

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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August 23, 2026

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Dave Zachman, Chairman, Gail Ogle, Sarah Hurla,
Mark Ptacek, Tammi Buhrle, Nathan Myers,
Tanya Becker, Bruce Heier and Cindy Balthazor

FINANCE COUNCIL:

Dave Beagley, Chairman, Jane Cline, John Malone,
Jim Malone, & Mark Ptacek

COMMISSIONS:

Marge Schulte, Liturgy
Merlin Ney, Cemetery Board
Bruce Heier, Evangelization
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Cindy Balthazor, Stewardship
Dave Zachman, Respect Life

CYO PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:

Peyton Sohm, Joey Hurla & Olivia Morgenstern

PARISH STAFF:

Judy Larson—Administrative Assistant
Marcia Blundon—Bookkeeper
Katy Hertel—Religious Education Coordinator
Bruce Heier—Custodian
James Norin - Maintenance
Curtis Sander--Music Coordinator

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tues., Wed.	5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Fri.	7:30 a.m.

Holy Day
- as announced

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We are happy to have you with us! Please call or stop by the parish office to register.

Welcome
To Our
Parish

GORHAM MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:00 a.m.
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Reconciliation

Sundays before Mass	7:40 a.m.
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SACRAMENTS:

Baptism—Personally contact the pastor prior to intended date.

Marriage—Personally contact the pastor at least six months prior to intended date.

Sick Calls/Anointing—Please call the parish office if someone is hospitalized or ill at home and would like us to visit with Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Reconciliation — Saturday — 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

With Christ as our model,
St. Mary, Queen of Angels Catholic Church
Strives to be a welcoming community of faith,
United in our diversity,
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
Nurtured by the sacraments,
Centered around the Eucharist,
And inspired by the gospel message.

We devote our time, talent and treasures to build the Kingdom of God.
We love and serve the Lord by serving one another.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 23RD, 2026

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder. (Isaiah 22:22)

You might wonder why today's reading from Isaiah is paired with today's Gospel recounting Peter's profession of Jesus as the Christ. It's because Isaiah's story of Eliakim becoming master of the palace in Jerusalem can help us understand the role that Jesus gave to Peter.

In ancient Israel, the "master of the palace" was the most important assistant to the king. Similar to a prime minister, he could rule the country in the king's absence. He had the keys to the palace, so he had the authority and ability to open and close doors that gave access to the king (Isaiah 22:22). He was also charged with playing the role of a "father" to the people of Jerusalem, protecting and guiding and leading them in the name of the king (22:21).

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven" and makes him the "rock" upon which he would build his Church (Matthew 16:19, 18). By using the image of the keys, Jesus is making Peter the "master of the palace" in the kingdom of God. As holder of the keys to the kingdom, Peter would have the authority to bind and loose - to open and close. As head of the apostles, he also would be, like Eliakim, a father to the Church - its firm foundation, leader, and guide. That's why we often call his successor, the pope, the "Holy Father"!

Jesus didn't leave us alone - as a Church or individually. He provided for the entire Church not only when he poured out the Holy Spirit on us but also when he made Peter and his successors the "rock." The pope is the keeper of the teachings of the Church and a minister of God's grace and mercy. He is also our father in faith, our guide, and our example. But most of all, he is a reflection of God's own fatherly care for us, his children.

"Father, thank you for providing for your Church-and me-through Peter and his successors."

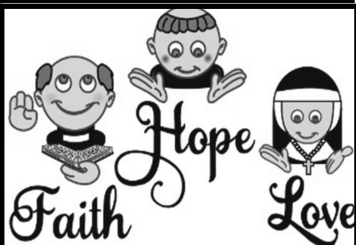
The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, August 22 - 5:30 p.m.	Alan Vonfeldt	Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, August 23 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20
Monday, August 24	No Mass	Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
Tuesday, August 25 - 5:30 p.m.	Jim Zamrzla	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 26 - 5:30 p.m.	Brad Yost, Ann. of Birth	2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday, August 27 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Intention Living & Deceased Grennan Family	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
Friday, August 28 - 7:30 a.m.	Chad Schuster	1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday, August 29 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Jeanie Munsch	Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27
Sunday, August 30 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27



Please pray for Diane Larson, Linda Cole, Mary Schulte, Janice Stoppel, Dot Tammen, Rita Dreiling, Bob Scheck, Carol McAdoo, Brenton Lumpkins, T. J. Karst, Gary Flax, and all our friends and relatives who are ill or experiencing difficulties in their lives that they may know the healing presence of God.

