



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*

September 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By the end of the fifth century the Roman Empire had disintegrated. It collapsed from the pressures of immorality and corruption from within and the treat of barbarian invasions from without.

In the little town of Norcia twins were born who would change the world. St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica were faced with a society in chaos. With the collapse of the empire people fled to the hills and fortified towns. They scraped by with subsistence farming and survived by helping one another.

Benedict established small communities of men and his sister built communities of women. They lived together, worked hard, prayed and studied. Out of their monastic communal lives a foundation for a new civilization of love was established.

For the next thousand years, all across Europe, Benedictine monasteries and convents were established, built up, and flourished. Eventually the monasteries became centers of health, education, and welfare. The entire enterprise was built around the daily worship of God in the Divine Liturgy.

Sometimes we overlook the moral decay in our own society. We forget how drastic the breakdown of the family has been. We don't pay attention to the loneliness, the spiritual poverty and the chaos in our own broken society.

Rod Dreher has written an important book called *The Benedict Option*. He recounts the story of St. Benedict and how his way of life changed the world. He sees the "Benedict Option" as one of the ways forward in our present situation. The Benedict Option is not complicated. It simply means doing what we can, with what we have, where we are.

I am a Benedictine oblate of Belmont Abbey and one of the reasons we chose to have a statue of St. Benedict in our new church is because I believe the Benedict Option is something we can do in our parish. Therefore, over the next few weeks I will be writing more about The Benedict Option and what it means to put this into effect at Our Lady of the Rosary

I hope you will follow these letters with interest, prayer and enthusiasm!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Sep.13, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,813.*
Received: \$ 27,806.
Surplus: \$ 1,993.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #12
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 309,756.
Received: \$ 342,162.
Surplus: \$ 32,406.

* 6/30/27 budget finalized: copies available
in the Narthex with the 6/30/26 financials.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"That man was delivered by Christ's passion, many other things besides deliverance from sin concurred for man's salvation. In the first place, man knows thereby how much God loves him, and is thereby stirred to love Him in return, and herein lies the perfection of human salvation; hence the apostle says: 'God commendeth His charity towards us; for when as yet we were sinners ... Christ died for us' (Rom 5:8)."

St. Thomas Aquinas Summa Theologiae

Today's Gospel is a parable about how no matter when you turn to the Lord and ask forgiveness, with a sincere heart and a firm resolve to change, you will get His reward, life with Him in heaven. This is also brought home with the thief on the cross who "Then he said to Jesus, 'Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. And Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.'"

Many of the people we work with at MTH live in sin, sometimes mortal sin. We minister to them to help them with earthly things, but we show His love with the hope they see Him, His love, in our actions. Pray for their conversion to Him through His grace and the change in their life.

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First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil

Friday, October 2, beginning after the 10:00am Mass and continuing with an all night Adoration Vigil until 9:00am Saturday Oct. 3.

Click [HERE](#) to schedule a time to love, pray, and adore the Real Presence of our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament.



PRAYER REQUESTS

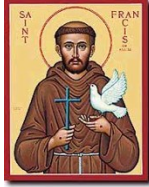
Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Silessa Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Bill Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culklin, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Bridget Gracon, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Carol Hoffman, Kathy Illingworth, Bethe Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Bob Linn, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Tonya Lucas, Anna Lunn, Bruce McDonald, Frank McKenna, Madeline McKiernan, Lisa Meyer, Dianne Morrison, 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, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

Family Honor "Changes & Challenges" Dads/Sons Retreat

Dads of 5th-7th grade sons - you are invited to a fun, over-night retreat at Heartridge Retreat Center with other dads and their sons. Please register [HERE](#) for Family Honor's "**Changes & Challenges**" retreat on Friday evening, Oct. 16 & Saturday, Oct. 17. Contact Vincent Weaver at: upstatefamilyhonor@protonmail.com with any questions.

You Are Invited

To celebrate the **Jubilee Year of St. Francis**, marking the 800th anniversary of his death, the Secular Franciscans invite you to the Transitus after the 5pm Mass on **Saturday, October 3**. This brief service recalls Francis's last moments before his new birthday to the heavenly kingdom on the vigil of his feast day.



A reception will follow in Guadalupe Hall for finger foods, desserts, fellowship, and to honor an extraordinary saint who rebuilt the Church on the foundation of his great humility!

