

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 5TH, 2025

They...offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11)

"We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar." This popular Christmas carol is appropriate for today's feast of the Epiphany. But were they "three"? Were they "kings"? Matthew only tells us that "magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem" (2:1). He doesn't say how many they were, and he definitely doesn't say anything about them being kings.

The reason we may think they were kings is because of today's first reading, which tells the people of Jerusalem, "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance" (Isaiah 60:3). And we usually think there were three of them because they offered Jesus three gifts - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. So although we don't know their names, how many they were, or their countries of origin, we do know the most important thing: when they found the child Jesus, they "prostrated themselves and...offered him gifts" (Matthew 2:11).

Let's ponder the gifts that we might offer our King today: ***Gold is a precious metal that represents wealth. What is your gold? Maybe it's the time you offer to serve him, or it's your money that you can share with the poor. *Frankincense was a gift of worship. You can offer him the frankincense of the prayers and praises that rise from your heart to the throne of the Lord Almighty. *The myrrh is a perfume that foreshadowed Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The myrrh you can offer are the times you sacrifice yourself to care for your family or those closest to you.**

On this feast day, bring your precious gifts to the Lord. Offer him everything you have. Pour out your life before him and pay him homage. Jesus is pleased with every gift that you have for him.

"Jesus, I want to praise you and offer all I am to you!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
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
Monday, January 6	NO MASS	1 John 3:22-4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, January 7 - 6:30 p.m.	Ed & Martha Schulte	1 John 4:7-10, Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday, January 8 - 6:30 p.m.	Betty Wagner, Ann of D	1 John 4:11-18, Mark 6:45-52
Thursday, January 9 - 7:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Grennan Family	1 John 4:19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22
Friday, January 10 - 7:30 a.m.	Elaine Hilger, Ann of D	1 John 5:5-13, Luke 5:12-16
Saturday, January 11 - 5:30 p.m.	Don Brungardt	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Sunday, January 12 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Gorham Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m.



Contributions Weekend of

December 28th thru December 29th, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,926.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,730.00
Loose Cash	\$ 464.00
Christmas	\$ 130.00
First Offering	\$ 55.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 55.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 4,360.00



Please pray for Kim Shumaker, Aubrey Hayden, (granddaughter of Jeanie Munsch), Millie Dalrymple, Mark Sander, 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 24th thru December 25th, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 500.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,820.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,477.00
Votive	\$ 59.00
Christmas	\$ 3,680.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 150.00
Confirmation	\$ 210.00
Religious Education	\$ 450.00
Flowers	\$ 1,320.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 9,666.00

CEMETERY \$ 100.00



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, January 11th- 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, January 12th -10:00 a.m.
Hospitality	Gerald & Shirley Boxberger	Volunteers
Gifts	John & Rhonda Glassman	Kyle & Ashlyn Farmer
Lectors	Mike McGreevy & Bev Nichols	Linda Schulte & Gail Ogle
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Jim Malone & Melinda Cross Cup: Kelly Reddig, Jeanie Munsch & Deb Strobel	Body: *Marcia Blundon & Margo Ochs Cup: Mark Ptacek, Tammy Ptacek & Yvonne Driscoll
Altar Servers	Adam Hoch, Adison Hoch & Klaudia Shumaker	Teagen Pfeifer, Damon Becker & Haven Becker
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Debbie & Dave Zachman	Debbie & Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, January 5th Madi Wieger/Peyton Sohm/Camry Ney	Sunday, January 12th Annika Nichols & Hayden Creamer
Counters	Sunday, January 5th John Malone & Jim Malone	Sunday, January 12th Marge Schulte & Mary Schulte

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday	January 4th	Donna Vlcek
Tuesday	January 7th	Jim Bowman
Wednesday	January 8th	Dan Bender
Thursday	January 9th	Katy Hertel
Saturday	January 11th	Stellyn Pasek
Sunday	January 12th	Paisley Howell



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday	January 11th	John & Dolly Hoff
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Happy New Year

Sending you the blessings of Christ
on this New Year! May god always
showers you lot of joy and
happiness!!



