



# 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*

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a period of reflection, repentance and renewal, so it is not a bad idea during this season to reflect on the classic seven deadly sins.

The sins are called deadly because, given the circumstances, intentions, and knowledge, they may be mortal sins. A mortal sin is deadly because it turns our heart away from God and his love. Remember there are three conditions for a sin to be mortal: It must be grave matter—in other words, by its nature it alienates us from God. Secondly, we must know and understand that the sin is grave matter and thirdly, we must choose that sin freely and with pre-meditation. In other words, there must be—even just a moment—when we consider whether to commit the sin or not, and then choose to do it anyway.

Please remember that there is a difference between committing a mortal sin and being in a state of mortal sin. If you commit a mortal sin, as soon as you are aware of it, turn your heart back to the LORD with the intention of going to confession. When you do this you are no longer in a state or mortal sin because you have already repented and turned to the Lord. Going to confession seals that act of contrition and administers absolution. Being in a *state* of mortal sin means you have not only committed a mortal sin, you have decided it doesn't matter, you don't intend to repent, and have no intention of giving up that sin. To be in that state of mortal sin is truly a disaster for your soul.

The tradition of naming seven deadly sins comes from the early monastic traditions of spirituality. The monk, Evagrius Ponicus in the fourth century named "Eight Evil Thoughts". In the fifth century another pioneer of monasticism—St. John Cassian furthered and refined the eight evil thoughts, and in the sixth century Pope St. Gregory the Great—himself a Benedictine monk—honed the list down to seven deadly sins, and in the thirteenth century St. Thomas Aquinas refined them further to the list we know today.

Over the weeks of Lent this year in my pastor's letters I will write on the seven deadly sins and end by emphasizing the virtues that counter them—remembering that avoiding sin is only half the spiritual battle. The other half is cultivating virtue.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Feb. 15, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 26,332.

Surplus: \$ 832.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #34  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 867,000.

Received: \$ 921,463.

Surplus: \$ 54,463.

**Year End Tax Reports - Please contact**  
**[Rachel Hutson](mailto:rhutson@charlestdioocese.org) for a copy of your contribution**  
**statement for 2025. Electronic contributions**  
**made exclusively through OSV can be printed**  
**directly from the OSV website [HERE](#).**

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him, and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted, he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation."*

**St. Augustine on the Psalms**

Temptation is a powerful feeling/urge/desire. We are all tempted and we all give into temptation at times, but through love of Him and with His grace, we can say no to these temptations. The closer you are to Him, the more the temptations, but also the more you release them. At MTH, we deal with many people who have given into temptation, they let those temptations rule their lives. They can see no clear path, or have grown comfortable with where they are, wrapped in their sins and where it has led them. To leave that life and take the hard bold steps, to believe they can change, and then take those steps, the change is too much for so many. It is what Pope Leo XIV referred to in my bulletin article last week-end. Their weaknesses have become a comfortable blanket to wrap themselves in.

Our job is to continue to spread His love through our action, in hope that one day, they can see a light in their darkness and allow us to start them on their journey out. Continue to pray for them and for us in our work with them.

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

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they "ring the rectory bell". They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

***Please consider donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.***

## 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 Culkin, 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, Helena Murca, 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, Mary Walker, Cheryl Wallace, Luigina Warga, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

## YOUTH GROUP

**Feb. 22** - We will have our regular meeting from 6-8pm, and Mr. Cayer, Director of Faith Formation will lead our discussion.

*This weekend, Feb. 21-22 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.*

## Lost and Found

Please check the storage bins near the men's restroom in the Narthex and retrieve your personal items. They will soon be removed and donated.



Our Knights of Columbus will be serving **Lenten Fish Dinners** on Friday nights, in the Gym, Feb. 20 - March 27.

Service begins at 6:00pm, doors open 5:00pm  
\$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-18, 6 and under, free or \$50 per family Cash bar - wine and beer

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil

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

## OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **Feb. 25**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing the Fifth Commandment.



**CHRIST ON MAIN.**

Pat May will be leading an OLR sponsored, 6 week Lent Course entitled **The Word of God in the Life of the Church** at Christ on Main, 14 S. Main St. Greenville.