40 Days for Life starts on Sep. 23.

The Kickoff Rally is on Tuesday, Sep. 22, at 6:30pm, in the parking lot of Christ the King Church, 1223

Grove Road, Greenville. Guest speaker will be Megan Pillow, with prayers led by local church representatives. There will be music, prayer, and a light meal. Parking is on the premises. Come and enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement. Please bring a chair if needed.



Life Chain: Sunday, Oct. 4, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Woodruff Road, Greenville. Please join others across the country and Canada for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. OLR will stand in the grassy area in front of Whole Foods and Cracker Barrel, spreading towards the former Verizon store. Life Chain guidelines are to stand a minimum of 10 feet apart. Signs can be picked up there. Call Ingrid, 864-329-0044 for info.



Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and 12 Step program. Our first concern is to interest Catholics with these problems in the virtue of total abstinence. Our second purpose is to promote the spiritual development of our membership. Meetings are after the 12:00pm Mass on Tuesdays, in the Lobby of the Parish Office. calixsociety.org.

Call for info 864-636-5548.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sep. 21 St. Matthew Feast Day
Sep. 25 Mothers of the Rosary Apostolate
Sep. 25-26 MS and US Girls Retreat off campus

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

Mass Schedule Change

Daily Mass on Monday, September 21, will be held in **Upper Church** at 8:30am.



Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) will meet on Wednesday, **September 23**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall. The discussion will be on Salvation History, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

The **St. Luke's Art Guild** is calling all Christian visual artists! Painters, illustrators, iconographers, wood carvers, sculptors, fabric designers, jewelry makers, film makers, graphic designers, photographers, architects, landscape artists, etc. Join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, **September 23**, from 7 - 9 pm at Christ on Main, 14 S. Main St. Get information, meet other Christian artists, pray together, inspire each other. Contact Caleb Payne at payneberry@gmail.com

Adult Catechesis will continue on Sundays, at 9:00am in Guadalupe Hall.

Its not too late to join this study of the Gospel of John.



JohnMark Cayer, Director of Faith Formation, will be hosting a fellowship and adult education course (**In Vino Veritas**) once a month after the Saturday 5pm Mass.

This course will cover general topics of interest, including '**Sacrosanctum Concilium and the Liturgy**' (Sept 26), '**St Thomas 101: Thomism and Catholic Theology**' (Oct 17), '**The Three Stages of the Spiritual Life**' (Nov 7), and '**Catholic Social Teaching 101**' (Dec 5).

Join us to meet new friends, deepen your faith, and invite non-Catholics for this time of fellowship and faith sharing. Wine and cheese will be provided. The course is free, but please register [HERE](#) so we can plan effectively.

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, October 3**. Please RSVP Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com so we can prepare class materials.

SEPTEMBER

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

19 Saturday	Sunday - 20 <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	21 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 2:00-4:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 3:00-5:00p Play Performance, GH <i>Romeo & Juliet</i> 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Richard & Fran Walz+</i> 7:00-9:00p Play Performance, GH <i>Romeo & Juliet</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 9:00-9:50a Adult Catechesis, GH 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For Alvin & Naomi Clark+</i> 12:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH 3:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Leon Kaboski+</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GYM, GH	7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass, UC <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC 1:00-3:00p Class Prayers, UC
22 Tuesday	23 Wednesday	24 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 Willem Rypl</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00p Calix Society, SVdP Lobby 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 2:30-3:00p Parent Rosary, LC 3:10-4:10p Jr. Choir, UC	7:15a Mass, Canceled until further notice 8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00-1:00p Staff Meeting, GH 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 1:00-3:00p School Tutoring, JDR 3:10-4:30p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass , UC <i>For The Pajak Family</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH	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 Joe Valitchka+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 5:30-6:30p Organ Practice, UC 6:30-7:45p Adult Choir, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
25 Friday	26 Saturday	Sunday - 27 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC 8:00a-12:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass , UC <i>For Kellum Mahan</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 2:00-4:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Frank Mills+</i> 6:00-9:00p In Vino Veritas, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-9:50a Adult Catechesis, GH 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 3:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For St. Vincent de Paul</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GYM, GH
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.		