

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



415 South Windsor

Russell, KS 67665

Fr. Michael Elan	415 S Windsor	785-221-3060
Religious Ed/Parish Office	415 S Windsor	785-483-2871
Parish Center	415 S Windsor	785-483-2871
Office hours	8:30 am—12:30 pm Monday-Thursday	
Website Address	www.stmaryrussell.com	
Email:	smgoa@ruraltel.net	

PASTOR:

Fr. Michael Elan, cmi

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:

Dave Beagley, Chairman, Jane Cline, John Malone,
Jim Malone, & Mark Ptacek

COMMISSIONS:

Marge Schulte, Liturgy
Merlin Ney, Cemetery Board
Bruce Heier, Evangelization
Tammi Buhrlé, Family Life/Christian Service
Beverly Nichols, Stewardship
Dave Zachman, Respect Life

CYO PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL:

Brock Homeier & Madison Sohm

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 15TH, 2024

The LORD, your God, is in your midst. (Zephaniah 3:17)

Did you ever rejoice in something that hadn't actually happened yet? Maybe you were looking forward to a dear friend's wedding or a visit from an out-of-town relative. Just the thought of what was to come made you smile!

In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah told the Israelites to "be glad and exult" because God was going to remove "the judgment against" them (3:14,15). They were to rejoice even though they were still suffering the consequences of their rebellion against the Lord. Why? Because God had promised to rescue them, so it would come to pass.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, a day set aside during Advent for rejoicing. Although Christmas is still ten days away, we can begin rejoicing in Jesus' birth now. We can also look forward to Jesus' Second Coming, when he will establish a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1). Like the Israelites, we don't know when that will happen, and yet we are called to rejoice in it. Why? For the same reason: because God keeps his promises.

We live in a fallen world, surrounded by much pain and sorrow. We may be going through a difficult time this Advent, so we may not feel much like rejoicing. But it is possible to rejoice in what has been promised to us. One day we will stand before the Lord, and he will wipe every tear from our eyes. On that day, we won't be able to contain our joy!

So try to follow St. Paul's advice from today's second reading to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Rejoice that the Lord loves you so much that he became man to save you. Rejoice that he is present in the Eucharist and wants you to be with him in the closest way possible. Rejoice in anticipation of life with God forever. *Choose* to rejoice today, no matter how you feel. Why? Because our Lord God always keeps his promises!

"Jesus, I rejoice in you always, now and forever!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, December 14 - 5:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased of Dale & Ruby Nowak	Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18
Sunday, December 15 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18
Monday, December 16 - 7:00 a.m.	NO MASS	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a, Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday, December 17- 6:30 p.m.	Candi Wagner, Ann of B	Genesis 49:2, 8-10, Matthew 1:1-17
Wednesday, December 18- 6:30 p.m.	Bill & Stella Mans	Jeremiah 23:5-8, Matthew 1:18-25
Thursday, December 19 -7:30 a.m.	Catherine Minerva	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a, Luke 1:5-25
Friday, December 20 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Intention Seth Hilger	Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-38
Saturday, December 21 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Micah 5:1-4a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45
Sunday, December 22 - 10:00 a.m.	Kevin Axelson	Micah 5:1-4a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

Gorham Mass Schedule Sunday 8:00 a.m.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Aubrey Hayden, (granddaughter of Jeanie Munsch), Millie Dalrymple, Mark Sander, Tim Mahoney, Beau Buser-infant (grandson of John and Gail Ogle), Marta Buser-mother in law to Jennifer Ogle Buser, Marty Becker, Gary Flax, Dan Branham, and all our friends and relatives who are ill or experiencing difficulties in their lives that they may know the healing presence of God.

Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of December 7th thru December 8th, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,466.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,160.00
Loose Cash	\$ 453.00
Votive	\$ 237.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 2,140.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 652.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,035.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 7,143.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, December 21st- 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, December 22nd-10:00 a.m.
Hospitality	Leonard & Ramona Hoch	Marc & Katy Hertel
Gifts	Mike & Colleen McGreevy	Johnny & Erica Keener
Lectors	Jeanie Munsch & Melinda Cross	Melanie Banks & Chris Sipe
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Keith Haberer Cup: Coleen Boxberger, Maureen Haberer & Sandy Ochampaugh	Body: *Bonita Ney & Merlin Ney Cup: Sherry Homeier, Todd Buhrle & Tammi Buhrle
Altar Servers	Ian Strobel & Noell Olson	Teagen Pfeifer, Damon Becker & Colton Mullender
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Debbie & Dave Zachman	Debbie & Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, December 15th Gracelynn Dinkel & Gracie McDonald	Sunday, December 22nd Lindsey Cole & Reese Owens
Counters	Sunday, December 15th Marge Schulte & Mary Schulte	Sunday, December 22nd Glen & Marcia Blundon

Birthday Wishes to:

Sunday	December 15th	Patty Mead & Brooklyn McKenna
Monday	December 16th	Ron Letsch & Peggy Norris
Tuesday	December 17th	Sharon Weigel
Wednesday	December 18th	Sarah Hurla & Margaret Hertel
Thursday	December 19th	Victor Lyczak
Saturday	December 21st	Cody Rogge & Tammi Buhrle
Sunday	December 22nd	Turner Rios



Knights of Columbus
Rosary on Sunday,
Dec. 22, at 9:40 a.m.
before Mass.

