

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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PASTORAL TEAM:

Fr. Michael Elan, Pastor

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Beverly Nichols, Chairperson, Dave Zachman, Vice Chairman,
Gail Ogle, Stacy Moore, Sarah Hurla, Mark Ptacek,
Tammi Buhrlé, Nathan Myers, & Deb Strobel

FINANCE COUNCIL:

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Jim Malone, & Mark Ptacek

COMMISSIONS:

Marge Schulte, Liturgy
Merlin Ney, Cemetery Board
Bruce Heier, Evangelization
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Beverly Nichols, Stewardship
Dave Zachman, Respect Life

CYO PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:

Marissa Myers, Harlee Donovan, & Lizzie Morgenstern

PARISH LEADERSHIP:

Judy Larson—Secretary
Marcia Blundon—Bookkeeper
Bonita Ney—Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH EMPLOYEES:

Bruce Heier —Custodian
Galen Schmidtberger —Maintenance

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Tues., Wed. 6:30 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

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— Saturday—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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024

Then will ... ears of the deaf be cleared. (Isaiah 35:5)

Anyone who has ever experienced hearing loss knows how isolating it can be. The deaf man in today’s Gospel must have also struggled with not being able to take part in conversations or understand what was being said. So when Jesus took him off by himself, looked to heaven, and said, “Be opened!” the man’s life changed radically (Mark 7:34).

In today’s first reading, the prophet Isaiah promised that when the Lord came to deliver Israel, he would heal the blind and deaf (35:5). The people who witnessed the deaf man’s healing saw this promise fulfilled in Jesus and even alluded to it when they said, “He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak” (Mark 7:37).

Jesus came to open our ears, too. He doesn’t want us to be isolated from him or others. But we can’t be healed of our “spiritual deafness” if we fail to spend time with him each day. We need to get “away from the crowd” (Mark 7:33) - away from all the clatter and distractions so that we can better listen to what Jesus wants to say to us. We also need a heart open to hearing his words, especially if he shows us where we need to change.

We can be deaf, too, to the people around us, most especially our loved ones. We can tune out their concerns and struggles because we’ve heard them one too many times. Or we can listen to their words but not really try to understand what’s going on beneath the surface, in their hearts.

That’s why it’s important to start each day asking the Lord to “clear” your ears (Isaiah 35:5). He wants you to hear him speaking to you, and he wants you to really listen to the people in your life. Just as he opened the ears of the man in today’s Gospel, you can trust that he will open your ears, too. There’s so much he wants you to hear and understand!

“Jesus, I want to listen. Open my ears today!”

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, Sept. 7th - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37
Sunday, Sept. 8th - 10:00 a.m.	Elmer & Delores Mermis	Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37
Monday, Sept. 9th	NO MASS	1 Corinthians 5:1-8, Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday, Sept. 10th - 6:30 p.m.	Annette Gerstner, Ann of D	1 Corinthians 6:1-11, Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday, Sept. 11th - 6:30 p.m.	Mary Reinhardt	1 Corinthians 7:25-31, Luke 6:20-26
Thursday, Sept. 12th - 7:30 a.m.	Glenn Mermis	1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13, Luke 6:27-38
Friday, Sept. 13th - 7:30 a.m.	Arlene Hamel	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27, Luke 6:39-42
Saturday, Sept. 14th - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 50:5-9a, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35
Sunday, Sept. 15th - 10:00 a.m.	Fred Weigel, Jr.	Isaiah 50:5-9a, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35

Gorham Mass Schedule Sunday 8:00 a.m.		Stewardship of Treasure	
		Contributions Weekend of August 31st & September 1st, 2024	
 Please pray for Dan Branham, Kay Scheck, Camille Ellard, LaVerne Schuster, Gary Flax, Marty Becker, Gary Meis, Fr. Charlie Steier, Allen Hammersmith, Tim Mahoney, and all our friends and relatives who are ill or experiencing difficulties in their lives that they may know the healing presence of God.		Envelopes	\$ 1,288.00
		Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,350.00
		Loose Cash	\$ 487.00
		Votive	\$ 53.00
		TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 5,178.00
		CEMETERY	\$ 20.00

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, September 14th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, September 15th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality	Volunteer	CYO Students
Gifts	Bruce & Jeanine Heier	CYO Students
Lectors	Mike McGreevy & John Malone	CYO Students
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Coleen Boxberger & Dan Bernard Cup: Melanie Banks, Deb Bernard & Gary Flax	Body: *Richard Krause & Marcia Blundon Cup: Tammy Krause, Todd Buhrle & Tammi Buhrle
Altar Servers	Adam Hoch & Adison Hoch	Hayden Creamer, Colton Mullender & Reese Owens
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Kinsey Volk	Debbie Zachman
Counters	Sunday, September 8th Jim Malone & John Malone	Sunday, September 15th Mark & Tammy Ptacek

