



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

WEEKDAY 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)

WEEKDAY 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*

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that if Christ is not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain. As our society drifts further into immorality, uncertainty and unbelief, it is our duty and joy to explain and defend our Christian faith.

The cornerstone of our faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. During the weeks of Eastertide in my pastor's letters I will be explaining various ways modern people deal with the resurrection and I will give you some answers to their questions.

The first thing we must get clear is that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was an actual historical event. The New Testament makes no bones about it. The disciples met Jesus Christ in the flesh. He was dead. Now He was alive. He was not a ghost. They touched Him. They ate meals with Him.

The first attack on the resurrection is an attack by modernist Christians who do not believe this. Instead they say that Jesus' resurrection was a story the disciples made up to explain the fact that they still held Jesus' memory as something precious.

The theory goes like this: "The resurrection story is a way of saying that despite Jesus' tragic death His disciples still loved Him and tried to follow the beautiful teachings He had given them."

This is harder to believe than the resurrection itself! These were hard headed, sensible, working class men. They knew that when a person died he didn't rise again. They knew the difference between a beautiful story and cold, hard facts.

Furthermore, are we to believe that these men gave up everything and eventually died martyr's deaths for a mere story or fairy tale? Don't you think when they were about to be tortured and killed that they would have said, "Hold on! It was only a story. We didn't mean for you to take that resurrection stuff literally!"

No. Jesus' disciples recorded in the New Testament what they actually experienced. There were hundreds of witnesses. If they had been making up a meaningful story about their dead friend, plenty of people would have corrected them.

Instead, we have to take the gospel accounts at face value. The disciples experienced something that had never happened before: a man had risen from the dead. This is why they went on to change the world--because the event of the resurrection really does change everything.

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the **two weeks**
ending Apr. 12, 2026

Needed:	\$ 51,000.
Received 4/5/26:	\$ 41,399.
Received 4/12/26:	\$ 21,289.
Surplus:	\$ 11,688.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #42
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 1,071,000.
Received:	\$ 1,162,877.
Surplus:	\$ 91,877.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“He was walking with them along the road like a companion and was himself the leader. Of course he was seen, but he wasn’t recognized. For their eyes were restrained, as we heard, so that they wouldn’t recognize him. They weren’t restrained so that they wouldn’t see him, but they were held so that they wouldn’t recognize him. Ah yes, brothers and sisters, but where did the Lord wish to be recognized? In the breaking of bread. We’re all right, nothing to worry about—we break bread, and we recognize the Lord. It was for our sake that he didn’t want to be recognized anywhere but there, because we weren’t going to see him in the flesh, and yet we were going to eat his flesh. So, if you’re a believer, any of you, if you’re not called a Christian for nothing, if you don’t come to church pointlessly, if you listen to the Word of God in fear and hope, you may take comfort in the breaking of bread. The Lord’s absence is not an absence. Have faith, and the one you cannot see is with you.”

St. Augustine on Luke’s Gospel

Pray that the eyes of those we deal with at Mother Teresa House become unrestrained. Let them say “I was blind and now I see”, as they recognize the Lord next to them and in the breaking of the bread.

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

In this Sunday’s Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we remember that when we reach out to our neighbor, we are walking with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 22 families for a total of \$2,836 in utility bills and 209 families at the food pantry. Thank You!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Silessa 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, Bethe Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Tonya Lucas, 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, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

YOUTH GROUP

- April 19** We will have a picnic at the Massie family property from 2-6pm, with students leading a rosary at the end of the evening.
- April 26** We will NOT have our regular meeting.

Our **Seven Sisters Apostolate** is seeking additional women to pray one Holy Hour a week for Fr. Longenecker as he prepares to retire in December.

If you would like to show your appreciation for his 16 years of faithful service at OLR in this way, please contact Pat Wilder at 864-663-9565.

Go [HERE](#) for more information.

Everyone is invited to the school's **Annual Spring Concert** on Thursday, **May 14**, at 6:00pm in Upper Church.

The Annual **Art Exhibition** will open immediately after the concert, in the Gym.

The Full Choir will sing **Solemn Vespers** for the Ascension of the Lord on Sunday, **May 17**, at 4:00 pm in the Upper Church.

Dates to Remember

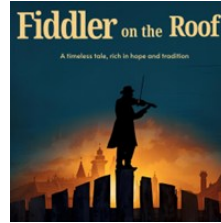
- Saturday, May 2** **First Holy Communion** 10:00am in Upper Church, with reception following in the Gym.
- Monday, May 4** **Confirmation** with our Bishop, 6:00pm in Upper Church, with reception following in the Gym.
- Sunday, May 17** **Solemnity of the Ascension** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17, (transferred in our diocese from May 14) and is a Holy Day of Obligation, as are all Sundays during the year!



Join St. Martha's Book Club at Augusta Road Library on Monday, May 4, at 12:30 pm as we discuss "**Rosemary Cottage**" by Colleen Coble. Call (864) 360-2406 for more info.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Apr. 20** Confirmation Session #5 Rehearsal in Upper Church, 7:30-8:30pm.
NO School
- May 1**



Please come and support the students of the Upper School in this year's Spring Musical: **Fiddler on the Roof**.

Performances will be April 23-25, and April 30-May 2, beginning at 7 pm in Guadalupe Hall.

Don't wait to get your tickets as the performances are quickly selling out! Tickets are available on the school website at [olr.school](#) or [HERE](#).

Due to First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2, we will NOT have the usual First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service.

The next Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service will be on Saturday, **June 6**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on **Friday, May 1**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am Mass and continues until Saturday, May 2, at 9:00am. Please sign up [HERE](#).

OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **April 22**, in Lower Church. We will discuss prayer and being Catholic in a Non-Catholic Society.



Recently baptized was
Clayten Andrew Taylor

son of

Matthew & Katherine Taylor



We welcome Clayten 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, May 2**.

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

APRIL

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

18 Saturday	Sunday - 19 Third Sunday of Easter	20 Monday
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 9:00a-3:30p Play Practice, GH 3:00-7:00p Set Up for Dance, GYM 7:00-9:00p Father/Daughter Dance, GYM 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Bob & Ellen Cousino+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Matthew Kuhlman</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Hamilton Woodis</i> 2:00-6:00p Youth Group, Off Campus 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i></p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass, LC 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC 5:00-8:00p Play Practice, GH 7:30-8:30p Confirmation Class, UC</p>
21 Tuesday	22 Wednesday	23 Thursday
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Sr. Mary Francis, OP</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls' Choir Practice, UC 5:00-8:00p Tech Play Practice, GH 7:00p NO N. Way Bible Studies</p>	<p>7:15a Mass, UC 8:00a-5:00p 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 Jean Nadeau+</i> 6:00-8:00p Tech Play Practice, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA Class, LC</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Maria Kuhlman</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys' Choir Practice, UC 5:00-10:00p Upper School Musical, GH 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p>
24 Friday	25 Saturday	Sunday - 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass, UC (limited seating) <i>For Hutson Family</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 5:00-10:00p Upper School Musical, GH</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-10:00p Upper School Musical, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Justin Kuhlman</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Ann of the Cross, OP</i> 6:00-8:00p NO Youth Group</p>
<p>Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.</p>		