council, JDR	7:15a <b>Mass</b> , UC 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Ursula Hubschman+</i> 6:45p Real Life & Real Love, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00-9:00p Fellowship St. Joseph, GH	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Paul Sloan+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30-9:30p Knights of Columbus, CAF 7:00-8:00p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
<b>12</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Sunday</b> <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC (Limited Seating) <i>For OLR Community</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 2:00p Wedding, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Tom Calamia+</i> 6:00p Remembrance for Unborn Service, Outdoor Chapel	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Dieter Geerts</i> 12:00-2:00p High School Youth Group, GH, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Sr. Catherine Maria of the Passion, OP</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

Please see the OLR websites at [olr.church](http://olr.church) and [olr.school](http://olr.school) for all the most recent news and announcements.