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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*

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first two days of November are a time to think of the next world—the life to come. When someone dies, we are inclined to soften the grief with comforting words: “It’s okay. Uncle Henry is with the Lord now” or “Susie is an angel now” or “Aunt Bertha is in a better place.” While this is understandable, we should also be realistic in our expectations about the next life.

Common sense tells us that while most people are not wicked and faithless enough to go to hell for all eternity, neither are most of us saintly and faith-filled enough to go directly into the Lord’s presence when we die. Saints are those children of God who, in this earthly life, have reached their full potential by God’s grace. They have become the perfect souls God created them to be.

The church teaches that at the point of death each soul will be assigned their eternal destiny.

Most of us who die in the state of grace will not go directly to heaven, but experience a stay in purgatory until the temporal punishment due for our sins is satisfied, our “unfinished business” is completed, and we are purified enough to be admitted to the presence of God in heaven.

November 1 - All Saints’ Day is the church’s glorious celebration of those Christians who are most certainly in heaven. It is usually a Holy Day of Obligation. However, this year All Saints’ Day falls on a Saturday, so the obligation is lifted. At OLR we will celebrate All Saints’ Day with our usual First Saturday Mass at 9:30. This will be the only Mass for All Saints’ Day and, as usual, we will have a display of holy relics for veneration.

While we celebrate All Saints on November 1, we pray for All Souls on November 2. The Church teaches that we should always pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died. To fail to do so deprives those souls of a charitable act on our part and robs them of the help our prayers and sacrifices could give them as they complete their necessary purification before being welcomed into heaven.

All Souls’ Day is on Sunday so all the Sunday Masses will be for All Souls. The 10:30 am Mass will feature a very special liturgical performance of Faure’s Requiem. Mr. Phillips and our choir members have worked hard to prepare this great treasure of Catholic culture for our worship. The book of the Dead will be available from Saturday after the All Saints’ Day Mass for you to list the names of your departed loved ones. The Book of the Dead remains on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.

We are encouraged to offer prayers for the dead and to obtain indulgences on their behalf. Fr Ballard has explained this tradition and these guidelines are posted on the parish website [HERE](#).

Thank you for taking the eternal dimension of our faith seriously!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“The way to Christ is first through humility, second through humility, third through humility”
St. Augustine (Letters 118:22)

This weekend’s gospel is about pride (Pharisee) and humility (tax collector). It is hard to be humble.

In my work at MTH, I find when I struggle, it is because of my own pride. So many of the people I work with blame others for their situation, with little or no acceptance of their role in their troubles. It is hard to make change when you can’t admit your failings. It is an issue we must work through for true change to happen. We at OLR must approach our Lord with humility and through this, bring many to Him.

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On Thursday, **Oct. 30**, 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**.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In this Sunday’s Gospel, the tax collector’s prayer allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God’s mercy to be poured into their hearts.

In the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God’s love and mercy to 258 families.

Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Oct. 19, 2025

Needed:	\$ 25,500.
Received:	\$ 25,207.
Deficit:	\$ 293.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #17 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 433,500.
Received:	\$ 448,833.
Surplus:	\$ 15,333.

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, 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, Luigina Wurga, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

This Sunday, Oct. 26, meetings for the Middle and High School Youth Groups have been CANCELED.



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

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



Daylight saving time will end on **Sunday, Nov. 2**. Remember to "fall back" and set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

Join us for an introductory **self-defense class** on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9:15-11:15am in Guadalupe Hall. The class will focus on situational awareness and de-escalation tactics as well and basics in self-defense **for women of all ages**.

Cost: \$55 at sign up
Instructor: Terence Brister with Unified Self-Defense
Register: email Bren Gerten - brengerten@gmail.com
Limited to 20 participants



You are welcome to join St. Martha's Book Club on Monday November 3, from 12:30-2:00 in Juan Diego room as we discuss the classic **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**

by Robert Louis Stevenson. Call 864-360-2406 for more info.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **Oct 29, at 7:00pm**, in **Lower Church**, discussing *The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell*.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Upper Church on **Friday, Nov. 7**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am School Mass and continues until Saturday, Nov. 8, at 9:00am.

Adorers are needed for these extended hours.

Please sign up [HERE](#). For additional security, we ask adult men to sign up for the all night time slots.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Oct. 29** Upper School Information Meeting
Wednesday 6-9pm in Guadalupe Hall
- Oct. 31** Dress down day for ALL grade levels
Friday Saint Costumes Only
Students will have the opportunity to venerate relics in Upper Church

Upcoming Mass Schedule

All Saints' Day - Saturday, Nov. 1

Mass at 9:30am (1st Saturday Pro-Life Mass)
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Relics will be available for veneration

All Souls' Day - Sunday, Nov. 2

Anticipated Mass on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 5:00pm
Mass at 8:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm in Upper Church
Book of Remembrance will be available

Daily Masses on Nov. 4-6, will be Communion Services as our priests attend the Diocesan Priests' Retreat.

Please go [HERE](#) for All Souls' Day Indulgences Guidelines.

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service

will be held on Saturday, **November 1**, at 9:30am in Upper Church.

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration:

Sunday, Nov. 2, from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm, at Christ the King Church, 1223 Grove Road. Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign. Pastor Mark Wills, Pastors for Life, will give the Opening Prayer. He and his "For Life Praise Band" will lead the singing. We will end with a blessing from Deacon Bob Connor, and then have a "Celebration of Life" with refreshments and draw for door prizes. Bring a chair.



Go [HERE](#) at the OLR website for the most current Respect Life Newsletter.

Mugs & Muffins



Earlier risers, coffee awaits you after the 8am Mass in Guadalupe Hall! All families are invited for fellowship, muffins, coffee and juice. Join us on **Sunday, Nov. 2**.

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 November 1**, and December 6. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

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

25 Saturday	Sunday - 26 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	27 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 9:00-11:00a Classical Coffee, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Cheryl Trimarco+</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment, GYM, CAF, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For Special Intention</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> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For A Parishioner</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups CANCELED	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass , LC <i>For Maria & Luis Escobar+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
28 Tuesday	29 Wednesday	30 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass , UC <i>For Ursula Hubschman+</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 , UC 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:00a-3:00p Rehearsal Saints Showcase 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC and UC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass , UC <i>For Fr. Brian Mulcahy</i> 6:30p Upper School Information Night, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, Lower Church	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-3:00p Rehearsal, Saints Show case, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass , LC <i>For Luis & Gabriele Ospina+</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
31 Friday	Saturday - Nov. 1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> NOT a Holy Day of Obligation	Sunday - 2 <i>All Souls' Day</i> <i>Book of Remembrance available</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass , UC (Limited Seating) <i>For Robert Morelli+</i> 11:00a-1:00p Saints Showcase, UC 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:00-4:00p Relics Set Up, UC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro Life Mass , UC Relics available for veneration 10:30a NFP Class, 5th Grade Classroom 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 Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Josephine & Murray M.</i> <i>Howard, Jr. and all the</i> <i>deceased members of the Suit,</i> <i>Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr,</i> <i>Bagwell, Howard, and Hornady</i> <i>Families+</i>	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For The Departed Souls</i> 9:00a Mugs & Muffins, GH 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For The Departed Souls</i> 12:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For The Departed Souls</i>
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		
	8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups GH, GYM, CAF