



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 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Benedict established his monastic communities so that men and women could live a life dedicated to God and in service to his people. Life in the sixth century was hard for everyone, and Benedict's monks and nuns lived the simple lives of subsistence farmers, but with the difference that they followed three vows, and three tools.

The three vows a Benedictine monk or nun makes become the skeleton or structure for their whole life. The three tools are the three aspects of day to day life through which they work out their vows. In the pastor's letter over the next few weeks I will share some thoughts on the three vows and three tools and how they can help build up our life in the parish at OLR.

The first vow the monk takes is the vow of obedience. At first St. Benedict expects instant and complete obedience from the young monks. They are to obey the abbot--the leader of the community--without question. Benedict says they should do this so that when the Lord calls, they will already be in the habit of instant obedience.

As baptized Catholics we too should be bound to obedience. We do not make vows of obedience to our pastor or the bishop, but we do pledge to follow Jesus Christ in the way of the gospel, and we should seek to obey him in our daily lives. We do this by being obedient to the teachings of Sacred Scripture, the teaching and precepts of the church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

However, the word "obedience" has a deeper root. It means "to listen" The whole point of obedience is not to become mindless robots of the Pope. Instead, we are called to obedience so that our hearts and minds will be conformed to the working of God's will. We should listen carefully to the commandments of the Lord in order to understand them more fully.

One of the reasons the church and the world are in such a chaotic state is because true, heartfelt obedience is missing. Everyone expects to "do their own thing" and to follow their desires and instincts rather than being obedient to a higher call.

Therefore, if we are to build a Benedictine type of community in our parish we need to learn obedience. The final aspect of obedience is not only listening carefully to the commandments of the church, but also listening to the needs of one another and the wider community. Then once we have listened, we respond in action to proclaim and live Christ's love in the world.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Sep.20, 2026

Needed:	\$ 25,813.*
Received:	\$ 23,264.
Deficit:	\$ 2,549.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #13
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed:	\$ 335,569.
Received:	\$ 365,426.
Surplus:	\$ 29,857.

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

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Three things are necessary for the salvation of man:
to know what he ought to believe; to know what he
ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do."*

St. Thomas Aquinas

The readings this week speak of humility, faith, and doing the works that are the fruit of a living faith. We are reminded in James, "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead".

These works take many forms in our daily family, work, and church lives. Here at Mother Teresa House, it is working with those in poverty, the homeless, and those forgotten by the world. They are never forgotten by Him. With our works, we show His love and hope it sparks a small fire in their faith that will grow. Continue your good works and prayers for those we work with as it is the work of our faith.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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First Saturday Pro-Life Mass will be held on
Saturday, **October 3**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society - OLR Food Pantry

Since our Food Pantry is still closed, please remember to pray for the needy families in our neighborhood. We look forward to serving them again when we are able to open our doors.

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

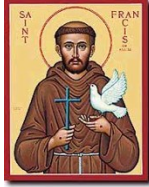
Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Silessa Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Bill Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culklin, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, 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 - Life Chain on **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' apart. Pick up signs there. Call Ingrid, 864-329-0044 for info.

Free & Fantastic Sunday Brunch - NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM MASS.

NO RESERVATIONS OR DONATIONS

REQUIRED! Respect Life Ministry's Annual Brunch is a thank you for parishioner support throughout the past year! Come join us for fellowship in Guadalupe Hall - we'll have a delicious assortment of quiche, pigs in a



blanket and yummy pastries. Enjoy your coffee while the kids play at the Children's Respect Life Table.

Please Note . . . Mass Changes

Wednesday 7:15am Masses will now resume in Lower Church.

Friday, Oct. 2, Daily Mass in Lower Church

Wednesday, Oct. 7, School Mass in Upper Church.

Friday, Oct. 9, Daily Mass in Lower Church

SCHOOL NEWS

Sep. 28 Family Holy Hour, 2-3pm, UC
Oct. 2 NO School
Oct. 3 US Hoe Down Dance, Gym
Oct. 7 Mission Day, School Mass, 10am, UC

The Choir will sing **Solemn Vespers**, this **Sunday, Sep. 27**, at 4:00pm in Upper Church. Please join us for this reverent service of psalms, hymns, canticles, and prayer.

Feast of St. Francis - Sunday, Oct. 4
Blessing of the Animals, 3:30pm in the Courtyard



Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) will meet on Wednesday, **September 30**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing The Four Marks of the Church.

Please join us for an **OLR Parish Party** celebrating the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on **Saturday, Oct. 10**, at 6pm, immediately following the 5pm Mass, in the Courtyard.



All parishioners, friends, and family are invited for food, drinks, games and fellowship. This is a free event, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, and will be potluck, so please bring your favorite dish.

We need at least 20 families to bring food. Please sign up [HERE](#).



JohnMark Cayer, Director of Faith Formation, is 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 **'St Thomas 101: Thomism and Catholic Theology'** on 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](#).

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 - OCTOBER

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

26 Saturday	Sunday - 27 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	28 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 1:30-3:30p 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> 4:00p Vespers, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For St. Vincent de Paul</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GYM, GH	7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00-9:00a Cayer Class, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Sr. Jialin Yang, OP</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-2:00p Class Prayers, UC 2:00-3:00p Family Holy Hour, UC
29 Tuesday	30 Wednesday	OCT. 1 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 Andrew Sullivan+</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, LC 8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, 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 Murray Howard, Jr. +</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 Sr. Catherine Therese, OP</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
2 Friday	3 Saturday	Sunday - 4 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
NO School 7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For The Floyd Family</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, UC 11:00a-5:00p 1st Friday Adoration, LC 5:00-12:00p 1st Friday Adoration, All Night Vigil, LC Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.	12:00-9:00a 1st Friday Adoration, All Night Vigil, LC 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro-Life Mass, UC 10:00a-4:00p US Dance Set Up, GYM 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 Lilo Geerts</i> 6:00p Secular Franciscans Transitus, UC 7:00p St. Francis Reception, GH 6:00-10:00p US Hoe Down Dance, GYM 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Ken & Joan Warnhuis</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 Luke Strelow+</i> 12:00a Respect Life Ministry Brunch, GH 3:30p Blessing of the Animals, Courtyard 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GYM, GH