

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

October 25, 2026
Thirtieth 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.

Love the Lord...Love your neighbor. (Matthew 22:37, 39)

What a rough day! From the start, Jesus had to contend with groups of religious leaders trying to trip him up. First came the chief priests and scribes, then some Pharisees, followed by some Sadducees, followed by even more Pharisees. And all the while, Jesus was trying to preach to the people – including “the blind and the lame” – who had gathered around him (Matthew 21:14).

How ironic! Jesus faced a parade of dignitaries trying to trap him instead of asking how they could better care for the people surrounding him. Their very actions showed how blind they were to what it really meant to love God (Jesus) or their neighbor (the people).

Of course, we shouldn't single them out as especially evil or misguided. We can all point to times when we have overlooked opportunities to love, even when they are staring us in the face. But why would that be? Part of the reason may be that we have a narrow definition of Jesus' command to love. We might tend to reduce loving God to attending Mass or getting our prayer time in – walled – off situations that are limited in time and not very demanding.

As for loving our neighbor, we can fall into the trap of deciding for ourselves who our “neighbor” is. Maybe he's our husband but not the coworker who rubs us the wrong way. Maybe she's our sister but not the in-law who is always offering her advice, whether we want it or not.

Jesus came to expose the indifference that lies at the heart of our failures to love. But he didn't stop there. He also overcame it as only he could: by pouring himself out in love for us. May we take up his example and pour ourselves out as well.

“Jesus, teach me to love all my neighbors.”

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, Oct. 24 - 5:30 p.m.	Jim Zamrzla	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
Monday, Oct. 26	No Mass	Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday, Oct. 27 - 5:30 p.m.	Francis Ptacek	Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday, Oct 28 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Int. Gordon & Denise Dolechek 50 Year Anniversary	Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Thursday, Oct. 29 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Int. Nathan Hilger & Adrian Rift	Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35
Friday, Oct. 30 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Int. Nick Waldroup – Birthday	Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6
Saturday, Oct. 31 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Int. Emma Hilger - Birthday	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
Sunday, Nov. 1 – 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Jason Drake, 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. Tim Knopp
Diane Larson Andrew VanDegrift
Rita Dreiling Jerry Huddleston
Mary K Hurla
Steven Vonfeldt



Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of October 17th and 18th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 2,337.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,055.00
Loose Cash	\$ 555.00
Votive	\$ 76.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 860.00
In/Out Cemetery	\$ 100.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$ 125.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,050.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 6,158.00
CEMETERY \$ 100.00



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Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, October 31st • 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, November 1st • 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality / Ushers Gifts / Bulletins:	Jim & Melinda Cross	Frank & Linda Schulte
Lectors	Jeanine Heier & Mike McGreevy	Linda Schulte & Marc Hertel
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Melinda Cross & Jane Cline Cup: Mark Ptacek, Tammy Ptacek & Kristi Fisher	Body: *Rich Krause & Tammy Krause Cup: Dustin Dreher, Marc Nichols & Tanya Becker
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Brooklyn Sohm & Peyton Sohm
Organist / Instrumental / Cantors	Curtis Sander/Craig & Ava Cline	Cheryl Seirer/Kinsey Volk
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool – First Grade	Sunday, Oct. 25th Olivia Morgenstern/Klaudia Shumaker & Breckyn Pasek	Sunday, Nov. 1st Peyton Sohm/Molli Wieger & Quinton Trevino
Counters	Sunday, Oct. 24th & 25th Glen & Marcia Blundon	Sunday, Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st Gordon & Denise Dolechek



BLESSINGS
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, Oct. 24th Colleen McGreevy
Monday, Oct. 26th John Farmer III
Wednesday, Oct. 28th Barbara Anschutz & Linda Schulte
Thursday, Oct. 29th Cindy Balthazor
Friday, Oct. 30th Galen Schmidtberger, Sarah Guerro Benavente & Linda Rizzo
Saturday, Oct. 31st Glen Blundon
Sunday, Nov. 1st Paisley Quinday

Happy Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday, Oct. 24th Gary & Kathy Vonfeldt, Jeffrey & Jacki Blundon
Sunday, Oct. 25th Bruce & Jeanine Heier, John & Yvonne Driscoll, Wayne & Judy Grabbe
Tuesday, Oct. 27th Glen & Marcia Blundon
Friday, Oct. 30th Gordon & Denise Dolechek (50th)
Saturday, Oct. 31st Mark & Mikell Zorn

2026-27 Calendar



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
Nov. 18	Class at 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 25	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING BREAK

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach will be In Russell on **Wednesday, Oct. 28th** from 9-10 a.m. in the St. Mary Queen of Angels parking lot.

