



# 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*

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Pastor's Letter this week is from Tommy Curtin, Headmaster*

Dear OLR Parishioners,

This Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. As Headmaster, it is my privilege to lead a school that bears authentic witness to the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith. It is whispered in some corners that Catholic schools must be careful not to be TOO Catholic, otherwise we might struggle to attract the diversity of students we need to meet budget and sustain the program. That is simply false. OLR has become attractive and viable precisely by leaning into orthodoxy, delivered with joy by our dedicated teachers. We are boldly Catholic!

While these bulletin letters are generally an occasion for sharing words of spiritual wisdom, please allow me to share some numbers. They tell an encouraging story about OLR's present and future.

- 100% of OLR staff are practicing Catholics
- 97% of OLR students are Catholic, most practicing
- 75% of OLR school families are parishioners

The school currently has 330 students in pre-K through grade 12. We project an enrollment of 350 for the 2026-27 school year. For reference, in 2017, OLR had 125 students.

- We have received 113 applications for next year.
- 50 of these applications are from siblings of current students.
- Every grade now has a waitlist (more applications than openings)

We expect to graduate 22 students this May. Of these:

- 14 are applying to four-year colleges
- 9 plan to attend a Catholic college
- 8 are applying to two-year or technical colleges

These numbers only tell a little bit of the story. To truly understand what OLR school is, one must spend time on campus interacting with these truly exceptional teachers and students. If anyone reading this would like to learn more about OLR school for any reason, please do not hesitate to reach out. It would be my pleasure to tell you all about what we are doing.

With Gratitude for the Support of OLR Parish,

Thomas Curtin  
Headmaster

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Jan 18, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 27,149.

Surplus: \$ 1,649.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #30  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 765,000.

Received: \$ 824,887.

Surplus: \$ 59,887.

Scan this code for a direct  
link to the Building Fund  
giving site.



## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"When spirits fall, their darkness is revealed, for they are stripped of the garment of your light. By the misery and restlessness which they then suffer you make clear to us how noble a being is your rational creation, for nothing less than yourself suffices to give it rest and happiness. This means that it cannot find them in itself. For you, O God, will shine on the darkness about us. From you proceeds our garment of light, and our dusk shall be noonday."* **St. Augustine**

Today's readings are about darkness into light. The darkness is a struggle for those I deal with at MTH, and the only true answer is the Light, Jesus Christ. We all see people in deep need as many approach us here, or when we are out in our daily lives. We want to help them with what they want, sometimes to make ourselves feel better, even though it does not address what they truly need. The general rule in my community of providers is not to give cash directly to those begging. It often goes into funding their darkness and our charity becomes toxic, even when we had the best of intentions. It is hard to deal with people who do not, or cannot, face their darkness and have no desire to do the work to get out of it. We offer them a path forward, rarely ever easy, but we offer to walk with them or find the best organization that can. We do this to help bring light to their world. Continue your prayers for them, as it only in Him can they have light shine in their darkness.

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

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

**Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting 192 families at the food pantry, for a total of 2,582 families for the whole year!**

## 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, 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. 25** Returning from March for Life, we will NOT meet.
- Feb. 1** We will NOT meet.
- Feb. 8** We WILL have our regular meeting from 6-8pm, preparing for Lent.

### Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

You are invited to bring any candles to have blessed at the **10am Mass on Monday, Feb. 2**. (The usual 8:30am Daily Mass is canceled)

There will be a table where the candles can be placed, and they will be blessed during the Mass.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on **Friday, Feb. 6**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am School Mass and continues until Saturday, Feb. 7, at 9:00am. Please sign up [HERE](#).



### FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The **Blessing of Throats** will be given during the Mass at **12:00pm on Tuesday, Feb. 3**.

### OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **Jan. 28**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall.



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

## SCHOOL NEWS

- Jan. 26 – 30** Catholic Schools Week & Interim
- Jan. 31** Winter Formal Dance, 6-10pm, GH
- Feb. 2** School Mass, 10am (Presentation of the Lord)

### Support the OLR Gala — Donate a Basket!

Help make our Silent Auction a success by donating a themed basket. Your generosity directly supports OLR! Families, parishioners, and groups are all invited to participate.



For details, scan the QR code, or visit [olr.school/gala-2026](https://olr.school/gala-2026) and click "Donate a Basket."

### CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Hansen

The Ordination of the Permanent Diaconate Class of 2026 can be viewed online at the links below. The event will take place at **11:00 am, on Saturday, Feb. 7**, and will be broadcast from the Cathedral in Charleston.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1bBbLSsZap/>

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/KqC4WfUlfug?feature=share>

Thursday, Jan. 29, there will be Solemn Adoration in the lower church from 7-8 pm.



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

Recently baptized was  
**James Louis Johnson**  
son of  
**Phillip & Tabea Johnson**



We welcome James 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 for high schoolers and their mothers on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 1:30pm in Guadalupe Hall.**

Please RSVP Meghan at [scnaprofnp@gmail.com](mailto:scnaprofnp@gmail.com) or [HERE](#) so we can prepare class materials.



# JANUARY- FEBRUARY

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

<b>24</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - 25</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>26</b> <b>Monday</b>
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 1:00-2:00p Wedding Prep, GH 2:00-3:00p Wedding, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b> , UC <i>For Sophia &amp; Ray Nelson+</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment, GH, GYM, CAF 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	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 Samantha Kluger+</i> 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i> 6:00p Youth Group <b>Canceled</b>	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a US Lauds, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Karen Herrington</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
<b>27</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Thursday</b>
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a US Lauds, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Sr. Rose of St. Mary, OP</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 <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Jerry Brown+</i> 8:00a US Lauds, UC 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 <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For John Kaluza+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a US Lauds, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Carlynn Hulbert+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 12:00p Funeral, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
<b>30</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - Feb. 1</b> <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a US Lauds, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>School Mass</b> , UC (limited seating) <i>For OLR Faculty &amp; Staff</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 6:30p 5th Grade Play, GH	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 8:00a-5:00p Dance Set Up, GH 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, LC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b> , UC <i>For Sr. Maria of the Angels, OP</i> 6:30p US Winter Formal Dance, GH	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Karen Herrington</i> 8:45a 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 The People</i>
<div> <p><b>If viewing on the website, please go <a href="#">HERE</a> for the Respect Life Ministry newsletter.</b></p> <p>Please see the OLR websites at <a href="#">olr.church</a> and <a href="#">olr.school</a> for all the most recent news and announcements.</p> </div>		
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