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.

TUESDAYS WITH THE DIOCESE

Adult Formation

Join adults from the Dioceses of Dodge City and
Salina for adult formation to grow deeper in your
faith!

Attend all three evenings or just one.
Connect via Zoom using your own device.
To sign-up and receive the link, go to:

dcdiocese.org

Dates are:

February 18

March 4

March 25



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
Feb. 12th	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.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Jan. 7th 7:00 p.m. -Parish Council after 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Jan. 8th 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class
- Jan. 12th 11:00 a.m. -CYO Pancake Feed - after Mass
- Jan. 13th 7:00 p.m. -Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Jan. 15th 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - 1st Grade Communion Meeting
with parents/students
- Jan. 22nd 9-10 a.m. -Catholic Charities in Parking Lot
- 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class

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.



From the Heart Podcast: Tune in to our newest episodes of Season 2 of Three Bald Guys! This series features Geoff Andrews, Bill Meagher and Fr. Jarett Konrade, who will talk about evangelization education and more! Be sure to check out the latest episodes! "from the Heart Catholic Podcast" can be found on our diocese website and anywhere you listen to podcasts. Happy listening!



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina! There are three scholarship opportunities available for the 2025-2026 school year. The application process is online and opens on November 1, 2024. Students are encouraged to apply by **March 1, 2025** at givecfds.org/scholarships.

***Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship**-applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships are approximately \$500.

***Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship.** Applicant must be attending an accredited Catholic College as a full-time student and an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships vary but range from \$1000-\$3,000.

***Susie Deges Scholarship.** This scholarship is specifically for high school seniors in the diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). This scholarship is \$1000.



Sunday Services at Senior Living Groups

Thank you to Debbie Zachman, Mary and Marge Schulte, Jeanie Munsch, Joan Weigel, Steve and Luci Knopp, Craig Cline, Jim Malone, Galen Schmidtberger, Vincent Corbett and Jeff Ochampaugh for delivering Sunday Worship Services on December 29th, to the Senior living groups at Wheatland Nursing, Main Street Manor and Homestead Assisted Living.

The 20-minute SMQOA services at each stop typically include a Call to Worship, opening and closing hymns, reading and reflection upon the gospel, and a closing prayer.

Thank you to the parishioners who have shared their talents and time throughout the year to bring Church to our brothers and sisters in these special homes. The residents are grateful, and their fellowship is a blessing for all who participate.

The 2025 schedule will be released soon; all parishioners are invited to participate and come to the services.

CYO Pancake Feed will be on Sunday, Jan. 12, immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass.



Free will donation is appreciated!

RETREAT FOR ELDERS

So you're 80+ and still counting! SO... ?!

Manna House of Prayer in Concordia, KS is offering A Retreat for Elders on Thursday afternoons, January 9, 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 13, 2025, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

So "they" think you're old. Well, let's develop some attitude! Old is what folks might think about us. It's not just about what others think—it's about embracing your own perspective! It's an opportunity to reflect on our journey and embrace our vibrancy, guided by the expertise of our facilitator, **Sr. Marcia Allen**, a Sister of St. Joseph. For more information, email retreatcenter@mannahouse.org or call (785) 243-4428.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES

Education & Screening

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, employees, educators, as well as volunteers who minister with minors are required to complete a background check and safe environment training.

For more information about safe environment compliance requirements, please contact your parish/school safety coordinator or visit www.salinadiocese.org

Reporting & Victim Assistance

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families 800.922.5330
KBI Crime Hotline/800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, use one of the confidential diocesan reporting resources below:
Phone: 866.752.8855

Website: reportandprotect.com
Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior, currently, or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service provides a confidential Hotline: 800.276.1562
Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities as they investigate reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including, but not limited to church personnel.

Any questions in regards to education, reporting, or victim assistance can be directed to the Safe Environment Office
Diocese of Salina
785.827. 8746



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