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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We are happy to have you with us! Please call or stop by the parish office to register.

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

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Fr. Michael Elan, Pastor
403 Barton St., Russell
785-221-3060

Fr. James Grennan, Retired
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785-483-2871

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403 Barton St., Russell
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415 S Windsor
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Dave Beagley, Finance Council
10:00 a.m.—2:00 Monday-Thursday

www.stmaryrussell.com
Closed Friday
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS:
Saturday Dec 12th 5:30 p.m. The Poor Souls (E)
The Poor Souls (G)
Sunday Dec 13th 10:00 a.m. All Parishioners (E)
Florian (Mike) Polcyn, Ann. d.(G)
Monday Dec 14th NO MASS
Tuesday Dec 15th 7:30 a.m. Dale Nowak, Ann. d. (E)
Jim Schoenberger, Sr. (G)
Wednesday Dec 16th 6:30 p.m. Ray Herrman (E)
Charles Munsch (G)
Thursday Dec 17th 7:30 a.m. Wanda Braun (E)
Leo & Hubertina Herbel (G)
Friday Dec 18th 7:30 a.m. Benno F. Staab, Ann. b. (E)
Eldon Kriley (G)
Saturday Dec 19th 5:30 p.m. Bob & Thelma Dreiling (E)
Keith Stoppel (G)
Sunday Dec 20th 10:00 a.m. All Parishioners (E)
The Poor Souls (G)

Gorham Mass Schedule
Sundays 8:00 a.m.

Please pray for Marvin Mader, Barb Bowman, Jim Bowman, Joe Roth, Clara Tuzicka, Larry Bernard, and all our friends and relatives who are ill or experiencing difficultiess in their lives that they may know the healing presence of God.

Contributions for the weekend of December 5th & 6th:
Envelopes 2073.00 Loose Cash 278.00
Maintenance Fund 3950.11 Votives 188.84
Immaculate Conception 155.00 Christmas 50.00
Ray Herrman Memorial 200.00 Religious Retirement 50.00
#iGiveCatholic (Giving Tuesday) 550.00 In—Out 500.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT $7994.95

- Wednesday CCD Classes as scheduled.
- 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.

Make a difference. “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.
MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19TH & 20TH

Readers:
Saturday   5:30 p.m. Melinda Cross & Terri Middleton
Sunday    10:00 a.m. Sarah Hurla & Kathy Wallert

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Body:
Saturday   5:30 p.m. :)Craig Cline & *Jane Cline
Sunday    10:00 a.m. :)Bonita Ney, Jon Quinday & *Alice Quinday

Altar Servers:
Saturday   5:30 p.m. Walker Middleton
Sunday    10:00 a.m. Joey Hurla

Organist/Instrumentalist/Cantors
Saturday   5:30 p.m. Curtis Sander
Sunday    10:00 a.m. Debbie Zachman

K of C Rosary Leader:
Sunday    9:40 a.m. Richard Polcyn

Counters:
Sunday    Dec 13th Mark & Tammy Ptacek
Sunday    Dec 20th Jim & John Malone

Birthday Wishes To:
Saturday  Dec 12th Judy Luding
Tuesday Dec 15th Brooklyn McKenna, Reba Lynn Towery, Cole Schroeder & Patty Mead
Wednesday Dec 16th Ron Letsch & Peggy Norris
Thursday  Dec 17th Candi Wagner, Isabela Dinkel, Sharon Weigel & Nancy Larson
Friday    Dec 18th Sarah Hurla & Kelli Ellis
Saturday  Dec 19th Vic Lyczak

Anniversary Wishes To:
Saturday  Dec 19th Mike & Sharon Weigel

Confession Schedule during the Advent Season
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. (Five area priests)
December 23rd from 6:00—6:20 p.m. (Fr. Michael)

The Knights of Columbus will recite the rosary beginning at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday, December 20th. Everyone is encouraged to participate. After the rosary, the following prayer will be recited:
Let us pray,
O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Ways to “Keep Christ in Christmas”
1. Ask stores for religious Christmas wrapping paper and decorations.
2. Read Christmas scripture and stories to children.
3. Purchase a gift, wrap it, and give it to the poor—and encourage a child to do the same.
4. Research and then explain the tradition of the original Christmas tree.
5. Utilize the Mexican custom of the Posadas, a 9-day celebration, ending on Christmas Eve, symbolizing the trials that Mary and Joseph endured finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born.
### 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. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. in Gorham

**December 25th**: Mass on Christmas Day will be at 9:00 a.m. in Russell

Our prayers and sympathy to Reba Lynn & Ronda Towery, family and friends of Kato Joe Edward Gross (Reba Lynn’s son and Ronda’s grandson) who died on Saturday, November 21, 2020.

Our prayers and sympathy to Danielle Bourland and Christianna Pruden, family and friends of Christina Bourland who died on Sunday, December 6, 2020.

Our prayers and sympathy to the Clayton & Angela Leiker family, other family and friends of Alfred “Fritz” Koerner, Jr. (Clayton’s grandfather) who died on Monday, December 7, 2020.

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A lovely custom at St. Mary, Queen of Angels is to provide a Christmas/New Year’s environment donation in memory of a loved one or as a family gift for decorating the church at Christmas time. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for the flowers, please complete this form and return it with your donation to the parish office on or before December 17th. You may also drop your donation in the collection basket or the parishioner drop box in front of the rectory.

Your name ____________________________

In memory of __________________________

In honor of __________________________

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### The First Christmas Gift

Christmas and Year End Giving is not only a Catholic tradition but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift—God’s gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Christmas of course, celebrates the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Traditions hold that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year.

But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and year’s end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas and year’s end......

A Catholic Gift of Faith.

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### 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.
**ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

- **WEDNESDAYS** 6:00 - 6:20 P.M.
- **SATURDAYS** 4:30 - 5:15 P.M.
- **SUNDAY**S 7:30 - 7:45 A.M. GORHAM
- **DECEMBER 20, 2020** 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

**REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

- **DECEMBER 19, 2020** 5:30 P.M.
- **DECEMBER 20, 2020** 10:00 A.M.
- **DECEMBER 26, 2020** 5:30 P.M.
- **DECEMBER 27, 2020** 10:00 A.M.

**CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

- **DECEMBER 24, 2020** 3:00 P.M.
- **DECEMBER 24, 2020** 4:30 P.M.
- **DECEMBER 24, 2020** 6:00 P.M. GORHAM
- **DECEMBER 25, 2020** 9:00 A.M.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

- **DECEMBER 31, 2020** 5:30 P.M.
- **JANUARY 1, 2021** 9:00 A.M. GORHAM
- **JANUARY 1, 2021** 10:30 A.M.

**FR. MICHAEL WILL OFFER THE CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR YOUR INTENTION**