

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 12TH, 2025

Jesus also had been baptized (Luke 3:21)

If you haven't already done it, it's time to put away those Christmas decorations. Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and it's traditionally considered the end of the Christmas season. That's because, at his baptism, Jesus leaves behind his "hidden years" and launches into public ministry. And he doesn't do it with a stirring speech or an impressive display of power. Instead, he asks his cousin John to baptize him.

But why is this an important event? Because at his baptism, Jesus publicly embraces our human condition. The One who is without sin humbly accepts being "counted among the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12). Of course, in his Incarnation, Jesus became fully man. But in his baptism, he made it clear that he was identifying himself with our full humanity, even our sin.

As Pope Benedict XVI explained in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, "Jesus inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners." By accepting baptism, Jesus accepted his coming death for the sins of all mankind. He anticipated his submission to his Father's will during the agony in the garden, and he pointed us toward his suffering and death on the cross. Just as he would in those more painful moments, Jesus began his ministry by saying yes to his mission as the Savior of the World.

And what a Savior he is! He didn't hold himself aloof from us or save us from a position of power and glory. He emptied and humbled himself and submitted to a baptism he didn't need in order to bring us the salvation we did need. And by doing so, he sanctified the waters of our Baptism. Because of his humility, our sins can be washed away, and we can receive the grace to live as children of God.

So don't just put away your Christmas decorations today. Make sure you celebrate your salvation as well!

"Thank you, Jesus, for embracing my humanity!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
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
Monday, January 13	NO MASS	Hebrews 1:1-6, Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday, January 14 - 6:30 p.m.	Richard Polcyn	Hebrews 2:5-12, Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 15 - 6:30 p.m.	Barb Scheck	Hebrews 2:14-18, Mark 1:29-39
Thursday, January 16 - 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Charlie Steier	Hebrews 3:7-14, Mark 1:40-45
Friday, January 17 - 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Grennan	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11, Mark 2:1-12
Saturday, January 18 - 5:30 p.m.	Leo Herbel, A of D	Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11
Sunday, January 19 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11

Gorham Mass Schedule Sunday 8:00 a.m.		Stewardship of Treasure																	
 Prayer Requests	Please pray for Kim Shumaker, Aubrey Hayden, (granddaughter of Jeanie Munsch), Mark Sander, Millie Dalrymple, 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.	Contributions Weekend of December 31st, 2024 thru January 1st, 2025																	
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If you subscribe to the Living With Christ book, your February copy is on the table in the Gathering Space. Please be sure you pick up the copy with your name on it.		QR Code for Online Giving 																	

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, January 18h- 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, January 19th -10:00 a.m.
Hospitality	Kendyl & Rebecca Mead	Juan & Teresa Martinez Family
Gifts	Sharon Marley & Volunteer	Alex & Kalli Windholz
Lectors	Melinda Cross & Jeanie Munsch	Sarah Hurla & Merlin Ney
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Craig Cline & Jane Cline Cup: Melanie Banks, Dan Bernard & Deb Bernard	Body: *Deanna Myers & Coleen Boxberger Cup: Margo Ochs, Ashlyn Famer & Kyle Farmer
Altar Servers	Ava Cline & Scarlett Schneider	Hayden Creamer, Adalynn Creamer & Bennett Myers
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Rachel Sipe	Cheryl Seirer/Katy Hertel & Tegan Becker
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, January 12th Annika Nichols & Hayden Creamer	Sunday, January 19th Lindsey Cole & Molli Wieger
Counters	Sunday, January 12th Marge Schulte & Mary Schulte	Sunday, January 19th Glen & Marcia Blundon

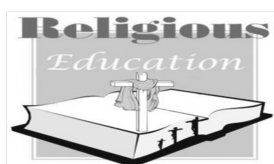
Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday	January 11th	Stellyn Pasek
Sunday	January 12th	Paisley Howell
Monday	January 13th	Karen Keller
Tuesday	January 14th	Ian Trevethan
Wednesday	January 15th	Blayke Pasek
Friday	January 17th	Angie McKenna
Saturday	January 18th	Chrissy Driscoll
Sunday	January 19th	Declan Tomlinson



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday	January 11th	John & Dolly Hoff
Thursday	January 16th	Richard & Rita Krause
Saturday	January 18th	Leon & Stacy Moore



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

Knights of Columbus
monthly meeting
will be on
Monday,
January 13th at
7:00 p.m.



Knights of Columbus Rosary
will be said at 9:40
a.m. before the
10:00 a.m. Mass on
Sunday,
January
19th.



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

Brochures are on the Gathering Space in the back of the Church

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

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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 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
- Jan. 29th 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class
- Feb. 4th 7:00 p.m. -Parish Council Meeting after Mass
- Feb. 5th 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class
- Feb. 6th 6:30 p.m. -RCCW Meeting
- Feb. 7th 7:30 a.m. -Mass
- 8:00 a.m. -Eucharistic Adoration
- 5:45 p.m. -Benediction
- Feb. 10th 7:00 p.m. -Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Feb. 11th -**Father Michael leaves for India**

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

Free will donation is appreciated!



LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/MUSICIANS

Kelly Reddig will be taking group
pictures of **ALL Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers and
Musicians** after the **Saturday**

**AND Sunday Masses, the weekend of January
25th and 26th.**

Please plan to attend **ONE** of the Masses so that you
can be in one of the group pictures for the Church
Directory.

Altar Servers' group picture
will be taken during one of the
CCD class times.



**Thank you to Tim Scheck's
crew for the snow removal
from the parking lot and
rectory.**

**AND Thank you to Dustin
Dreher for removing the snow
from the sidewalks and
walkways.**



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.



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.



SPRING 2025 - Theology of the Church (3 hour college course)

At Sunday Mass, each of us professes I believe in one, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic
Church. "Theology of the Church" explores a people walking together in faith,
dialogue, and mission; a people accompanied by the risen Lord who guides them with
his Spirit and calls them to share the Gospel as they engage the world with humility,
compassion, and solidarity. "Theology of the Church" asks us what it means for us
here and now to believe in the Church and be this people with whom others can find
healing, comfort, and love.

Saturday mornings: 8:15 to 12:00 noon

Class Dates: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Location: This course is offered over Zoom. To be in a Zoom class, you will need a
computer with a microphone and camera.

Cost: 3 hr. college course for credit - \$150.00

3 hr. college course for enrichment - \$75.00

**Brochures to sign up and more information are on the table in the back of the
Church.**