



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*

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

*The Pastor's Letter this week is from
JohnMark Cayer, Director of Faith Formation*

Brothers and Sisters

As we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, the feast calls to mind our own baptism. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes the forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adopted son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ." CCC 1279

Our Eastern brethren refer to this great feast as Theophany, because it is in Christ's Baptism that he reveals his sonship and thereby reveals the face of the Father. Furthermore, we participate in this sonship when we are united to Christ through our own baptisms. Baptism is the sacrament by which one becomes a Christian. In our baptism, we receive the graces necessary for our salvation and are made capable of participating in Christ's redemptive work. We are now more than what we were. We are now capable of responding to the love of the Father through the work of the Son.

We do not deserve this gift. Yet because Christ gives freely, we must accept humbly. St Gregory of Nazianzus says that "Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift... We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and sign of God's Lordship."

This is no merely pious thought; this is an incarnational reality. The baptized person has the grace to respond to God's love and therefore the responsibility to respond. This is done through faithful participation in the life of the Church, through her sacraments, through the life of virtue, through the life of prayer, and through care for our neighbor. Our baptism must be lived. Our baptism must inform the world around us as we allow our baptism to form us. Through the Christian life which flows from our baptism, we allow Christ to renew all things in him. "Behold, I make all things new" Rev 21:5.

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JohnMark Cayer

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Dec. 28, 2025

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| Needed: | \$ 25,500. |
| Received: | \$ 27,905. |
| Surplus: | \$ 2,405. |

Collection for the week ending Jan 4, 2026

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| Needed: | \$ 25,500. |
| Received: | \$ 30,735. |
| Surplus: | \$ 5,235. |

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #25
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

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| Needed: | \$ 714,000. |
| Received: | \$ 772,952. |
| Surplus: | \$ 58,952. |

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Here then we have the Trinity in a certain sort distinguished. The Father in the Voice — the Son in the Man — the Holy Spirit in the Dove.

St. Augustine, Sermon 2

This week we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Christ was made known as the Son of God but in the last part of today's Gospel, we see the Holy Trinity, inseparable, revealed. In our work with the homeless and those less fortunate, I say a prayer for God the Father to look over them, for God the Son to be there for them and for God the Holy Spirit to change their hearts. The mystery of the Holy Trinity is incomprehensible to our simple human minds, but we try. It is through this faith and striving to draw closer to God, we are saved from our sins, no matter how horrific they may be.

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

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we can also hear these same words.

Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

Please scan this QR code to go directly to the new member registration form. This is an easy way to sign up and volunteer at SVdP.



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, 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, Marina Osborn, Marlowe Pastor, Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Emily Smith, Nancy & Earl Smith, Emily Stiffler, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Cheryl Wallace, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Luigina Warga, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

YOUTH GROUP

Jan. 11 - There will be **NO** youth group.

Jan. 18 - We **WILL** have youth group immediately after the 10:30am Mass.

This meeting is mandatory for all students attending the March for Life.

OCIA



The next class will be held on Wednesday, **January 14**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall.

Knights of Columbus Council 1668 will conduct a **Freethrow contest** in the Gym, on **Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10am**. This contest is open to boys and girls, ages 9 to 14 years on the day of the event. Each winner will be awarded a basketball. Forms will be available at the event.



For questions, please contact Rick Burke at rjhs1985@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

Jan. 19 Headmaster's Address, 6:30pm, GH

Jan. 22– 25 March for Life Trip

Jan. 26 – 30 Catholic Schools Week & Interim

Fr. Longenecker, Fr. Ballard and the Deacons thank everyone for the lovely cards and gifts received for Christmas.

Many thanks and Happy New Year!

Pre-Gala Wine Event

Join us for a special OLR "Bella Notte" pre-gala event on **Saturday, January 17**, at The Wine Fountain in downtown Fountain Inn, 112 South Main Street.

Come support OLR school at 5pm and enjoy great food, wine, beer and a special \$25 cash only wine pull. Money raised will benefit the



OLR School Gala. For details, email Stephanie Launius, stashie05@icloud.com



Early Bird tickets are now available until Jan. 31, [HERE](#).



Join St. Martha's Book Club on February 2, from 12:30-2:00pm at the Augusta Road Library Meeting Room, as we discuss "**When Crickets Cry**" by Charles Martin. Call (864) 360-2406 for more info.

Recently baptized was

Jameson Kye Burke

son of

James & D'Jamila Neka Burke

We welcome Jameson 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 Saturday, Feb. 7, and Mar. 7**. We will also have a session on Saturday, Feb. 14, in Guadalupe Hall.

Please RSVP Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com so we can prepare class materials.

JANUARY

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

| 10 Saturday | Sunday - 11 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> | 12 Monday |
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| 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 8:00a-4:00p Set Building, GH 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:30a NFP, 5th Grade Classroom 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Jean Worthy+</i> 6:00-8:00p Norris Small Group, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC | 7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For Betty Hines+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 9:15-10:15a St. Vincent de Paul, GH 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups Canceled | 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:00-9:15a School Prayer, LC 8:30a Communion Service , LC 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC |
| 13 Tuesday | 14 Wednesday | 15 Thursday |
| 7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass , LC <i>For William & Irene Stockman+</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-5:00p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass , UC <i>For Jerry Brown+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH | 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass , LC <i>For Karen Herrington</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 |
| 16 Friday | 17 Saturday | Sunday - 18 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass , UC (limited seating) <i>For Marlene Selleg+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC | 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 9:00a-12:00p RLM Deanery Mtg., GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Robert Bagnato+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, 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 9:15-10:15a St. Vincent de Paul, GH 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 12:00-1:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH 12:00-2:00p MS & US Youth Groups GYM, CAF, GH, LC 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Charles Settoon, Sr.+</i> |
| Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements. | | |