

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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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

PASTOR:

Fr. Vincent John, CMI

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PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Dave Zachman, Chairman,
 Tanya Becker, Vice Chairman
 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

October 18, 2026
Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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.

Saturdays — 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

GORHAM MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Sundays before Mass 7:40 a.m.

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.

I am the Lord and there is no other. (Isaiah 45:5)

In today's first reading, the Lord – speaking through his prophet – tells the Gentile King Cyrus of Persia that he has been chosen to help the people of Israel. He calls Cyrus his “anointed” and says that he has called him “by name” to free the Jewish people from their exile in Babylon (Isaiah 45:1, 4). Finally, he announces, “I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me.” (45:5).

I am the Lord. God makes this proclamation throughout the Bible because he knows how easy it can be for us to forget this foundational truth. When he gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, he started by saying “I am the Lord your God...You shall not have other gods beside me” (Exodus 20:2, 3). Later, Jesus will quote this again when he says, “The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart” (Mark 12:29-30). There is no other god; there is no other “Lord.” All the other gods are false and unable to save.

We may not worship idols as Cyrus did, but we can still turn many of the good things our Father has given us into our own false gods and forget the One who gave them to us. We can also forget that only God can save us.

Our job or our studies, our money, our leisure time, social media, and even our service in our community or parish-all these can become idols for us. If we focus only on making more money or if we invest all our time searching for “likes,” if we focus on serving day and night for the sake of recognition but never turn to the Lord for his wisdom-if we do anything like this, we can forget where our true good comes from. We can end up giving these things the first place in our hearts and remove God from the throne of our lives. And we cut ourselves off from the grace he wants to give us.

God wants us to remember that he alone is our Savior, he alone is our comfort, he alone is our Lord, the sovereign of our lives. So let's surrender ourselves to him and let him reign in our hearts.

“Lord, you are my God and my Savior!”

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, Oct. 17 - 5:30 p.m.	Matthew Driscoll, Ann. of Death	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21
Sunday, Oct. 18 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21
Monday, Oct. 19	No Mass	Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday, Oct. 20 - 5:30 p.m.	Joe & Eleanor Scheck, Myra Poage, Joan Weigel	Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday, Oct 21 - 5:30 p.m.	Richard Strobel	Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday, Oct. 22 - 7:30 a.m.	Jeannie Marie Werth	Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
Friday, Oct. 23 - 7:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Grennan Family	Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday, Oct. 24 - 5:30 p.m.	Jim Zamzrla	Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40
Sunday, Oct. 25 – 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Baby Elijah, Aaron Cole, George Sullivan, Jo Murphy, Colton Mullender, Carol McAdoo, 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.

Please pray for the recently Deceased

Richard Krause Sr.
Diane Larson
Rita Dreiling
Mary K Hurla
Steven Vonfeldt

Tim Knopp
Andrew VanDegrift
Jerry Huddleston



Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of October 10th and 11th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1,942.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,270.00
Loose Cash	\$ 606.00
Votive	\$ 64.05
Religious Education Fund	\$ 55.00
Memorial for Rita Dreiling	\$ 100.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 35.00
In/Out Cemetery	\$ 25.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,790.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 5,887.05
CEMETERY \$ 80.00

Scan QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, October 24th • 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, October 25th • 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality / Ushers Gifts / Bulletins:	Bruce & Jeanine Heier	Luke & Karen Keller Family/Kent Seirer
Lectors	Beverly Nichols & Tori Tomlinson	Dave Zachman & Andy Hurla
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Keith Haberer & Maureen Haberer Cup: Cindy Balthazor, Craig Cline & Kelly Reddig	Body: *Tammi Buhrlle & Todd Buhrlle Cup: Dan Bernard, Deb Bernard & Marc Hertel
Altar Servers	Fiona Dreiling & Volunteer	Reese Owens, Mary Kate Hertel & Haven Becker
Organist / Instrumental / Cantors	Cheryl Seirer/ Melanie Banks	Cheryl Seirer/Jeanie Munsch
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool – First Grade	Sunday, Oct. 11th Gracelynn Dinkel/Braigan Dinkel & Camry Ney	Sunday, Oct. 18th Sherry Homeier/Vivian Dreiling & Hayden Creamer
Counters	Sunday, Oct. 17th & 18th Bruce & Jeanine Heier	Sunday, Oct. 24th & 25th Glen & Marcia Blundon



BLESSINGS
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, Oct. 17th

Sunday, Oct. 18th

Monday, Oct. 19th

Wednesday, Oct. 21st

Thursday, Oct. 22nd

Friday, Oct. 23rd

Saturday, Oct. 24th

Brooklyn Sohm

Renee Miner

Ava Cline, Laurence Nelson, Mark Ptacek & Corinne Leiker

Tatum Ptacek

Joan Rourke

Judy Lohrmeyer, & Catherine Ptacek

Colleen McGreevy

Happy Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday, Oct. 17th

Wednesday, Oct. 21st

Saturday, Oct. 24th

Sunday, Oct. 25th

Joe & Chris Roth

Steve & Coleen Boxberger, Jay & Ashley Wickham

Gary & Kathy Vonfeldt, Jeffrey & Jacki Blundon

Bruce & Jeanine Heier, John & Yvonne Driscoll, Wayne & Judy Grabbe

2026-27 Calendar



Oct. 21	Class at 7:15 p.m.
Oct. 28	Class at 7:15 p.m. – Plan 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Gr. Mass
Nov. 4	Class at 7:15 p.m.- CYO-Practice 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Grades Mass
Nov. 11	Class at 7:15 p.m. – Practice 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Gr. Mass – 2 nd grade parent mtg for First Communion
Nov. 15	Sunday - Mass at 10 :00 a.m. 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Grades

OCIA will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 21st** at 7:15 p.m. for Adults at SMQOA Church in the conference room.



