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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*

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have examined almost all the theories that deny the Resurrection of the Lord.

There are a few others which are even more far fetched than the ones we have already considered: some New Age followers say Jesus was a "special spirit person" who only appeared to have a physical body, and it was that appearance of a body that died on the cross, while Jesus himself really continued to live. The "appearance of a body" seemed pretty real to Jesus and everyone who watched him being tortured! This idea doesn't stand up to any serious thought.

Some say the disciples went to the wrong tomb, found it empty and concluded that Jesus had risen from the dead. Were they really that stupid? Even if they made such a mistake, why would they jump to the conclusion that Jesus had risen from the dead? They were as surprised by his Resurrection as everyone else. Resurrection was not a solution they would have come up with. If they had gone to the wrong tomb, wouldn't they just have said, "Whoops, wrong tomb. Where did they bury him anyway?"

Even if the disciples had been first of all so stupid, and secondly so imaginative, surely the others would have corrected them. Had Jesus been in another tomb all His enemies would have produced the body and pointed out the disciples' foolish mistake.

Then we have the group hallucination theory. It goes like this: "Jesus died and was buried, but His disciples all wanted Him to still be alive so they all had a hallucination that they saw Him." So five hundred people hallucinated the same hallucination over a forty day period at different times and places and all the hallucinations matched up? And we should believe in such a thing as mass hallucinations anyway? Is there any evidence that such things ever occur? Not that I know of.

Furthermore, these are very detailed hallucinations. The hallucination talks to them, invites them to put their finger in his wounds, eats and drinks, conducts a Bible study and has extended conversations with them? I don't think so.

In fact, all the theories denying the Resurrection are more difficult to believe than the simple, supernatural fact that Jesus of Nazareth, who died on the cross rose again, and this fact of history changes human history--and if we allow--this amazing event changes my life and yours.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending May 10, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 20,173.

Deficit: \$ 5,327.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #47
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 1,173,000.

Received: \$ 1,271,421.

Surplus: \$ 98,421.

*For your increased security and efficiency,
please use the OLR online giving site [HERE](#).*

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"I answer that, Christ's Ascension is the cause of our salvation in two ways: first of all, on our part; secondly, on His.

On our part, in so far as by the Ascension our souls are uplifted to Him; because, as stated above (Article 1, Reply to Objection 3), His Ascension fosters, first, faith; secondly, hope; thirdly, charity. Fourthly, our reverence for Him is thereby increased, since we no longer deem Him an earthly man, but the God of heaven; thus the Apostle says (2 Corinthians 5:16): "If we have known Christ according to the flesh—'that is, as mortal, whereby we reputed Him as a mere man,'" as the gloss interprets the words—"but now we know Him so no longer."

On His part, in regard to those things which, in ascending, He did for our salvation. First, He prepared the way for our ascent into heaven, according to His own saying (John 14:2): "I go to prepare a place for you," and the words of Micheas (2:13), "He shall go up that shall open the way before them." For since He is our Head the members must follow whither the Head has gone: hence He said (John 14:3): "That where I am, you also may be." In sign whereof He took to heaven the souls of the saints delivered from hell, according to Psalm 67:19 (Cf. Ephesians 4:8): "Ascending on high, He led captivity captive," because He took with Him to heaven those who had been held captives by the devil—to heaven, as to a place strange to human nature. captives in deed of a happy taking, since they were acquired by His victory." **St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica, Question 57**

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

Please consider donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

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 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, Bob Linn, 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

May 17 Senior Send Off, and last youth group meeting of the year.

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.

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.

School and Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.



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!



New fellowship and adult education course led by OLR parishioner, Pat May, will meet in Guadalupe Hall on Saturday evenings after the 5pm Mass, **May 16 - June 13**. The

course, **"Behold the Lamb"** will look at the Biblical symbolism of the Lamb of God, and show how it is all fulfilled in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Join us to meet new friends, deepen your faith, and invite non-Catholics for this time of fellowship and faith sharing. The course is free, but please register [HERE](#).

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.

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, June 6**.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

May 21 Field Day
May 22 Graduation
May 23 Campus Clean Up Day

Summer Camps at OLR

Sign Ups are now open, please go [HERE](#) to see the listing. Payment is due at sign up.



Join St. Martha's Book Club on **June 1st** at Augusta Road Library from 12:30-2:00 as we discuss **"My Bloved"** by Jan Karon.

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 Natural Family Planning [HERE](#).

Interested couples please contact Holy.Maureen@gmail.com

Recently baptized was

Lucienne Inès Velasquez-Feikles

daughter of

Cody & Victoria Feikles

We welcome Lucienne as a new member of the OLR family.



Study Bibles - have arrived, please pick up your copies in the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you are unable to come during office hours, please contact us to make special arrangements.

MAY

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

16 Saturday	Sunday - 17 <i>Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	18 Monday
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM</p> <p>10:00a-2:00p Mother/Daughter Tea, 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 Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Maria of the Angels, OP</i></p> <p>6:00p "Behold the Lamb" Class, GH</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For John Warga, Sr. +</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 Mass, UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i></p> <p>4:00p Vespers, UC</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH, GYM</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>8:30a Communion Service, LC</p> <p>9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC</p> <p>9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC</p>
19 Tuesday	20 Wednesday	21 Thursday
<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 Mass, LC <i>For Barry O'Hare+</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>7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH</p>	<p>7:15a NO Mass, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p Adoration, LC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</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 Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Mary Michael, OP</i></p> <p>6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Ken & Patti Cousino</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>3:00p Boys' Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p>
22 Friday	23 Saturday	Sunday - 24 <i>Pentecost</i>
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>10:00a School Mass, UC (limited seating) <i>For Karen Herrington</i></p> <p>Graduation after Mass</p> <p>11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC</p> <p>5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM</p> <p>11:30a Wedding Prep, GH</p> <p>12:30p Wedding, UC</p> <p>1:00-4:00p Strings Recital, 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 Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Natalee Geerts</i></p> <p>6:00p "Behold the Lamb" Class, GH</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Samantha Kluger+</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 Mass, UC <i>For James Cronican+</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The Cahillance Family+</i></p>
<p>Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.</p>		