



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*

August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Dear OLR Parishioners,

The 2026-2027 school year is off to a great start! OLR opened the year with our largest enrollment ever, 349 in grades PreK-12. With the opening of beautiful Benedict Hall, we were able to welcome a record 38 ninth graders. Overall high school enrollment exceeds 100 students, and we have 21 seniors looking forward to graduation this spring.

We aren't just growing; we're growing the right way. New OLR families are enhancing the already strong Catholic character of the school. Over 95% of OLR students are Catholic, most of these registered with our parish. Additionally, 100% of OLR teachers are practicing Catholics, fully committed to forming students as joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. This Friday, all teachers will again take the Mandatum, a solemn pledge to teach only what is consistent with Catholic doctrine.

Our academic program blends rigor with respect for learning differences. The performing arts program has grown to offer FIVE full plays for the coming year. Season tickets are already selling on the school website! Sports teams are available at every grade level including varsity options for basketball, soccer, cross country, volleyball, and wrestling.

OLR's alumni community also continues to grow and thrive. Our graduates (59 so far) are flourishing in colleges, trades, and fledgling careers. We have one third-year seminarian, and two graduates from our first class are engaged to be married this fall at OLR church. It is characteristic of OLR graduates that they love their Alma Mater and embrace the Catholic faith OLR school helped foster in them.

The next few weeks will also feature letters focused on different aspects of the OLR school program. We look forward to sharing our story with you!

In Christ's Love,

Tommy Curtin
Headmaster

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Aug. 16, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 28,358.

Deficit: \$ 2,858.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #8
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 204,000.

Received: \$ 213,312.

Surplus: \$ 9,312.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Rabanus Mauras.: But this power of binding and loosing, though it seems given by the Lord to Peter alone, is indeed given also to the other Apostles, [margin note: see Matt 18:18] and is even now in the Bishops and Presbyters in every Church. But Peter received in a special manner the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and a supremacy of judicial power, that all the faithful throughout the world might understand that all who in any manner separate themselves from the unity of the faith, or from communion with him, such should neither be able to be loosed from the bonds of sin, nor to enter the gate of the heavenly kingdom.”

St. Thomas Aquinas Catena Aurea on Matthew's Gospel

Simon declares *You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.* Jesus then changes Simon's name to Peter, meaning rock and states on this rock I will build my Church. Peter is then given the power to loose and bind which is given to the other apostles later on. Do we profess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God in our hearts? Homes? With those we meet? Jesus left us the Catholic Church, whose bride is the Holy Spirit, which has been passed down to us through the ages in communion with Peter in an unbroken unity. Do we truly profess it with our hearts? Do we take advantage of the sacraments He left us through this unbroken unity passed down from Christ to Peter in His Church?

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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OLR School News

Season tickets are on sale now through September 17, for the Rose Theatre 2026-2027 season. A season ticket holder will receive 2 tickets to each show and may select their seats one week in advance to the tickets available to the general public.



The shows for this season are *Romeo and Juliet*, *the Mouse-trap*, *12 Angry Jurors*, *Antigone*, and *Annie*. Tickets may be purchased [HERE](#) or through the school website.

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, 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, 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, Cheryl Wallace, Luigina Warga, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

Middle and Upper School YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

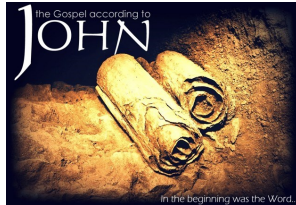
will resume on Sunday, **September 13**, from 6-8pm.

Copies of Fr. Longenecker's new book *Bloodshed and Blessing* are available in the narthex again this weekend. After this you can purchase the book, and copies of all Fr. Longenecker's books, at the parish office.

Coming soon . . .

Adult Catechesis will begin on Sunday, **September 20, at 9:00am** in Guadalupe Hall.

The class will be a study of the Gospel of John.



Registrations for Faith Formation K4-6th Grade

are open for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Please register by August 30, by delivering the registration form to the parish office or by emailing John-Mark Cayer at jcayer@charlestandioocese.org.

Registration forms are found [HERE](#).

Youth Group Parent Meeting

Join us for an information session on Sunday, **August 30**, immediately following the 10:30am Mass in Guadalupe Hall. All parents of Middle School and Upper School students are encouraged to attend.

First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil

will be on **September 4**, beginning after the 10:00am morning Mass and continuing with an all night Adoration Vigil until 9:00am Saturday September 5. Click on the link [HERE](#) to schedule a time to love, pray, and adore the Real Presence of our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament.



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.divinemercy@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

Aug. 25 MS & US - Curriculum Night, 6-8pm, GH

Aug. 28 Picture Day

Sep. 7 Labor Day, NO SCHOOL

Go [HERE](#) for the 2026-2027 Calendar



The Choir will sing **Solemn Vespers on Sunday, August 30, at 4:00pm** in the Upper Church. Please join us for this reverent service of psalms, hymns, canticles, and prayer!



Our Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) begins **September 9**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or just interested in learning more, please contact JohnMark Cayer at jcayer@charlestandioocese.org.

Family Holy Hour

Join us on the following Mondays from 2-3pm in Upper Church for a family holy hour (the current Monday adoration will be extended on these specific days): **August 31**, September 28, and October 26. This is a time for parents to bring their children to adoration without feeling stressed about all their little noises (But anyone else who wants to join us is welcome as well!) We will conclude with a children's rosary for our school and parish.

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass will be held on Saturday, **September 5**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

Recently baptized was

Augustus Loy Byrd

son of

Madison & Kathryn Byrd

We welcome Augustus 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, September 12**.

Please **RSVP** Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com so we can prepare class materials.

AUGUST

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

22 Saturday	Sunday - 23 <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	24 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-12:00p RLM Deanery Mtg., GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Louise & Joseph Bagnato+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For The People</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 Tommy Curtin</i>	7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass , LC <i>For Anna Hutson</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration , UC 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p School Prayers, UC
25 Tuesday	26 Wednesday	27 Thursday
7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 7:00-8:00a Cursillo Group, GH 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:00a-4:15p School Tutoring, JDR 12:00p Mass , LC <i>For Dorothy Martin+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:10-4:10p Jr. Girls Choir, UC 6:00-8:00p MS & US Curriculum Night, GH 7:00p N. Way Bible Studies GH, CANCELED	8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:00-6:00p Secular Franciscans, JDR 3:10-4:30p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass , UC <i>For Adelaide Fletcher+</i> 6:30-9:30p Family Honor, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:00a-4:15p School Tutoring, JDR 10:00a Mass , LC <i>For Howard Hubble+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:10-4:10p Jr. Boys Choir, UC 6:30-9:30p Real Love/Real Life, GH 6:30-7:45p Adult Choir, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
28 Friday	29 Saturday	Sunday - 30 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass , UC <i>For Peter Williams</i> (Limited Seating) 11:00a School Pictures, UC 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Fr. J. Yeazel+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For Tom Rypl, Jr.</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For John & Evelyn Mahan+</i> 12:00-1:00p Youth Group Parent Meeting, GH 4:00p Vespers, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For The People</i>
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.		