Birthdays Wishes to:

Saturday	September 7th	Patty Scheck
Sunday	September 8th	Kimber Schoenberger & Linda Cole
Monday	September 9th	Maureen Haberer & Jennifer Ode
Tuesday	September 10th	Melissa Dreher & Allison Casey-Olson
Thursday	September 12th	Christian Waymaster
Saturday	September 14th	John Driscoll & Pierce Schoenberger
Sunday	September 15th	Ellie Cline, Megan Cline, Rita Clenney & Jason Ney



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday	September 7th	Mark & Tammy Ptacek
Tuesday	September 10th	LaVerne & Barbara Schuster
Wednesday	September 11th	Jason & Nicale Ney



Sept. 11th - 7:15 p.m.	Class - CYO practice for Mass
Sept. 15th - 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass CYO
Sept. 18th - 7:15 p.m.	Class - Confirmation Mtg Parents/Students
Sept. 25th - 7:15 p.m.	Class
Oct. 2nd - 7:15 p.m.	Class - Practice for Confirmation Introduction
Oct. 6th - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Confirmation Introduction Confirmation Retreat

TEACHER

The Religious Education Department is looking for a 3rd Grade Teacher.

Please call Bonita Ney at 785-445-2225 if you are interested.

welcome
BACK

Welcome back Father Michael!

A big Thank You to
Father Vincent John, who covered
while Father Michael was away.

thank you

ANNUAL PRIESTS RETREAT will be held in Wichita at the Spiritual Life Center on September 16th-19th.



There will be **NO MASS** on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 16th-19th**, as Father Michael will be attending this retreat.

There **WILL BE MASS** on **Friday, September 20th**.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING - More than 200,000 children and teenagers in the United States are victims of sex trafficking every year. It is important for teachers to be aware of the signs and take action.

Alliance to End Human Trafficking - Founded and Supported by US Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sept. 8th	1:30 p.m.	Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg
Sept. 9th	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting 4th Degree K of C Meeting after
Sept. 10th	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Rescheduled from Sept. 2nd)
Sept. 11th	7:15 p.m.	OCIA Classes Begin
	7:15 p.m.	Religious Education Class - CYO Practice Mass
Sept. 15th	10:00 a.m.	CYO Mass-Catechetical Sunday
Sept. 18th	7:15 p.m.	Religious Education Class - Confirmation Mtg w/Parents & Students
Sept. 22nd	9:40 a.m.	Knights of Columbus Rosary Before Mass
Sept. 25th	9-10 a.m.	Catholic Charities
	7:15 p.m.	Religious Education Class



Our prayers and sympathy to Dave and Natalie Beagley, family and friends of Margaret Beagley, (Dave's mother) who passed away on Wednesday, September 4th, 2024.



We are blessed at this time to have two candidates in place for OCIA.

If you are interested in attending, or know of someone who is interested, please contact the Parish office at 785-483-2871 or Jeanie Munsch at 785-650-1845.

Sessions will begin on **September 11, 2024** and run through **Easter 2025** at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church.



Hospice Volunteer Training Wednesday, October 9, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hays Med

St Agnes Room 2
2220 Canterbury, Hays, KS 67601

**Registration is due by Friday,
September 27, 2024**

Hospice utilizes volunteers in a variety of roles. Learn about the history and philosophy of Hospice, advanced directives, care of the dying person, spirituality and the role of the volunteer.

Sign up by Friday, September 27, 2024.

Contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center at 785-623-6200 or -800-248-0073 for further information.

Our Hospice serves Ellis, Rush, Russell and Rooks Counties.



Our prayers and sympathy to Tanya and Derek Becker, family and friends of Austin Beckman, (Tanya's brother) who passed away on Thursday, August 29th, 2024.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will meet immediately following the Third Degree meeting.



RESCHEDULED: Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Universal Church Directories will be on-site October 22-26, to take family pictures for our next parish directory.

Each family will receive a free 8 x10 portrait, and a free Portrait Directory.

You can sign up online at www.ucdir.com or with the QR Code that is on your flyer that was mailed out to you. To sign up online:

User Name-Church ID is KS183.

Family Password: photos.



There will be an In Person Sign-up in the Gathering Space before and after the Masses on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2024

Our Christmas assistance program, Adopt-a-Family, is just around the corner. Families in need of Christmas assistance will be matched with a sponsor by our Catholic Charities staff.



If you are interested in sponsoring a family, please reach out to Jerree Highbanks, Communication Manager at: jhighbanks@ccnks.org, to be added to the list.

Sponsorship letters will be mailed in early October.