

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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August 30, 2026

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Dave Zachman, Chairman, Gail Ogle, Sarah Hurla,
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COMMISSIONS:

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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 30TH, 2026

God forbid, Lord! (Matthew 16:22)

It's ironic that Peter would use these words to try to dissuade Jesus from the cross. *God forbid?* It was God's plan in the first place! Not to mention, Jesus is God and is completely aligned with the will of his Father. So asking God to "forbid" something that was God's eternal will? It doesn't make sense.

Of course, Peter didn't yet realize that Jesus is the eternal Son of God, one in being with the Father. How could it possibly be God's wisdom that a man who was so righteous and holy should meet an early, violent end? *God forbid!* There was no way Peter would let Jesus go through with this.

You can also hear the love in Peter's voice. He loved Jesus so much that he couldn't imagine being separated from him. Neither could he bear the thought of Jesus allowing himself to "suffer greatly" and to "be killed" (Matthew 16:21).

Especially not after Jesus had already revealed how powerful he was. No matter how many foes he faced, he could stop them with a single word. So *God forbid* that he would just surrender himself to death like this!

But what Peter didn't yet understand was that Jesus would reveal his love to the fullest through his death. It was by submitting to his Father's will - even if it meant surrendering to his opponents' plan to kill him - that he would overturn sin and open the way to God for all who believe. This is love in action, and *God forbid* anyone should try to stop him!

This is the measure of Jesus' love for us. It's a love that scandalized Peter at first but that he would later embrace when he opened his arms and allowed himself to be crucified upside down. It's a love available to each of us as we gaze upon our crucified Lord. *God forbid* that we ever lose sight of that love!

"Jesus, I am in awe of the depth of your sacrifice for me!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
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
Monday, August 31	No Mass	1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday, Sept. 1 - 5:30 p.m.	Merlin & Bonita Ney, Ann (in mem)	1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday, Sept. 2 - 5:30 p.m.	Joe & Eleanor Scheck, Myra Poage & Joan Weigel	1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday, Sept. 3 - 7:30 a.m.	Barb Scheck	1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
Friday, Sept. 4 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Int. Keith & Maureen Haberer	1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday, Sept. 5 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20
Sunday, Sept. 6 - 10:00 a.m.	Jim Balthazor, Ann. of Birth	Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20



Please pray for Karen Kraft, Ray Olson, Tad Reddig, Linda Cole, Mary Schulte, Rita Dreiling, Bob Scheck, 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!**



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.

Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of August 22nd & 23rd, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 2,244.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,360.00
Loose Cash	\$ 650.25
Votive	\$ 38.25
Religious Seminary Education	\$ 200.00
Online Giving	\$1,040.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 5,532.50

CEMETERY \$ 100.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, September 5th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, September 6th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers Gifts/Bulletins:	Gary & Kathy Vonfeldt	Lane & Alex Mai Family
Lectors	Terri Middleton & Jeanine Heier	Dave Zachman & Natalie Beagley
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Jeanie Munsch Cup: Deb Strobel, Mark Ptacek & Tammy Ptacek	Body: *John Farmer & Michelle Farmer Cup: Sarah Hurla, Sherry Homeier & Andy Hurla
Altar Servers	Fiona Dreiling & Madeleine Middleton	Jamie Hurla, Valeen Rogge & Reese Owens
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Melanie Banks	Curtis Sander/Coleen Boxberger
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade		Sherry Homeier and Olivia Morgenstern
Counters	Sunday, Aug. 29th & 30th Jon & Alice Quinday	Sunday, Sept. 5th & 6th Bruce & Jeanine Heier

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, August 29th
Sunday, August 30th
Monday, August 31st
Tuesday, September 1st
Wednesday, September 2nd
Thursday, September 3rd
Friday, September 4th
Sunday, September 6th

Tom Murphy & Ronda Towery
John (Duke) Strobel
Zachary Martinez
Troy Waymaster
Kevin Rourke & Reese Owens
Glenna Letsch, Judy Kreutzer & Edith McQuade
Mary Lyczak
Melinda Cross



Anniversary Wishes to:

Wednesday, August 26th
Monday, August 31st
Tuesday, September 1st
Wednesday, September 2nd
Thursday, September 3rd
Friday, September 4th
Saturday, September 5th

John & Rhonda Glassman, Dereck & Dayna McNary (**Sorry was missed last week**)
Todd & Stephanie Brown
Jon & Alice Quinday, Chad & Rebecca Dreiling
Dustin & Tiffany Dreher
David & Melanie Banks
Craig & Jane Cline
Keith & Maureen Haberer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 CALENDAR

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.
Oct. 14	Class at 7:15 p.m. Practice 6th, 7th & 8th gr. Mass; practice Confirmation intro 7th & 8th



**Preschool CCD Classes during Mass
will begin on Sunday,
September 6th.**



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!

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday,
September 1st at 6:15 p.m. in the
Conference Room.



