

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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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 20, 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026

To me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Philippians 1:21)

When he wrote these words, Paul wasn't just creating a catchy slogan for the Christian life. He was sharing his deepest conviction - how he was torn between the prospect of being united with Jesus in heaven and continuing to fulfill the mission God had called him to during his earthly lifetime. His heart and mind were so united to Jesus that he was consumed by these two seemingly conflicting desires: "to depart this life and be with Christ" or to "remain in the flesh" (Philippians 1:23, 24).

Most of us would probably rather not think of death. Perhaps it makes us recall the loved ones whom we miss. Or maybe thinking about our own death makes us consider how we will be separated from our friends and children, or from the purpose and satisfaction we feel in serving the Lord in our parish or in our community. In either case, death certainly doesn't seem like a real "gain."

So what can we learn from St. Paul's perspective? First, heaven is something that we can wholeheartedly look forward to. While we may initially think of all that we might lose when we pass away, the truth is that we can expect to experience far more joy and satisfaction in eternity than we ever could in our earthly lives.

Second, we can experience a foretaste of the joy that awaits us in heaven right here and now. We can be so consumed with Christ that we say, with Paul, "To me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). How can we be consumed with Christ? Like Paul, we can spend our lives in "fruitful labor," serving others and pointing to Jesus in all we do (1:22). As Paul delighted in seeing people grow in their faith, so, too, can we find joy in seeing our lives draw others closer to Jesus, even as we await the fullness of life in heaven.

"Lord, open my eyes to the beauty of this life, today and in eternity."

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, Sept. 19 - 5:30 p.m.	Jim Zamrzla	Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a
Sunday, Sept. 20 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a
Monday, Sept. 21	No Mass	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday, Sept. 22 - 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Charles Steier, Ann. of Death	Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday, Sept. 23 - 5:30 p.m.	Fr. James Grennan	Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 7:30 a.m.	Evelyn Hilger, Ann. of Death	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Friday, Sept. 25 - 7:30 a.m.	Jim Balthazor, Ann. of Death	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday, Sept. 26 - 5:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased of Ruby Nowak	Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32
Sunday, Sept. 27 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32



Please pray for Tim Knopp, Mary K Hurla, Ray Olson, Tad Reddig, 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!



Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of September 12th & 13th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 2,727.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,550.00
Loose Cash	\$ 387.00
Votive	\$ 86.00
Religious Education	\$ 1,100.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,040.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 6,435.00

CEMETERY \$ 20.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, September 26th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, September 27th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers Gifts/Bulletins:	Craig & Jane Cline	CYO students
Lectors	Matt Nichols & Beverly Nichols	CYO Students
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Cindy Balthazor Cup: Coleen Boxberger, Melinda Cross & Chris Roth	Body: *Jon Quinday & Alice Quinday Cup: Sherry Homeier, Marc Nichols & Deanna Myers
Altar Servers	Fiona Dreiling & Ava Cline	Haven Becker, Mary Kate Hertel & Elliott Sipe
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Debbie & Dave Zachman	Debbie & Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, Sept. 20th Sherry Homeier & Olivia Morgenstern	Sunday, Sept. 27th Sherry Homeier/Peyton Sohm & Liam Axtell
Counters	Sunday, Sept. 19th & 20th Gordon & Denise Dolechek	Sunday, Sept. 26th & 27th Steve & Luci Knopp

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, September 19th	Briar Lehmkuhl
Monday, September 21st	Keith Haberer, Kenadee Mead & Theresa Sullivan
Tuesday, September 22nd	James Pfannenstiel
Wednesday, September 23rd	Craig Cline & Dan Bernard
Thursday, September 24th	Donna Rowley
Friday, September 25th	Adalynn Creamer
Saturday, September 26th	Nick Coady & Gracie McDonald



Anniversary Wishes to:

Thursday, September 24th	Doug & Michelle Banks
Sunday, September 27th	John & Donna Rowley

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 CALENDAR

Sept. 23	Class at 7:15 p.m.- CYO practice for Mass, Confirmation intro practice grades 9-11, Altar serving training 5th grade
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 Altar serving training 4th grade
Oct. 7	Class at 7:15 p.m. Plan 6th, 7th & 8th Grades Mass, Living Rosary Altar serving training 4th grade
Oct. 11	Sunday - CYO Pancake Feed after Mass & 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 Altar serving training 4th grade



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 let me know by October 4th, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:

Saturday, November 7th through Sunday, November 29th, 2026. This includes Thanksgiving Day Mass!

Reminder that the office is closed on Fridays! I would appreciate getting the information as soon as possible to guarantee the days off that you are requesting!

You can email me at: smqoa@ruraltel.net. Thank you!



