

# ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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**Russell, KS 67665**

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| Parish Center              | 415 S Windsor                                                           | 785-483-2871 |
| Office hours               | <b>8:30 am—12:30 pm Monday-Thursday</b>                                 |              |
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## PASTOR:

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Dave Zachman, Chairman,  
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Gail Ogle, Sarah Hurla,  
Mark Ptacek, Tammi Buhrle, Nathan Myers,  
Bruce Heier & 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  
Tammi Buhrle, Family Life/Christian Service  
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

## 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

**September 6, 2026**

## GORHAM MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Sundays before Mass 7:40 a.m.

## 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 —

Fridays - 8 a.m. -starting Sept. 18  
Saturdays —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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026

*Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95:7-8)*

Have you ever tried to mold a pot out of clay? Once it dries, clay is nearly impossible to work with. If you let it harden, you can't reshape it. Just as a potter needs soft clay, so our Lord needs soft hearts that he can shape into vessels of his grace and power.

Today the psalmist calls God's people to "kneel before the Lord who made us" (Psalm 95:6). Through his word, he wants to form his people into a beautiful dwelling for his Spirit. That's why he speaks through his prophets like Moses and Ezekiel, the "watchman" in our first reading (Ezekiel 33:7). He forms us through the Church and through our brothers and sisters in Christ. And he molds us through the voice of his Spirit in our hearts. That's why it's important to heed the psalmist and "harden not your hearts" (95:8)!

The problem is that sin tends to harden our hearts. It makes us less pliable and less responsive to God and limits his ability to mold and shape us. So he gave us his Holy Spirit to convict us of sin, so that we would turn back to him (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit softens our hearts and fills us with hope that we can change.

What does a pliable heart, open to the Spirit, look like? Above all, it is humble before God and wants to please him by becoming his instrument in the world. A pliable heart recognizes the destructive power of sin and longs to repent and be set free. A pliable heart is peaceful because it receives God's love and trusts that God will never hurt or abandon it. Let's cooperate with the Holy Spirit today. Imagine that you are a piece of clay being shaped by God's loving hands. Picture him molding you; let him show you any rough spots that need extra attention. Yield to him, and let him smooth them out. You - and everyone around you - will be amazed at what God can do in you.

***"Lord Jesus, give me a soft, pliable heart. Mold me into who you created me to be."*** The Word Among Us

| Date                           | Mass Intentions                | Mass Readings                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 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   |
| Monday, Sept. 7                | No Mass                        | 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11                   |
| Tuesday, Sept. 8 - No Mass     | Spec. Int. Brayden Strobel     | Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16; 18-23                |
| Wednesday, Sept. 9 - No Mass   | Kevin Axelson                  | 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26                |
| Thursday, Sept. 10 - No Mass   | Spec. Int, LaVerne & Barb      | 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38          |
| Friday, Sept. 11 - 7:30 a.m.   | Jack Yost                      | 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27, Luke 6:39-42        |
| Saturday, Sept. 12 - 5:30 p.m. | Annette Gerstner, Ann of Death | Sirach 27:30-28:7, Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 |
| Sunday, Sept. 13 - 10:00 a.m.  | For Our Parishioners           | Sirach 27:30-28:7, Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 |



**Prayer Requests**

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!**

**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.

### Stewardship of Treasure

#### Contributions Weekend of August 29th & 30th, 2026

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes                    | \$ 1,743.00        |
| Maintenance Fund             | \$ 7,600.00        |
| Loose Cash                   | \$ 769.00          |
| Votive                       | \$ 279.09          |
| Religious Seminary Education | \$ 25.00           |
| Bonita Ney Memorial          | \$ 1,195.00        |
| In/out Mass Intentions       | \$ 500.00          |
| Online Giving                | \$ 1,140.00        |
| <b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>         | <b>\$13,251.09</b> |

**QR Code for Online Giving**



## Stewardship of Time and Talent

| Liturgical Ministers                              | Saturday, September 12th - 5:30 p.m.                                                                | Sunday, September 13th - 10:00 a.m.                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hospitality/Ushers<br>Gifts/Bulletins:            | James & Donna Vlcek                                                                                 | Juan & Teresa Martinez Family                                                                     |
| Lectors                                           | Susan Orender & Mike McGreevy                                                                       | Marc Hertel & Gail Ogle                                                                           |
| Extra Ordinary Ministers<br>of Holy Communion     | <b>Body:</b> *Craig Cline & Jane Cline<br><b>Cup:</b> Kristi Fisher, Steve Knopp<br>& Melanie Banks | <b>Body:</b> *Rich Krause & Tammy Krause<br><b>Cup:</b> Dan Bernard & Deb Bernard<br>Marc Nichols |
| Altar Servers                                     | Adam Hoch & Adison Hoch                                                                             | Steele Rogge, Kooper Hamlin & Karsyn Hamlin                                                       |
| Organist/Instrumental/Cantors                     | Curtis Sander/Kinsey Volk                                                                           | Cheryl Seirer/Jeanie Munsch & Rachel Sipe                                                         |
| Religious Ed. Teachers<br>Preschool - First Grade | <b>Sunday, Sept. 6th</b><br>Sherry Homeier & Olivia Morgenstern                                     | <b>Sunday, Sept. 13th</b><br>Sherry Homeier & Volunteer                                           |
| Counters                                          | <b>Sunday, Sept. 5th &amp; 6th</b><br>Bruce & Jeanine Heier                                         | <b>Sunday, Sept. 12th &amp; 13th</b><br>Mark & Tammy Ptacek                                       |