RCCW MEETING

The RCCW will have their **Annual Salad Supper** followed by a short **meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 3rd**, in the Parish Conference Room.

All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 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 Annual Salad Supper w/meeting |
| 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. |
| Sept. 14 | 7:00 p.m. -Knights of Columbus Meeting w/ 4th Degree Following |

Pfeifer will be hosting a celebration on Saturday, Sept. 12 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the settlement of western Kansas by the Volga Germans. In addition to the information on the flyer (see bulletin insert), seed wheat will be blessed. Also, an on-line auction is currently being conducted. One item we are especially proud to be auctioning is a special Mass & meal with Bishop Jerry Vincke.

(More information is listed on the insert inside the bulletin.)



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



TERESA TOMEO

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

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

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

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

First Friday Mass



Eucharistic Adoration for **First Friday, September 4th**, will begin at:

7:30 a.m. - Mass
 8:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
 5:45 p.m. - Benediction



Congratulations to Brigdon and Jaden Russell whose daughter, Wrenley Grace, was welcomed into our Family of God and Community of Faith through Baptism on August 21st, 2026.

Congratulations to Bridgon Russell and Jaden Ney, who were married on August 22nd, 2026 at St. Mary Queen of Angels by Fr. Luke Thielen.



Congratulations to Nicholas and Alexis Lehmkuhl whose son, Oaks Joseph, was welcomed into our Family of God and Community of Faith through Baptism on August 23rd, 2026.



Sunday Services at Senior Living Groups

Thank you to Craig Cline, Jeanie Munsch, Steve & Luci Knopp, Marge Schulte, Kristi Fisher, Mary Kerns and Vincent Corbett for providing Sunday Worship Services on August 23rd to the senior living groups at Wheatland Nursing, Main Street Manor and Homestead Assisted Living. St. Mary Queen of Angels will deliver services next on **Sunday, October 4th**; all parishioners are invited to come.



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.



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.



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On a beautiful Saturday evening in Pfeifer, just before the sun sets in the west, gather with family and/or friends for a truly special experience: a private Mass celebrated by Bishop Jerry Vincke at the beautiful Holy Cross Church.

This exclusive evening will be held **November 21, 2026** and is limited to **20 guests total, including the purchaser**. The 4:00 p.m. Mass will feature music provided by the very talented Kathy Dreiling-Amrein, adding a beautiful and memorable touch to the celebration.

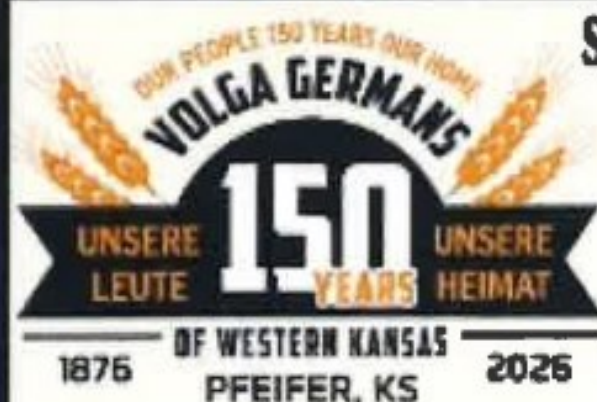
Following Mass, join Bishop Vincke and his Executive Assistant, Fr. Mike Leiker, for an elegant dinner in the Pfeifer Grade School. The delicious meal will be prepared by members of the Great Bend Knights of Columbus and served by members of the Holy Cross Charities Board.

The evening's menu includes:

- Prime Rib
- Twice-Baked Potato
- Almond Green Beans with Bacon
- Dinner Salad
- Shrimp Cocktail
- Cheesecake for dessert
- Drinks

Come enjoy an unforgettable evening of faith, fellowship, fine dining, and friendship-all in the beautiful setting of Pfeifer, where the warmth and charm of small-town hospitality make the evening even more special.

Please note: The date for this special evening is non-negotiable and travel to Pfeifer is the winner's own arrangement.



SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HOLY CROSS CHARITIES PFEIFER, KS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



3:00 P.M. - Cemetery Blessing - Military Memorial Service



4:00 P.M. - Mass with Bishop Jerry Vincke presiding



50/50 Raffle ★ Fun Time ★ Polka Music by the Hotshots



Beer Garden ★ Friends ★ Memorabilia Booth - Souvenirs



Live Fundraising Auction - Preservation of Stained Windows



Antique Farm Tractor and Vehicle display



Limestone quarry demonstration



**5:30 to ? - Free Will Meal - Hog Roast and Trimmings
Hamburger and Brat Stand**



**8:00 P.M. - Music provided by
Crazy Horse 2.0 (Country/ Classic Rock Band)**



Fireworks Display



*Mark your calendar now
and we hope to see you
and your family at the
celebration in Pfeifer
on September 12, 2026!*



If you can't make it
to the celebration,
you can learn more
and support HCC
by scanning the
QR Code.

Thank You!

