

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH-DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? (Luke 2:49)

Isn't today's Gospel comforting? If the Son of God, his sinless mother, and his saintly foster father misunderstood each other, there is hope for all of us!

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, we hear the story of Mary and Joseph finding Jesus at the Temple, perhaps the most relatable anecdote from Jesus' life. Twelve-year-old Jesus stays behind instead of leaving Jerusalem with his family. His parents anxiously search for him everywhere. Finally they discover him sitting in the Temple among the teachers, speaking with a wisdom beyond his years. Mary and Joseph voice their worry, but Jesus replies, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49). Of course they didn't know! How could they? Jesus was a mystery, even to his parents.

Luke tells us that Mary and Joseph took Jesus home, still not understanding what had happened (2:50). How long would it take for them to grasp the mystery of who their son was? They probably spent many years praying and pondering the Scriptures under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. But despite their incomplete understanding, they lived faithfully, loved each other patiently, and trusted in God's plan for their family.

It's not easy to love and understand the people in your family - and it's not easy to keep trusting God in the confusing times. But take heart: he is with your family! You have received the same Holy Spirit that lived in Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. That Spirit can give all of you gifts of understanding and love, of patience and forbearance. You may not be the *perfect* family, but you can become a *holy* family as you grow "in wisdom and age and favor" (Luke 2:52).

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, December 28 - 5:30 p.m.	Jim Balthazor	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28, 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24, Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, December 29 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28, 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24, Luke 2:41-52
Monday, December 30	NO MASS	1 John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40
Tuesday, December 31 - 4:00 p.m. Mass at Gorham - 5:30 p.m.	Kendall Miner	1 John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18
Wednesday, January 1 - 9:00 a.m. Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God	For Our Parishioners	Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21
Thursday, January 2 - 7:30 a.m.	Martha Schulte	1 John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28
Friday, January 3 - 7:30 a.m.	Sheila & Tyler Donovan	1 John 2:29-3:6, John 1:29-34
Saturday, January 4 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Steve & Luci Knopp	Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 5 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Gorham Mass Schedule Sunday 8:00 a.m. Dec. 31 - 5:30 p.m. - Mass 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. </	
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Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Tuesday, December 31st- 4:00 p.m.	Wednesday, January 1st - 9:00 a.m.
Hospitality	Eric & Erica Cline Family	Marge Schulte & Mary Schulte
Gifts	Megan Cline & Volunteer	Volunteer
Lectors	Susan Orender & Sarah Hurla	Janna Norin & Linda Schulte
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Craig Cline & Jane Cline Cup: Marcia Blundon, Keith Haberer & Maureen Haberer	Body: *Melinda Cross Cup: Merlin Ney & Bonita Ney
Altar Servers	Sonya Orender, Ava Cline & Maci Wieger	Karsyn Hamlin, Kooper Hamlin & Scarlett Schneider
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Debbie & Dave Zachman	Curtis Sander/Melanie Banks & Kayla Schneider
Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, January 4th- 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, January 5th -10:00 a.m.
Hospitality	Norman & Barbara Anschutz	Alberto & Sandra Guerrero-Benavente Family
Gifts	Brian & Kayla Schneider Family	Richard & Tammy Krause
Lectors	Nick Coady & Melanie Banks	Andy Hurla & Dave Zachman
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Coleen Boxberger & Steve Knopp Cup: Anne Coady, Sandy Ochampaugh & Cindy Balthazor	Body: *Todd Buhrlé & Tammi Buhrlé Cup: John Farmer, Michelle Farmer & Sherry Homeier
Altar Servers	Camry Ney, Cooper Ney & Fiona Dreiling	Hayden Creamer, Adalynn Creamer & Reese Owens
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Bonita Ney	Cheryl Seirer/Marilyn Munk
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, December 29th NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS BREAK	Sunday, January 5th Madi Wieger/Peyton Sohm/Camry Ney
Counters	Sunday, December 29th Steve & Luci Knopp	Wednesday, Dec. 31st/January 1st Mark & Tammy Ptacek

