



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*

October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Benedictine monks take three vows of stability, obedience and conversion of life, but these vows are lived out with what I call "the three tools". These tools are the practical ways obedience, stability and conversion of life can be accomplished.

Just as the three vows are intertwined, so the three tools are intertwined with each other and with the three vows. These three tools make up the three aspects of everyday Benedictine life. While we are not all called to be monks and nuns, the three tools can inform our own lives seeking to follow Christ in the secular world.

The three tools are prayer, work and reading or study. The first of the three tools is prayer. St Benedict builds the life of prayer around the divine office. Up to seven times a day the monks drop everything and head off to the chapel for prayer. The prayer services consist of singing the psalms, a hymn a Bible reading and prayers. Each "office" lasts about fifteen or twenty minutes.

Building a prayer life around the divine office is something we all can do. We may not be able to go into a church or chapel seven times a day, but we can punctuate our daily lives with a small formal prayer. Maybe we use the Magnificat publication to say morning and evening prayer. Perhaps we just begin the day with a Morning Offering and end the day with an examination of conscience, an act of contrition and the Lord's Prayer. Formal prayers give our prayer life structure and a framework.

Benedict also encourages informal, private prayer. He says the chapel should always be open so a monk can always go in and pray spontaneously and be close to the Lord. These two aspects of formal and informal prayer provide a framework while also making room for informal prayer and worship.

The three tools, like the three vows minister to the wholeness of our being. We are little holy trinities--body, mind and spirit. Prayer ministers to the spirit while reading ministers to the mind and work ministers to the body.

If we are aware of these three tools in our own lives, they will help us achieve balance and grow spiritually. Very often prayer, work and study get out of balance, but when the three are working together harmoniously we thrive spiritually, mentally and physically.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Oct. 11, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,813.

Received: \$ 21,676.

Deficit: \$ 4,137.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #16
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 413,008.

Received: \$ 444,370.

Surplus: \$ 31,362.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"We must love them both, those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject, for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in finding it."
St. Thomas Aquinas

In today's gospel, the Pharisees try to trick and test Jesus. Jesus separates the worldly from the divine. I hate taxes as much as the next person, and even more so when they seem wasted by those we elect on both sides of the aisle. Jesus tells us to look past that and be concerned with what truly matters, those things that belong to God. We belong to God and we show that through faith, obedience, and sharing our time, talent and treasure with others and His church here on this earth so we can share in His glory for eternity.

At MTH, we work hard to resist being toxic with our charity, enabling others to stay in their lifestyle while requiring them to make no changes in their lives. We open doors, but we cannot walk through for them. We take every step with them that they are willing to take for themselves. God requires the same from us. He has opened the door, He walks with us, but we have to choose to follow and walk with Him. It is not always easy, and many do not want to do the work, but Jesus says *"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"*

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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 Culkun, 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 McDaniel, 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.

WARNING: Scammers regularly send fake emails pretending to be someone you trust and asking you to purchase gift cards or send money so they can help people. Fr. Longenecker and all other parish and diocesan staff will never ask you to purchase gift cards or give money apart from safe parish giving systems. If you receive emails or texts asking you to buy gift cards, they are fake. Delete them.

40 Days for Life - Thank you to the 200+ who participated in the Greenville Life Chain on Sunday, October 4. OLR and St. Joseph's Catholic School had approximately 75 people praying on the public right-of-way on Woodruff Road. Let us continue to pray for the day when abortion will become unthinkable.

Closing Celebration will be held on Sunday, **Nov. 1**, from 3-4pm at Christ the King Church, 1223 Grove Road. Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign, and we will have a "Celebration of Life" afterwards. Ministry updates and refreshments will be available. Please join us!

Join St. Martha's Book Club Monday, Nov. 2, at Augusta Road Library meeting room from 12:30-2:00pm for a discussion with Fr. Longenecker on his latest book, *"Bloodshed and Blessing"*. Call 360-2406 for more info.



First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil

Friday, November 6, beginning after the 10:00am Mass and continuing with an all night Adoration Vigil until 9:00am Saturday, Nov. 7. Click [HERE](#) to schedule a time to love, pray, and adore the Real Presence of our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament.



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 SVdP Lobby.

calixsociety.org.

Call for info 864-636-5548.

SCHOOL NEWS

Oct. 19 House of Luke Feast Day (observed)

Oct. 22-24

"Mousetrap" MS Play Performances,
Guadalupe Hall

Thursday and Friday - 7pm

Saturday - 2pm and 7pm

Tickets are still available

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Oct. 18

Life Teen fest at St. Mary's downtown from 2-4pm for Upper School students.

Middle School Youth Group will have their regular meeting from 6-8pm in the Gym.

Diocesan Second Collection for this weekend will be for World Mission Sunday.

Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) will meet on Wednesday, **October 21**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing *"Saints and Relics"*.



Stewardship Campaign

Don't forget to bring your stewardship campaign commitment card to Mass this weekend!

If necessary, you may also bring your card to the Parish Office or bring it next weekend.



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.

On **November 7**, we will cover ***"The Three Stages of Spiritual Life"***

December 5, 'Catholic Social Teaching 101'

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, November 7**.

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

OCTOBER

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

17 Saturday	Sunday - 18 <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	19 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00-11:00a Classical Coffee, GH 1:00p Wedding Prep, Art/Music Room 2:00p Wedding, UC 3:00-4:00p 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 Matthew Craft+</i> 6:00p Norris Small Group, JDR 6:00p 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> 12:00p Third Sunday Brunch, GH 1:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Virginia Palmer+</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 Joan Coon+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p Class Prayers, UC 5:30-8:30p Play Practice, GH
20 Tuesday	21 Wednesday	22 Thursday
7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 7:00-8:00a Cursillo Group, GH 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Sr. Maria Amata Verbi, OP</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00p Calix Society, SVdP Lobby 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 2:30-3:00p School Parent Rosary, UC 3:10-4:10p Jr. Choir, UC 5:30-8:30p Play Practice, GH	7:15a Mass, LC <i>For Frances Kirby Hardin+</i> 8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 1:00-5:00p School Events, JDR 3:10-4:30p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Virginia Palmer+</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 John Warga, Jr. +</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 7:00p MS Play, "Mousetrap" GH
23 Friday	24 Saturday	Sunday - 25 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC 10:00a School Mass, UC <i>For Ronald Jay Kandel+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC 11:00a-2:00p Home School Art, JDR 5:30p Wedding Rehearsal, UC 7:00p MS Play, "Mousetrap", GH	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 1:00p Wedding Prep, Art/Music Room 2:00p Wedding, UC 2:00p MS Play, "Mousetrap", GH 3:00-4:00p 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 Mary Batanian+</i> 7:00p MS Play, "Mousetrap", GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Fr. Leonardo Pestano</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 The People</i> 1:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Antoinette McDonald+</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.		