



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 (during school term)
First Friday, 11a - 5p
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If sin is the distortion, degradation and destruction of love, then the next two deadly sins illustrate this truth vividly. Lust is the degradation and distortion of love for another person. God has created us for love and created us to desire love—human love within the gift of marriage and family life, and divine love within the life of the church.

Lust is the sin that distorts and degrades and destroys marriage and family life. The church names some things as sins because they hurt people, and one of the biggest of Satan's lies is that the lustful sins do not hurt anybody. "Love is Love!" is the slogan, and that implies that love has no boundaries. However, love cannot be love *unless* it has boundaries. The sins of lust are therefore any sin that breaks or wounds the marriage bond. Adultery, pornography, masturbation, fornication, prostitution, human trafficking, child molestation—all these sins distort, degrade and destroy that fragile gift of marriage and family life.

We often think of Sloth as simple laziness, but the monastic writers who first meditated on the seven deadly sins understood sloth to be most of all, a kind of spiritual torpor—an unwillingness to make progress in the spiritual life—to give in to complacency and indifference. It is really a form of cowardice—unwillingness to recognize the urgency of the spiritual battle and to roll up our sleeves, get down on our knees and do battle with the devil for the good of our souls and the church and the world.

Sloth is going along to Mass with an attitude of polite conformity—doing just the minimum. Should the pastor ask for volunteers? Someone else will do it. Have you been invited to join the women's group? St. Vincent de Paul Society? The Knights of Columbus? The choir? The team of ushers? You can't be bothered. Someone else will do it. That's sloth.

The virtues that counter lust and sloth are chastity and duty. Remember chastity is to be distinguished from celibacy. Those who take a vow of celibacy refrain from all intimate relationships. Chastity, on the other hand, is a virtue all the baptized are called to. Chastity means faithfulness to the sacrament of marriage. Those who are married are chaste through faithfulness to their spouse. All who are unmarried are to be celibate. The virtue of duty means we get up and get involved according to our abilities and our state in life.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Mar. 1, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 29,814.

Surplus: \$ 4,314.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #36
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 918,000.

Received: \$ 985,253.

Surplus: \$ 67,253.

Year End Tax Reports - Please contact
[Rachel Hutson](#) 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

“ ‘Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, Give me to drink, you would, it may be, have asked of Him, and He would have given you living water.’ He asks to drink, and promises to give drink. He longs as one about to receive; He abounds as one about to satisfy. ‘If you knew’, says He, ‘the gift of God.’ The gift of God is the Holy Spirit.”

St. Augustine Tracate 15 (John 4 #12)

The Samaritan woman in today’s Gospel is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous. The fact that she is non-Jewish shows that Christ came for all humanity. Christ is thirsty and asking for a drink. He is thirsty for us, all of us, and He offers himself through His crucifixion and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We deal with many people at MTH, many who are spiritually blind through sin and the grasp of the evil one. We must see Christ in each of them as He thirsts for them and wants to give them the living water (Holy Spirit). We show this through our actions and His love for them through us.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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Family Honor’s “Leading & Loving” Program At OLR

March 13, 5:45-8:30pm, Friday Fish Dinner (self pay)

March 14, 9am-2pm, lunch provided

For parents with young children from birth through 5th grade.

- * Equips you in guiding your young children to figure out the answers to life’s most important questions, like “Who am I?” and “What is my life for?”
- * Provides an understanding of how you can model and teach Christ-like love to your children and how you can speak about purity and modesty in age-appropriate ways.
- * Helps you to be prepared to respond to some of your younger children’s challenging questions.

This is a **parent-only** program, for childcare, email
upstatefamilyhonor@protonmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied when given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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, Frank McKenna, 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, Johnny Schiera, 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

March 8 We will NOT meet this week, due to attendance at DYC.

We need your help to prepare Upper Church for Holy Week - Saturdays at 10:30am.

March 21 - Cover all the statues in purple cloth.

March 28 - Decorate for Palm Sunday Masses.

April 4 - Decorate the church for Easter services.

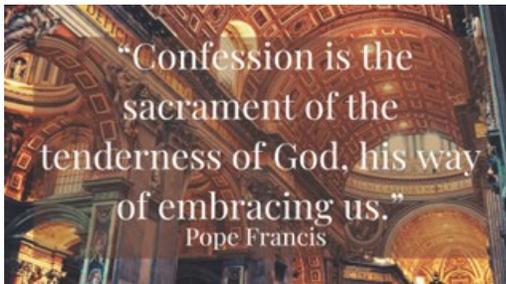
These are not events for small children, however there are many tasks for ages 10 and up. Please contact Sue Bannio with any questions, or to let her know you can come: Text or call: 864.313.4479 or email: 4SueBannio@gmail.com.



Our Knights of Columbus are now serving **Lenten Fish Dinners** on Friday nights in the Gym.

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



OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **Mar. 11**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing Angels & Catholic Cosmology.



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 remaining dates are:
March 9, 16, 23, 30

There's still time to join - go [HERE](#) to register.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mar. 19 School Mass, St. Joseph Feast Day
Thursday



40 Days for Life: You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort running through Lent. Be the ONE to say YES to praying for the least and most vulnerable among us! To find out more and sign up to help please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Deacon Connor 828-860-5622. Help to spread the word about this important life-saving effort.

The Divine Mercy Ministry of Prayer for the Dying

Through St. Faustina, Jesus promised many graces to the dying when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed for them.



If you would like the consolation of having the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed for a loved one who is dying--in hospice, hospital, or at home--the eight members of the Divine Mercy Cenacle at OLR will be glad to pray for him or her for a full week.

Anyone may request these prayers by sending an email to atbaird.divinemeracy@gmail.com.

LENT SCHEDULE

All events in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 2:15pm
Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Wednesdays During Lent

7:15am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration, Lower Church
4:15-5:15pm	Confessions, Lower Church
5:15pm	Stations of the Cross
6:00pm	Mass

Recently baptized was **Luke Stephen Kandel**

son of **William & Abigail Kandel**



We welcome Luke 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 Mass at 10:15am in the 5th Grade Classroom. The next session is on **Saturday, April 4.**

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

MARCH

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

7 Saturday	Sunday - March 8 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9 Monday
12a-9:00a Adoration/All Night Vigil, LC 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro-Life Mass & Healing, UC 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:15a 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 Stacy Isenbarger+</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment GH, GYM 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Eric & JoAnn Bradford+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p NO Youth Groups	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Susan Wilder+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday	12 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, 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	7:15a Mass, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 7:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Stations of the Cross, UC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Joseph DeLetto</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 Stephanie Kaufmann+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Holy Land Pilgrimage, GH 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
13 Friday	14 Saturday	Sunday - 15 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass, UC (limited seating) <i>For OLR Faculty & Staff</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:15p Stations of the Cross, UC 5:30-9:30p Leading & Loving, GH 6:00p Lenten Fish Dinners, GYM	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p Leading & Loving, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For David & Scarlett Meade</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 Joyce Geerts</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Lloyd & Karen Millegan</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.		