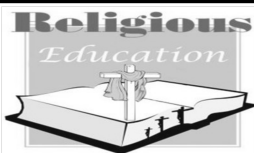


Anniversary Wishes to:

Thursday	December 19th	Mike & Sharon Weigel
Saturday	December 21st	Aaron & Linda Cole



Saturday,
Dec. 21st, is
the First Day
of Winter.



Dec. 18th	7:15 p.m. Class
Dec. 25th	No Class - Merry Christmas
Jan. 1st	No Class-Christmas Break
Jan. 8th	7:15 p.m. Class
Jan. 15th	7:15 p.m. Class-1st Communion Mtg. Parents/Students
Jan. 22nd	7:15 p.m. Class
Jan. 29th	7:15 p.m. Class



If you subscribe to the Living with Christ book, your January copy is on the table in the Gathering Space.

Please be sure you pick up the copy with your name on it.



Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach will be in Russell on **Thursday, Dec. 19th from 9-10 a.m.** in St. Mary Queen of Angels parking lot.

Families who qualify can receive food, hygiene items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry detergent), diapers and wipes, and other supplies and services as needed. **NOTE THE DIFFERENT DATE DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!**

THIRD ANNUAL ADVENT FAMILY CHALLENGE

The Salina Diocese is having their **Third Annual Advent Challenge**.

Pick one night a week during Advent for a family night. Clear your schedule, put the phones in the other room, turn off the TV, make and share a meal together, and then play a game as a family or watch something together on formed.org.

Pray the Novena for Marriage and Families with us. Every day (Dec. 20-Dec. 28), we will send out the daily prayer through social media and on our website at:

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/advent-family-challenge/> so your family can join families all over our diocese praying together for marriages and families.

Go to Mass together as a family on the **Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 29th)**.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING - Give a gift and join us to help strengthen initiatives which seek to educate publics about human trafficking and to identify and support victims of trafficking.

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Dec. 15th 5-6 p.m. -Confession
 Dec. 18th 7:15 p.m. -CCD after Mass
 Dec. 19th 9-10 a.m. -Catholic Charities in parking lot (Thursday)
 Dec. 22nd 9:40 a.m. -**Knights of Columbus Rosary before Mass**
 Dec. 24th 4:00 p.m. -Christmas Eve Mass in Gorham
 5:30 p.m. -Christmas Eve Mass in Russell w/Children's Program
 Dec. 25th 9:00 a.m. -Christmas Mass
MERRY CHRISTMAS-OFFICE CLOSED
 Dec. 26th NO MASS
 Dec. 29th 2:00 p.m. -Ministry Services at Nursing Homes
 Dec. 31st 4:00 p.m. -Mass in Russell
 5:30 p.m. -Mass in Gorham
 Jan. 1st 9:00 a.m. -Mass in Russell - Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God-**OFFICE CLOSED**
 NO CCD CLASSES
 Jan. 2nd 7:30 a.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. -RCCW Meeting
 Jan. 3rd 7:30 a.m. -First Friday Mass
 8:00 a.m. -Adoration
 5:45 p.m. -Benediction

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Today, Sunday, December 15th from 5-6 p.m., Fr. Michael will be available for Confession. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." If you have been away from the Sacrament for a long time, this is your opportunity to come back. God desires this Sacrament of Healing to reconcile you to God and the Church.

Additional Advent Confession Schedule

Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. in Russell
 Sundays at 7:30 a.m. in Gorham

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Christmas Eve - Dec. 24th -4:00 p.m. in Gorham
 -5:30 p.m. in Russell
 Thursday, Christmas Day - Dec. 25th -9:00 a.m. in Russell

TRAVEL TO INDIA



Father Michael will be taking his Sabbatical and going to India to visit his family, from February 11th, 2025

through August 11th, 2025. These dates are different from his original plans.



The Advent of Rescue

Diocese Unites for Acts XXIX Advent Retreat Week Three - RESCUED

After spending a whole week looking at sin and the effects of sin in our own lives, we are ready for salvation. After recognizing our various enslavements, we know our need for a Redeemer, someone who can come and set us free, who can break the chains, who can silence the lies, who can come down into the pit with us and lift us out to freedom.

In this last full week of Advent, we will meditate on different aspects of how Jesus has come to rescue us, preparing our hearts for Christmas, opening them so that the Christ child, who is also the eternal Son of God, can enter in and bring us true freedom and new life.

RCCW Annual Cookie Sale!!!

A very heartfelt thank you for the generous participation in the RCCW Annual Cookie and Candy Sale.

The day was a wonderful success...beautiful confectionaries, holiday spirit and community fellowship. With this fundraiser,

RCCW is able to continue our new scholarships along with supporting the needs of our parishioners. The love of God shines through your generous hearts!!

We are so grateful for you and all that you have done to help us out!!!

Thank You!! Thank You!! Thank You!!!

On Behalf of

Russell Council of Catholic Women



Russell Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 18th

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fossil Creek Inn & Suites

Visit redcrossblood.org,

call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or scan the

QR Code below for your appointment to donate blood.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!



A lovely custom at St. Mary Queen of Angels is to provide 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 Monday, December 16th. You may also drop your donation in the collection basket.

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

YEAR END GIVING

Christmas and the 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. Tradition holds 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. Christmas and Year End is an opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings including our material blessings.

Maintenance Fund: The parking lot needs to be resurfaced and the Parish facility is still in need of a few repairs.

We appreciate your generosity in the past and would like to encourage you to continue your support, especially for the maintenance fund.

