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.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
T, Th, F 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.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.

PASTORAL TEAM:
Fr. Michael Elan, Pastor
Fr. James Grennan, Retired
Fr. Daniel Scheetz, Retired

COUNCIL CHAIR:
Leon Weigel, Parish Council
Dave Beagley, Finance Council

COMMISSIONS:
Marge Schulte, Liturgy
Merlin Ney, Cemetery Board
Bruce Heier, Evangelization
Maureen Haberer, Family Life/Christian Service
Leon Weigel, Respect Life
Jaidyn B., Kaitlyn N., & Kalli P. - CYO President’s Council
Jeffrey Blundon, Knights of Columbus Grand Knight
Sandy Ochampaugh, President RCCW

PARISH LEADERSHIP:
Gale Pospichal—Secretary/Bookkeeper
Bonita Ney—Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH EMPLOYEES:
Kevin Rourke, Janitor
Nathan Myers, Maintenance

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism—By appointment after completion of required instructions.

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—
Wednesday—6:00 p.m., Saturday—4:30 p.m. or by appointment
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 6, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday     Dec 5th  5:30 p.m.    All Parishioners (E)
            Bill Mans, Ann. d. (G)
Sunday      Dec 6th  10:00 a.m.    Matt Driscoll (E)
            Rita Scheck, Ann. d. (G)
Vigil of Immaculate Conception   Dec 7th  6:00 p.m.    Ben Arnhold (E)
            Jerry Malone (G)
Immaculate Conception   Dec 8th  7:00 a.m.    The Poor Souls (E)
            Lawrence Kriley Family (G)
Wednesday    Dec 9th  6:30 p.m.    Jim Schoenberger, Sr. (E)
            Delores Gore (G)
Thursday   Dec 10th  7:30 a.m.    The Poor Souls (E)
            Viola Vonfeldt (G)
Friday   Dec 11th  7:30 a.m.    The Poor Souls (E)
            FrancisPtacek (G)
Saturday   Dec 12th  5:30 p.m.    The Poor Souls (E)
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Sunday   Dec 13th  10:00 a.m.    All Parishioners (E)
            Florian (Mike) Polcyn, Ann. d. (G)

Contributions for the weekend of November 28th & 29th:

| Envelopes           | 1641.00 |
| Maintenance Fund    | 515.00  |
| Immaculate Conception| 30.00  |
| Campaign for Human Development | 20.00 |
| #iGiveCatholic (Giving Tuesday) | 500.00 |

**TOTAL DEPOSIT $3124.00**

**The Thanksgiving Collection was donated to the Russell County Food Pantry.**

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**Religious Education**

- Wednesday CCD Classes as scheduled for first & second grades.
- Penance Service for 3rd—11th grades.
- There will be practice on Sunday, December 20th beginning at 1:05 p.m. for any 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students who will be participating in the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

**Help our elders.** In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.
**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 12TH & 13TH**

**Readers:**
- December 7th 6:00 p.m. Andy Hurla & Marge Schulte
- December 8th 7:00 a.m. Leon Weigel & Gail Ogle
- Saturday 5:30 p.m. Jeff Ochampaugh & Cindy Balthazor
- Sunday 10:00 a.m. Amanda Smith & Dave Zachman

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Body:**
- December 7th 6:00 p.m. :)John Farmer & *Michelle Farmer
- December 8th 7:00 a.m. :)Jeanie Munsch & *Jim Malone
- Saturday 5:30 p.m. :)Sandy Ochampaugh & *Greg Coady
- Sunday 10:00 a.m. :)Coleen Boxberger, Tammi Buhrlé & Gale Pospichal

**Altar Servers:**
- December 7th 6:00 p.m. Madeleine Middleton
- December 8th 7:00 a.m. Volunteer
- Saturday 5:30 p.m. Chloe Leiker
- Sunday 10:00 a.m. Allie Smith

**Organist/Instrumentalist/Cantors**
- December 7th 6:00 p.m. Curtis Sander
- Saturday 5:30 p.m. Curtis Sander
- Sunday 10:00 a.m. Cheryl Seirer