### Birthday Wishes to:

|                          |                                                    |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, September 6th    | Melinda Cross                                      |
| Monday, September 7th    | Patty Scheck                                       |
| Tuesday, September 8th   | Linda Cole, Jack Reaver, Sr. & Kimber Schoenberger |
| Wednesday, September 9th | Maureen Haberer & Jennifer Ode                     |
| Thursday, September 10th | Allison Casey-Olson & Melissa Dreher               |
| Saturday, September 12th | Christian Waymaster                                |



### Anniversary Wishes to:

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| Saturday, September 5th | Keith & Maureen Haberer |
| Monday, September 7th   | Mark & Tammy Ptacek     |
| Friday, September 1th   | Jason & Nicale Ney      |



## 2026-2027 CALENDAR

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| 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,<br>Confirmation intro practice grades 9-11            |
| Sept. 27 | Sunday - CYO Mass at 10 a.m.<br>Confirmation introductions grades 9-11                           |
| Sept. 30 | Class at 7:15 p.m.-Confirmation meeting<br>Parents/students grades 7-11                          |
| Oct. 7   | Class at 7:15 p.m. Plan 6th, 7th & 8th<br>Grades Mass, Living Rosary                             |
| Oct. 11  | CYO Pancake Feed after Mass and Bingo<br>Fundraiser at 3 p.m.                                    |
| Oct. 14  | Class at 7:15 p.m. Practice 6th, 7th & 8th<br>gr. Mass; practice Confirmation intro<br>7th & 8th |



The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will meet immediately following the Third Degree meeting.

### **REVELATION: The Kingdom Yet to Come**

Unpack the Mysteries of Revelation

This eleven session study explores the powerful symbolism and message of the final book of the Bible.

Through Revelation fascinates many readers, few study it from the Catholic perspective.

This study shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is connected to the Kingdom of Heaven. It explained the meaning of Revelation's mysterious figures, explores the Church's teaching on the Second Coming & the Last Judgment, & shows how the heavenly worship described in Revelation is reflected in the Mass.

Guided by Jeff Calvins, this study brings clarity to Revelation & its message for the Church today.

There are two times to choose from:

**Thursday mornings for 11 weeks, beginning Sept. 17th. Class meets at 9:00 a.m. AND/OR**

**Thursday evenings for 11 weeks, beginning Sept. 17th. Class meets at 6:30 p.m.**

To join the class call **Stacy Moore 785-445-3510.**

**PARISH OFFICE  
IS CLOSED**

**The Parish office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7th in order to observe Labor Day.**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 7    | - <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY - Parish Office Closed</b>                             |
| Sept. 7-10 | -Clergy Days - Fr. Vincent will be attending in Wichita - NO WEEKDAY MASSES |
| Sept. 9    | - <b>National Day of Prayer for Peace</b>                                   |
|            | 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              |
| Sept. 16   | 7:15 p.m. -OCIA training                                                    |
|            | -CCD Classes - Altar serving training - 5th gr                              |
| Sept. 20   | 9:40 a.m. -Knights of Columbus Rosary before Mass                           |
| Sept. 23   | 9-10 a.m. -Catholic Charities in Parking Lot                                |
|            | 6:15 p.m. -Eucharistic Ministry training following Mass                     |
|            | 7:15 p.m. -OCIA training                                                    |
|            | -CCD Classes - Altar serving training - 5th gr                              |
|            | -CYO practice Mass                                                          |
|            | -Confirmation Introduction practice grs 9-11                                |
| Sept. 27   | - <b>World Day of Migrants and Refugees</b>                                 |
|            | 10:00 a.m. -CYO Mass - Confirmation Introduction for grades 9-11            |



### National Day of Prayer for Peace is on Wednesday, Sept. 9th.

The USCCB called for a National Day of Prayer for Peace to be observed each year on September 9th, the Memorial of St. Peter Claver. This initiative was introduced to foster open, honest, and respectful dialogue within communities facing heightened tensions and acts of violence.

*Who is St Peter Claver?* He grew up in Spain and became a missionary priest who helped the slaves from Africa who were coming to the New World. As soon as the slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested area to treat the passengers, giving them medicine, food, break and other necessities. He also gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's love. During the 40 years of his ministry, he instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves. He is known as the "slave to the slaves."



**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 [divmercy.com/banquet](http://divmercy.com/banquet) or scan the QR code. No tickets sold after Sept. 4th.



Please note that there are **NO** weekday Masses on Tuesday through Thursday, September 8th through the 10th, as Fr. Vincent will be attending Clergy Days in Wichita.

He will be back on Friday, September 11th and there **WILL BE** Mass at 7:30 a.m. that day.

Scheduled Mass intentions will be said by Fr. Vincent while he is in Wichita.

Congratulations to Brandon Keller and Emma Morgenstern, who were married on August 29th, 2026 at St. Mary Queen of Angels by Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt.



Eucharistic Ministry training will be on **Wednesday, Sept. 23rd** following the **5:30 p.m.** Mass for the new ministers. Please contact Jon Quinday at 785-324-9248 or the parish office at 785-483-2871, if you are unable to attend (or if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister.)



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.