The dates are: Feb 23  
Mar 3, 9, 16, 23, 30

Go [HERE](#) to register.

## SCHOOL NEWS

- Feb. 21** 1st Communion Retreat, 9am-12pm, GH
- Feb. 23** Confirmation Session #3, 7:30pm, GH
- Feb. 26-28** MS Play, "Our Town" Performances, GH

The Spring Campaign of "40 Days for Life" will run from Feb. 18 - March 28.



Former abortion workers report that when somebody is praying in front of an abortion facility, the no-show rate for abortion appointments can go as high as 75%.

Visit [40daysforlife.com/greenville](http://40daysforlife.com/greenville) to sign up.

## St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Report for 2025 is now available [HERE](#). Please take a minute to review and feel free to [email us](#) with any questions.



Join St. Martha's Book Club on **March 2**, at Augusta Road Library from 12:30-2:00 as we discuss "**The Women**" by **Kristen Hannah** (a story of women serving as army nurses during the war in Viet Nam). Call (864) 360-2406 for more info.

## Are you interested in learning Natural Family Planning?

Maureen Holy, an OLR Parishioner and Registered Nurse, is seeking 10 couples to learn the Marquette Method of NFP as part of her certification program through Marquette University. Participation includes three brief education sessions (initial, 1 month follow-up, and 6 month follow-up). This training is being offered **free of charge** to these first 10 couples. Visit the Boland Institute for Natural Family Planning website to learn more about the Marquette method of NFP.

<https://www.marquette.edu/nursing/institute-natural-family-planning/model.php>.

Interested couples please contact [Holy.Maureen@gmail.com](mailto:Holy.Maureen@gmail.com)

Recently baptized was **Damian Leandro Lopez** son of **Sergio & Sandra Lopez**



*We welcome Damian 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, **Mar. 7**.

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

## FEBRUARY - MARCH

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

<b>21 Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - Feb. 22 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i></b>	<b>23 Monday</b>
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p Set Up - Winter Dance, GYM</p> <p>9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM</p> <p>9:00a-12:00p 1st Communion Retreat, GH</p> <p>10:00a Baptism, UC</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>4:30p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b>, UC <i>For Arthur &amp; Pearl Gowe+</i></p> <p>6:00-11:00p Winter Dance, GYM</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Ma'May Grimm+</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Mike Busby+</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p MS &amp; HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:30a <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Ryan Poston+</i></p> <p>9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC</p> <p>9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>5:30-7:30 Play Practice, GH</p> <p>7:30p Confirmation Session, GH</p>
<b>24 Tuesday</b>	<b>25 Wednesday</b>	<b>26 Thursday</b>
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>12:00p <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Dawn Sheboth+</i></p> <p>12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC</p> <p>3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>5:00-7:00p Play Practice, GH</p> <p>7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH</p>	<p>7:15a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Joann Rypl</i></p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>11:00-5:00p Adoration, LC</p> <p>3:00p Schola Practice, UC</p> <p>4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC</p> <p>5:15p Benediction, LC</p> <p>6:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Stephanie Kaufman+</i></p> <p>6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p> <p>7:00p OCIA, GH</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>10:00a <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Mariann Klink+</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p> <p>7:00p MS Play, GH</p>
<b>27 Friday</b>	<b>28 Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - March 1 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i></b>
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>10:00a <b>School Mass</b>, UC (limited seating) <i>For OLR Faculty &amp; Staff</i></p> <p>11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>2:30p Stations of the Cross, UC</p> <p>6:00p Lenten Fish Dinners, GYM</p> <p>7:00p MS Play, GH</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM</p> <p>9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM</p> <p>2:00p MS Play, GH</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>4:30p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b>, UC <i>For Judy Hines+</i></p> <p>7:00p MS Play, GH</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Elizabeth Bozard</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Sr. Rosemary Thomas, OP</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p MS &amp; HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF</p>
<p>Please see the OLR websites at <a href="http://olr.church">olr.church</a> and <a href="http://olr.school">olr.school</a> for all the most recent news and events.</p>		