PRAY because God can do more in a second than you ever could in a lifetime!



Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of August 15th & 16th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 2,541.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 340.00
Loose Cash	\$ 500.00
Votive	\$ 147.20
Religious Seminary Education	\$ 150.00
Assumption	\$ 867.00
Use of Church	\$ 400.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,050.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 5,995.20

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, Aug. 29th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, Aug. 30th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers Gifts/Bulletins:	Brian & Kayla Schneider Family	Holly Creamer Family
Lectors	Cindy Balthazor & Nick Coady	Chris Sipe & Linda Schulte
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Marcia Blundon & Chris Roth Cup: Melinda Cross, Anne Coady & Sandy Ochampaugh	Body: *Deanna Myers & Andy Hurla Cup: Dustin Dreher, Marc Hertel & Tanya Becker
Altar Servers	Camry Ney & Cooper Ney	Bennett Myers & Damon Becker
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Craig Cline & Jim Malone	Curtis Sander/Jeanie Munsch & Coleen Boxberger
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Summer Break	Summer Break
Counters	Sunday, Aug. 22nd & 23rd Mark & Tammy Ptacek	Sunday, Aug. 29th & 30th John & Alice Quinday

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, August 22nd	Norma Savage
Sunday, August 23rd	John Hoff & Walker Middleton
Monday, August 24th	Leighton Dinkel
Tuesday, August 25th	Jeff Ochampaugh, Barbara Schuster & Bexley Jones
Friday, August 28th	Kelsey Wallpe
Saturday, August 29th	Thomas Murphy & Ronda Towery
Sunday, August 30th	John (Duke) Strobel



Anniversary Wishes to:

None

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 CALENDAR

Aug. 26	Class at 7:15 p.m. -Backpack blessing - CCD Olympics
Sept. 2	Class at 7:15 p.m. - CYO
Sept. 9	Class at 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 16	Class at 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 23	Class at 7:15 p.m.- CYO practice for Mass, Confirmation intro practice grades 9-11
Sept. 27	Sunday - CYO Mass at 10 a.m. Confirmation introductions grades 9-11
Sept. 30	Class at 7:15 p.m.-Confirmation meeting Parents/students grades 7-11
Oct. 7	Class at 7:15 p.m. Plan 6th, 7th & 8th Grades Mass, Living Rosary
Oct. 11	CYO Pancake Feed after Mass and Bingo Fundraiser at 3 p.m.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

FINANCE COUNCIL
meeting is on Tuesday,
August 25th at 6:15 p.m.
following 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Conference Room.



New Ministry Schedules are in the box on the table in the Gathering Space, some were mailed out. They are also available on our website.

Please notify the office by September 3rd, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:
Saturday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 31st, 2026
You can email: smqoa@ruraltel.net. Thank you!

Eucharistic Ministry training will begin in a few weeks. If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the office at: 785-483-2871 as soon as possible or email: smqoa@ruraltel.net.

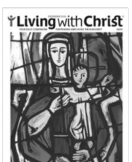


CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the Parish Annual Report for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 are available on the table in the gathering space of the Church.

If you subscribe to the **Living With Christ** book, your **September** copy is on the table in the Gathering Space.