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

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

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach will be in Russell on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd 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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 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 Session
 -CCD Classes - Altar serving training - 5th gr.
 -CYO practice Mass
 -Confirmation Introduction practice gr. 9-11
- Sept. 25 8:00 a.m. -Confession
- Sept. 27 -**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**
 -**Priesthood Sunday**
- 10:00 a.m. -CYO Mass - Confirmation Introduction
 for grades 9-11

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.)



Altar Server Training for Current Servers

There are several Changes to Mass Procedures to review. Some are kind of BIG, including where you sit!

Changes will take effect October 3rd.

There will be two sessions! Please plan to attend one of these sessions!

Sunday - Sept. 20th at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday - Sept. 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Andy Hurla for more information at: 785-445-8030.



Respect Life

Respect Life means supporting life from conception to natural death. It's more than the issue of abortion. It also includes: Capital punishment, suicide, domestic violence, rape, care for the elderly and homeless, end of life care, care for the sick, people with disabilities, and treating others with passion and compassion.



TIME AND TALENT SURVEYS are in this week's Bulletin as an insert.

Please consider volunteering for one (or more) of the services or organizations.

You can put the completed form in the offering basket or bring to the Parish office.

TAXI PLEASE!

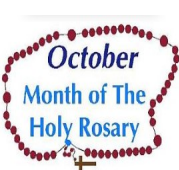
Would you like to help those in need? We would like to create a list of volunteers who would be willing to drive parishioners who can't drive themselves to doctor appointments or Mass on a regular basis.

Sign up by calling the SMQoA parish office at 785-483-2871.



Our prayers and sympathy to Mary Vonfeldt, family and friends of Steven Vonfeldt who died on Sept. 11th, 2026.

With prayers
and deepest
Sympathy



We need rosary leaders for the weekend Masses for the month of October which is Holy Rosary month.

Please contact Jeanie Munsch at 785-650-1845, Fr. Vincent John, CMI at 785-201-7477 or Parish office at 785-483-2871.

The Russell Knights of Columbus chose **Jim Malone** as the **August Knight of the Month**. **Joe Roth** was chosen as the **September Knight of the Month**.



Family of the Month for August is Andy and Sarah Hurla.

Family of the Month for September is John IV and Michelle Farmer

The Knights congratulate them all for their contributions to the Council and the Church.



Used TV with VHS and DVD built-ins needs a new home. Free to the first one who responds and picks it up.

Please contact the Parish office at 785-483-2871 if you would like this or **(knows someone that needs one.)** There are also a box full of religious VHS tapes you can have.



WEDDING ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Weddings are joyous events but they can be stressful too. We would like to have a list of volunteers who would be willing to be present at wedding rehearsals and

before the wedding ceremony to help answer questions and help things go more smoothly.

Interested? Sign up by calling Janna Norin at 785-483-0398 or parish office at 785-483-2871.

REMINDER that there are now **Confession** two times for weekly Confession - Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., or by appointment, call the Parish office at 785-483-2871.



World Day of Migrants and Refugees

National Migration week is from Sept. 21-27 with it culminating on Sept. 27 with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

This year's theme is "Even just one of these children." This is taken from Matthew 18:5: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my

name welcomes me."

Thank you for praying and care for our Father's children and our brothers and sisters.

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Please print clearly!

Name _____ Spouse _____

Children _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Use this form for your entire family. Enter the name of the family member(s) next to the ministry they are interested in performing.

FAMILIES

Greeter/Ushers/Gift Bearers-Greeters welcome people as they enter the church before Mass and hand out bulletins at the end of Mass. Ushers/gift bearers collect offerings and take the gifts to the altar during Mass. All families are encouraged to participate in this ministry.

ADULTS

Altar Linen Washing and Care _____

Art/Environment-Help decorate the church _____

Extraordinary Eucharistic minister _____

Finance Council member- Supervise SMQOA finances _____

Funeral Dinner helper – Assist in preparing and serving funeral dinners

Lector/Reader – Read the first or second Reading during Mass

Music ministry –Circle one or both: Cantor/Song Leader Musician

Musicians-list instrument _____

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Director – Supervises & organizes classes _____

Teacher- Teaches classes _____

Parish Council member- Three-year term. One hour meeting each month

Teacher – CCD. Teach youth Catholic doctrine on Wednesday evenings. List grade level(s) you would prefer to teach.

Teacher/Helper for Vacation Bible School _____

YOUTH

Servers-4th grade and older _____

ORGANIZATIONS

_____ **Knights of Columbus** – I would like more information about the Knights of Columbus

_____ **Russell Council of Catholic Women** - I would like more information about the Russell Council of Catholic Women

***Drop this form in the offering basket at Mass or return it to the Parish Office when complete.**