**Counters:**
- Sunday Dec 6th Herman & Rosalee Hammerschmidt
- Sunday Dec 13th Mark & Tammy Ptacek

**Birthday Wishes To:**
- Saturday Dec 5th Denise Dolechek, Pat Camp, Jordynn Guenot & Jensyn Schneider
- Monday Dec 7th Bonita Ney & Loretta Zweifel
- Tuesday Dec 8th Cheryl Seirer
- Wednesday Dec 9th Macy Smith, Cheryl Hutchison & Mike Weigel
- Thursday Dec 10th Helga Ziegler
- Friday Dec 11th Andy Hurla, Coen Seirer & Carmen Vonfeldt
- Saturday Dec 12th Judy Luding

**Anniversary Wishes To:**
- Monday Dec 7th Dustin & Sarah Finkenbinder
- Jamie & Elizabeth Gilmore

**Confession Schedule during the Advent Season**
- December 9th from 6:00—6:20 p.m. (Fr. Michael)
- December 9th at 7:15 p.m. for CCD grades 3rd—11th
- December 12th from 4:30—5:15 p.m. (Fr. Michael)
- December 16th from 6:00—6:20 p.m. (Fr. Michael)
- December 19th from 4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m. (Fr. Michael)
- December 20th from 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (Area priests)
- December 23rd from 6:00—6:20 p.m. (Fr. Michael)

**Ways to “Keep Christ in Christmas”**
1. Place a candle in the window to symbolize the light of Christ.
2. Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ’s birth.
3. Call radio stations and television channels requesting Christmas carols and stories.

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**The Parish Office will be Closed on Tuesday, December 8th, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.**

See the Mass schedule for Mass times.
Upcoming Events

December 14th: Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. with 4th Degree Meeting following

December 14th: Have your donations to the Giving Tree wrapped and placed under the tree by this date!

December 20th: Practice at 1:05 p.m. in the church for those children (1st – 4th grade) in the Christmas Eve play

December 24th: There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve in Russell this year; 3:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

December 25th: Mass on Christmas Day—9:00 a.m.

Window Repair Update

Copies of the insert from Commercial Builders about their findings concerning the window repair can be found in the gathering space. No decision on the solution options has been made. The Finance Council will meet to make a decision about the options. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the Finance Council members:

Dave Beagley, Jane Cline, Fr. Michael Elan, Kristie Homeier, Jim Malone, John Malone, or Fred Weigel

Thank you for your generosity during Giving Day, December 1st! We were able to raise $2,450 for our parish from six donations! Over $470,000 was raised in the Salina Diocese. A blessed Advent to all!!!

CARES ACT – Charitable tax benefits

The federal legislation that created the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans has also created several charitable tax benefits for giving. Note these changes seem to be just for this 2020 tax year.

Temporary Universal Charitable Deduction for 2020 Tax Year

This deduction allows taxpayers who do not currently itemize their deductions to claim a charitable deduction for cash donations up to $300 through December 31. The $300 cap applies to individuals and married couples equally, i.e., a married couple would not be able to take a $600 deduction. Donations to donor advised funds and supporting organizations are not eligible for this deduction.

AGI Charitable Deduction Caps Suspended or Increased for 2020 Tax Year

The adjusted gross income (AGI) limits on charitable donations are suspended or increased for cash gifts made by individuals and corporations. The 60% AGI cap for individual taxpayers who itemize has been suspended. Taxpayers who itemize are eligible to take charitable deductions for donations up to 100% of their AGI for the 2020 tax year. The AGI cap for corporations has been increased from 10% to 25% for corporate tax years ending in 2020. Donations to private foundations and donor advised funds are not eligible for the increase or suspension of AGI limits.

This information is provided for educational purposes only. It does not constitute legal advice and should not be construed as legal advice or a legal opinion. Readers should seek such advice from their own professional advisers. If you have any questions about charitable tax benefits in the CARES Act, contact Beth Shearer at bethshearer@salinadiocese.org.
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Giving Tree Ministry

RCCW will be collecting donations for the Giving Tree again this year.
The Giving Tree will be placed in the Gathering Space for you to pick an ornament, purchase the items and return them to the tree, wrapped together with the ornament attached on the outside by Monday, December 14th.
The donations, a blanket and a small gift will be given to each resident at Homestead, Main Street Manor and Wheatland Senior Care Facilities.

DELIVERY OF THE GIFTS:
In order to keep both the residents and staff safe, the gifts will be delivered to the nursing facility doors and passed out to the residents by the nursing staff.

Please help us spread God’s loving and giving spirit during this special Christmas season!!!