Please be sure you pick up the copy with your name on it.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Aug. 23 2-4 p.m. -Sunday Services at Nursing Homes
- Aug. 25 4:15 p.m. -Music Meeting in Conference Room
6:15 p.m. -Finance Council Meeting
- Aug. 26 9-10 a.m. -Catholic Charities in parking lot
7:15 p.m. -CCD class-Blessing of backpacks-CCD Olympics
- Sept. 1 6:15 p.m. -Parish Council Meeting after Mass
- Sept. 2 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - CYO - Altar Server training-5th gr.
- Sept. 3 6:30 p.m. -RCCW Meeting in Conference Room
- Sept. 4 7:30 a.m. -First Friday Mass
8:00 a.m. -Adoration
5:45 p.m. -Benediction
- Sept. 7 **-HAPPY LABOR DAY - Parish Office Closed**
- Sept. 7-10 -Clergy Days - Fr. Vincent will be attending in Wichita - NO WEEKDAY MASSES
- Sept.9 7:15 p.m. -OCIA training
-CCD Classes - Altar serving training - 5th gr.



Divine Mercy Radio's 16th Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place beginning at **5:30 p.m.** on **Saturday, Sept. 12th** at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church parish hall in Hays. **Cost is \$65.** The cost includes appetizers and drinks including adult beverages. Featured speaker is Teresa Tomeo, host of Catholic Connection. Her talk is titled "Beyond Assisi: The Unknown Francis."

To purchase tickets, send your check to:

Banquet Reservations
Divine Mercy Radio
709 Main Street
Hays, KS 67601
785-621-4110

Or visit dvmercy.com/banquet or scan the QR code. No tickets sold after Sept. 4th.



16th Annual Appreciation Banquet

Saturday, September 12, 2026

5:30 pm Social
6:30 pm Supper
7:30 pm Program



TERESA TOMEO

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Basement
1805 Vine Street - Hays, KS

\$60 Before
Friday, August 21, 2026
\$65 After



Each year within the Easter Vigil Service, thousands of men and women are received into the Catholic Church through **OCIA - Order of**

Christian Initiation for Adults and Youth.

OCIA sessions will begin **September 9, 2026 through Easter Vigil, March 27, 2027** at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Please contact Jeanie Munsch, Director of OCIA at 785-650-1845 or the Parish Office at 785-483-2871, if you are interested or know someone who would be interested.



Sunday Services at Senior Living Groups

Every Sunday afternoon, Russell area churches take turns delivering 20-minute services at:

Wheatland Nursing (2:00 p.m.)

Mainstreet Manor (2:30 p.m.)

Homestead (3:00 p.m.)

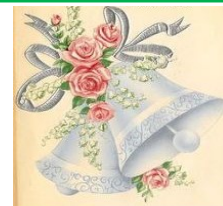
The St. Mary Sunday Services Ministry team will be offering the services this **Sunday afternoon, August 23rd**, and invite all parishioners to come and join in this time of faith sharing and fellowship.

Please have your kids bring their school backpack to religion class the first night for a special blessing! (August 26th).



Our prayers and sympathy to Jeff and Sandy Ochampaugh, Andrew and Ally Ochampaugh, family and friends of James Ochampaugh (Jeff's father) who died on August 16, 2026.

Congratulations to Chandler Schoenberger and Whitley Leiker, who were married on August 15, 2026 at St. Mary Queen of Angels by Fr. Vincent John, CMI.



Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach will be in Russell on Wednesday, August 26th from 9:00—10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Queen of Angels parking lot.

Families who qualify can receive food, hygiene items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry detergent), diapers and wipes, and other supplies and services as needed.

Adoration

This fall, Bishop Vincke, in partnership with Adoratio Foundation, is inviting our Diocese to participate in his Presence, a new initiative encouraging middle and high school students to commit to one hour each week with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.



Building on the success of last year's Diocesan Spiritual Campaign, our goal is to inspire more than 500 teens across the Diocese to make weekly Eucharistic Adoration a regular part of their lives, helping them discover the peace, healing, and purpose found in Christ's Real Presence.

Teens, we invite you to join the movement. Parents, grandparents, friends, family, mentors, encourage your teens to join the movement.

"The Eucharist is the highway to Heaven." - St. Carlo Acutis

Contact Deacon Bill Meagher for more information.

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