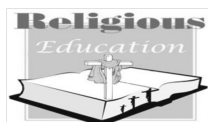
Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday	December 28th	Bennett Gross, Madisyn Leiker, James Hurla, Noell Olson, & Marge Schulte
Sunday	December 29th	Betty Ferland & Greg Coady
Monday	December 30th	Todd Brown, Shirley Arnhold, Kinsey Volk & Justin Wieger
Tuesday	December 31st	Michael (Mic) Gokey
Thursday	January 2nd	Aaron Gruber
Friday	January 3rd	JoAnn Pfannenstiel & Theo Leiker
Saturday	January 4th	Donna Vlcek



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday	December 28th	Bob & Patty Scheck
Sunday	December 29th	Larry & Kathy Wallert, Steve & Lisa Schroeder
Monday	December 30th	Andy & Sarah Hurla
Tuesday	December 31st	Duane & Kim Wieger



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
Feb. 5th 7:15 p.m. Class

Father Michael will be taking his Sabbatical and going to India to visit his family, from

February 11th, 2025 through August 11th, 2025.



Please let me know by **January 7th**, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:

Saturday, February 8th through Sunday, March 2nd, 2025.

You can email me at: smqoa@ruraltel.net.

Thank you!

Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 2025

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 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 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
 Jan. 7th 7:00 p.m. -Parish Council after 6:30 p.m. Mass
 Jan. 8th 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class
 Jan. 12th -CYO Pancake Feed - time TBD
 Jan. 13th 7:00 p.m. -Knights of Columbus Meeting



Sunday Services at Senior Living Groups

Every Sunday afternoon, Russell area churches take turns delivering 20-minute services at:

Wheatland Nursing (2:00 p.m.)
Mainstreet Manor (2:30 p.m.)
Homestead (3:00 p.m.)

The St. Mary Sunday Services Ministry team will be offering the services this **Sunday afternoon, Dec. 29th**, and invite all parishioners to come and join in this time of faith sharing and fellowship.

New Year's Mass Schedule

Tuesday, New Year's Eve - Dec. 31st
-4:00 p.m. in Russell
-5:30 p.m. in Gorham
Wednesday, New Years Day - Jan. 1st
-9:00 a.m. in Russell

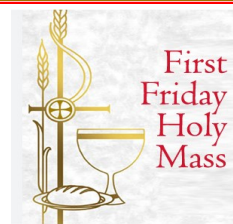


FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Eucharistic Adoration for **First Friday, January 3rd, 2025**, will begin at:

7:30 a.m. - Mass

8:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration and will conclude with Benediction at 5:45 p.m.



RCCW MEETING

The RCCW will hold their regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2nd, 2025, in the Parish Conference Room. All ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

A Sincere Thank You to everyone who helped make the Christmas Season so special - the Musicians, the Ministries, both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the Art and Environment Crew for the beautiful decorating of the Church for Advent and Christmas!



Be on the Look out in next week's Bulletin for information on the upcoming **CYO Pancake Feed** scheduled for **Sunday, Jan. 12**, after the **10 a.m. Mass**.



Congratulations to Fr. Michael on the Anniversary of his **29th Year** of Ordination on **Friday, January 3rd, 2025**.

Thank you for your years of generous service to the people of God.

Dear Parishioners

Thank you so much for the overwhelming signs of love and support, the kind words of encouragement, the gifts, letters and cards that you have showered me with over the past few weeks. I am deeply grateful. May God bless each one of you for your kindness and generosity.

I extend my prayerful wishes for a grace filled New Year in 2025.



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.



A MILLION MEMORARES for HOPE

There are postcards on the small table in the Gathering space (along with information) for everyone to take and fill out as you pray the Memorares. When you have prayed 100 and checked all 10 boxes, then put a stamp on it and send it to the Chancery for Bishop Vincke to pray over your intentions. The Chancery will record how many memorares were said for Hope.



Happy New Year

GOD IS ALL YOU NEED

let spirituality
 be your new years resolution
 may God bless you
 we wish you the happiest of years
 God is all you need to succeed