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



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

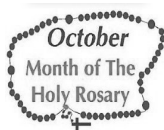
OCIA will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 7:15 p.m.** for Adults at SMQOA Church in the conference room.

Next OCIA session will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 4th.**

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

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE



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

All Saints Day Masses are on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 1 this year. Mass times on Sunday 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. There will NOT be Mass in Gorham.

SCHEDULE OF EVENT

PARISH NEWS

Oct. 25	11:00 am	Sunday – Eagle Scout Project Dedication
	9-10 am	Catholic Charities in Parking Lot
Oct. 28	7:15 pm.	CCD Classes-Server Training 4 th Grade OCIA Session
Oct. 31	5:30 pm	All Saints Day Eve Mass
Nov. 1	10:00 am	All Saints Day Sunday Mass-Holy Day of Obligation
Nov.2	7:30 am	All Souls Day Morning Mass-Russell
	5:30 pm	All Souls Day Evening Mass-Russell



Marian Garden Donor and Dedication Blessing will be held on Sunday, October 25th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thank you to all who purchased a Knights of Columbus Funnel Cake at the recent Luray Craftique. Thank You to JW Strobel, Dave Banks, John Glassman and Gordon Dolechek for giving your time and talent to serve others. Proceeds of the funnel cake trailer help fund the ongoing K of C mission of charity, unity, and community services. Watch for the next funnel cake opportunity on the bricks at the downtown Christmas Celebration!



Save the Date! A Christmas Presents for Parents

St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish Council will offer free childcare for any SMQoA parish family with children. This event will be at the St. Mary Queen of Angels hall on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 3-5 p.m.



More details and a sign-up form will be provided in the November bulletin.

Great Bend's Final MISSION RAFFLE will be on **Saturday, Nov. 14th**. This fund supports: The Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, Gusau, Nigeria, the congregation of the religious Sisters that we helped to found in the 1970's. *Hope for the Village Child, a non-governmental aid agency in Nigeria directed by Kansas native Sr. Rita Schwarzenberger, *The economically poor in the communities where our Great Bend Sisters serve.

As always, those of you who support the Raffle could win one of a variety of prizes, from cash to beautiful handmade items. You can buy your tickets or donate by scanning the code below. Tickets will be sold through Noon on Nov. 13th. Drawing will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14th. A sister will contact you if your name is drawn. Thank you for more than 60 yrs of friendship. Sisters Ann, Barbara, Carol, Charlotte & Francine.



HALL RENTAL CONTRACT

PARISH HALL POLICIES UPDATED

The Parish Council has updated the Parish Hall Policies and rental contract. The new policies/rental contract were submitted to the Diocese for approval. The Diocese approved the policies/rental contract but recommended that Parishioners have an opportunity to review the changes before they go into effect.

Copies are available on the tables near the main entry of the church.

The Parish Council would like to grant final approval of the new Parish Hall policy/rental contract at the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, November 4th.

Contact Dave Zachman (zachmand5@gmail.com or 785-324-1760) before November 4th if you have any questions or concerns.



Our Annual Candle Lighting 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 lit can be extinguished after Mass and taken home.

Coffee and rolls will be served in the Parish Hall following the 10 a.m. Mass.

Our prayers and sympathy to Lance and Mary Pat Waymaster, family and friends of Gloria Waymaster (Lance's mother) who died on Monday, October 19th, 2026,

With prayers and deepest
Sympathy

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

This weekend, Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas kicks off the **2026 Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need!** Your generosity helps provide food, housing assistance, counseling, pregnancy support, and other essential services to neighbors in need across northern Kansas. Every gift is matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$200,000!



To give, use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes available on the back table of the Church or visit www.ccnks.org/ignitinghope.

For more information or questions, contact Carolina Butts at 785-825-0208 or cbutts@ccnks.org.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

*A Journey in Faith for Our
St Mary Queen of Angel's
Candidates & Catechumen*

Rite of Acceptance

December 6, 2026 at 10:00 am mass

Rite of Sending

February 14, 2027 at 10:00 am mass

Rite of Election

February 14, 2027 3:00 pm
St Nicholas Hays

Celebration of Sacraments of Initiation

March 27, 2027 – Easter Vigil

*Please Pray for These and all Our
Brothers and Sisters Seeking to
Grow in their Faith*



Jeremy Makings
Candidate

Daniel Staab
Candidate

Bre Moeder
Candidate

Kristen Rios
Candidate

Aiden McCartney
Catechumen

God of all ages, you send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of people so that they may believe in You and in Jesus, whom You sent. Look kindly upon them, as they listen to your voice. Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work you have begun in them.

Amen!