Next OCIA session will be on **Wednesday, Oct. 28th.**



The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before daily Mass during October.

Please let me know by **November 3rd**, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of: **Saturday, December 5th through Sunday, December 27th, 2026.**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

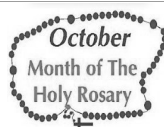
You can email me at: smqoa@ruraltel.net.

Thank you!

If you have not been receiving emails from the Parish regarding funerals, Mass times etc.... please contact the office so that we can get a correct email from you as some are coming back as undeliverable. Email me at: smqoa@ruraltel.net



All Saints Day Mass is on Sunday, Nov. 1 this year. Mass times are 8:00 a.m. in Gorham and 10:00 a.m. in Russell. There will be two Masses in Russell on Monday, Nov. 2 for All Souls Day, morning Mass at 7:30 a.m. and evening Mass at 5:30 p.m. No Mass in Gorham.



Rosary is prayed before all Masses in October which is the month of the Holy Rosary.



If anyone needs to verify their dates for delivering October Meals on Wheels-the RCCW volunteer schedule is posted on the Bulletin board in the gathering space of the Church.

SCHEDULE OF EVENT

Oct. 18	9:40 a.m. 10:00 am	Knights of Columbus Rosary 6 th , 7 th & 8 th Grade Mass Confirmation Introduction 7 th & 8 th Grade Mission Sunday
Oct. 21	7:15 p.m.	OCIA Session CCD Classes – Server Training 4 th grade
Oct. 25	11:00 am	Sunday – Eagle Scout Project Dedication
Oct. 28	9-10 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Catholic Charities in Parking Lot CCD Classes-Server Training 4 th Grade OCIA Session
Oct. 31	5:30 p.m.	Happy Halloween All Saints Day Eve Mass
Nov. 1	10:00 am	All Saints Day Sunday Mass-Holy Day of Obligation
Nov. 2	7:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	All Souls Day Morning Mass-Russell All Souls Day Evening Mass-Russell



The Russell Knights of Columbus chose **JW Strobel** as the **October Knight of the Month**.

Family of the Month is Dave and Melanie Banks.

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

THANK YOU! You may have noticed the new altar book stand. It's works great and is beautifully made too! It was made and donated by Aaron Gruber. Be sure to let Aaron know you appreciate his craftsmanship and generosity next time you see him!

CYO students hosted a Living Rosary for all faith formation students on Oct. 7th. Each student from second grade to seniors in High school had a speaking part to lead prayers of the rosary! What a beautiful evening!

CYO Students also hosted Mass on Sept. 20th. Grades 9-11 were introduced as Confirmation candidates. Dave Zachman also held an event for Pro-Life.

Photos for all of these events are on the St. Mary Queen of Angels website.



CYO had a very busy and successful Sunday raising money for our trip to NCYC next year! Thank you to all our generous parishioners who supported us by eating pancakes, playing bingo, donating snacks and prizes. We are grateful for our parish community! Thank you!

PARISH NEWS



Our prayers and sympathy to Rita Krause, Rich and Tammy Krause, family and friends of Richard Krause, Sr., who died on Saturday, October 10th.

Our prayers and sympathy to Carl and Judy Larson, family and friends of Diane Larson (Carl's mother), who died on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.



Our prayers and sympathy to Tom and Denise VanDegrift, family and friends of Andrew VanDegrift, who died on Wednesday, October 14th, 2026.

Our prayers and sympathy to John and Gail Ogle, family and friends of Jerry Huddleston (Gail's brother), who died on Friday, September 11, 2026.



Our **annual candle lighting and Memorial Mass** for those members of the parish who have passed within the past year (and/or those who have been buried in our cemetery) will be held on **Sunday, November 8th**. After the names are read and candles are lit for those being honored this year, there will be opportunity for anyone else who has lost a family member to come forward and light a candle for their loved one and receive a holy water bottle to bless their grave. All candles that are lighted can be extinguished after Mass and taken home.

Religious Ed students – We have a NEW tradition! All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year. All children are encouraged to dress up as a saint for Sunday Mass and receive a themed treat after! If you need simple costume ideas, please contact Rebecca Rogge at 785-885-8500.



Salina Diocese Announcements

Catholic Charities Igniting Hope Annual Campaign

The Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas **2026 Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need** kicks off the weekend of **October 24-25**. Your generosity helps provide food, housing assistance, counseling, pregnancy support, and other essential services to neighbors in need across northern Kansas.



Thanks to a \$200,000 dollar-for-dollar match, your gift will go twice as far in bringing help and hope to our neighbors in need. For questions or more information, contact Carolina Butts at **785-825-0208** or cbutts@ccnks.org.



Marian Prayer Garden

James Hurla
Eagle Scout Project

A Marian Prayer Garden is now available. The garden is located adjacent to the doors of the adoration chapel on the west side of the church. The garden was built by members of Troop 133, as well as the Becker family.

Donors

- Parish Council
- RCCW
- Knights of Columbus
- James and Jamie Malone
- Glen and Marcia Blundon
- Victor and Mary Lyczak

Dedication and Blessing

Sunday October 25th
After 10 AM mass
All parishioners are invited

♥ *Special thanks to
Janna Norin
whose expertise made this
project possible ♥*