

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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Tammi Buhrle, Nathan Myers, & Deb Strobel

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Jim Malone, & Mark Ptacek

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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 IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 26TH, 2025

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives. (Luke 4:18)

If you could sum up Jesus' mission in just a few words, you might say that he came to *set us free*. That's what he told the townspeople in the Nazareth synagogue as he read from the prophet's scroll: he had been sent "to proclaim liberty to captives" and "to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18; see Isaiah 61:1).

The people listening to Jesus that day might have thought back to the time when their ancestors were released from Babylonian captivity, or perhaps they envisioned one day being freed from Roman oppression. But Jesus had something much greater in mind. He came to set us free from sin and death itself, and from everything that prevents us from living the abundant life he came to give us.

So what would you like to be set free from right now? Perhaps worry has you tied up in knots, casting a shadow over everything you say or do. Maybe it's fear that keeps you awake at night or stops you from taking that next step in following the Lord. You could be feeling discouraged about the state of the world or the state of your family. Or perhaps you're fighting a compulsion that leads you into sin.

We often accept these things as an inevitable part of living as fallen people in a fallen world. But that kind of thinking discounts the power of Jesus' cross and resurrection. He died and rose so that you could be set free from anything that steals your peace and joy!

Today take some time to examine your heart. Is there anything holding you captive? If so, let it go by offering it up to the Lord. Then make an act of faith by telling Jesus that you believe his proclamation to the people of Nazareth. Through his death and resurrection, he really has let the oppressed go free - and that includes every one of us!

"Jesus, thank you for setting me free!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, January 25 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
Sunday, January 26 - 10:00 a.m.	Leo & Hubertina Herbel, A of M	Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
Monday, January 27	NO MASS	Hebrews 10:1-10, Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday, January 28 - 6:30 p.m.	Ruby Nowak	Hebrews 10:1-10, Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday, January 29 - 6:30 p.m.	Matthew Driscoll, Ann of B	Hebrews 10:11-18, Mark 4:1-20
Thursday, January 30 - 7:30 a.m.	Kendall Miner	Hebrews 10:19-25, Mark 4:21-25
Friday, January 31 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Intention Ashley & Matt Sneath	Hebrews 10:32-39, Mark 4:26-32
Saturday, February 1 - 5:30 p.m.	Carl & Emma Munsch	Malachi, 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40
Sunday, February 2 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Malachi, 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

Gorham Mass Schedule Sunday 8:00 a.m.



Please pray for Cecilia Budke, Joan Weigel, Kim Shumaker, Aubrey Hayden, (granddaughter of Jeanie Munsch), Millie Dalrymple, Gary Flax, Marty Becker, 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 January 18th, 2025 thru January 19th, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,149.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 837.00
Loose Cash	\$ 202.51
Votive	\$ 161.00
Fr. Charlie Memorial	\$ 25.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 3,374.51



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, February 1st - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, February 2nd - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality	Rita Clenney & Wyatt Middleton	Roger & Tana Sells, Mary Vonlinter
Gifts	Jim & Barb Bowman	Jamie & Tori Tomlinson Family
Lectors	Jeff Ochampaugh & Terri Middleton	John Malone & Natalie Beagley
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Anne Coady Cup: Sandy Ochampaugh, Jeanie Munsch & Deb Strobel	Body: *Bonita Ney & Merlin Ney Cup: Todd Buhrle, Tammi Buhrle & Margo Ochs
Altar Servers	Walker Middleton, Madeleine Middleton & Fiona Dreiling	Karsyn Hamlin, Kooper Hamlin & Colton Mullender
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Craig Cline & Jim Malone	Curtis Sander/Rachel Sipe
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, January 26th Gracelynn Dinkel & Gracie McDonald	Sunday, February 2nd Peyton Sohm & Reese Owens
Counters	Sunday, January 26th Gordon & Denise Dolechek	Sunday, February 2nd Steve & Luci Knopp

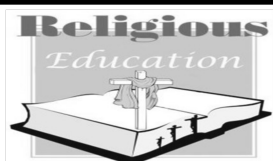
Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday	January 25th	Alan Vonfeldt & Braigan Dinkel
Sunday	January 26th	Margo Ochs
Monday	January 27th	Leonard Hoch & Joyce Ellis
Wednesday	January 29th	Hannah Ludwig & Eloise Mai
Thursday	January 30th	Aaron Olson
Saturday	February 1st	Mary Katherine Hertel & Alexandra Mai



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday	February 1st	Cody & Rebecca Rogge
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Jan. 29th 7:15 p.m. Class
Feb. 5th 7:15 p.m. Class
Feb. 12th 7:15 p.m. Class
Feb. 19th 7:15 p.m. Class
Feb. 26th NO CLASS -ATTEND MISSION
March 5th NO CLASS-ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS - Students Attend

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

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



For those of you who subscribe to *Living with Christ*, the renewal date is fast approaching.

Let the office know if you would like to continue to receive your copy. If anyone would like to start receiving a subscription, let the office know.

The annual subscription price of **\$17.95** has not changed from last year.

To renew your subscription, or start a new one, call the Parish office at 785-483-2781 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You can leave a voicemail after hours, email:

smqoa@ruraltel.net, or stop by the office.

Please send your payment to the Parish Office as soon as possible. You can also drop it in the collection basket (Mark it as Living with Christ subscription).

REMINDER

We are getting quite a collection of dishes in the kitchen. If you brought a dish to a funeral dinner or other event and you are missing your favorite cake pan or casserole dish, check the collection in the kitchen, **it might just be there.**



Please let me know as soon as possible the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:

Wednesday, ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5th through Sunday, March 30th.

You can email me at:

smqoa@ruraltel.net.

Thank you!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Jan. 29th	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class following Mass
Feb. 1-2		-Blessing of Throats ALL Masses
Feb. 4th	7:00 p.m.	-Parish Council Meeting after Mass
Feb. 5th	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class following Mass
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
Feb. 12th	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class following Mass
Feb. 19th	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class following Mass
Feb. 22-26		-Parish Mission

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

Our Parish Finance Council recently met and discussed improvements to the Church parking lot. Plans are to acquire bids to concrete the parking lot. We will also remove the two ramps in the front of Church and make it handicap accessible from the existing sidewalk area. We will be obtaining bids for improvements to the outside front doors. We are looking at replacing the current doors with ones made of metal and glass. The center set of doors are warped and cannot be locked. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter, please contact **Fr. Michael** or a member of the Finance Council.

I appreciate your input and donations to complete these projects.
Fr. Michael

Anyone wishing to dispose of their old Palms are asked to bring them to the Church gathering space.

Please remove all tape, staples and rubber bands.

There is a container under the corner table where they can be placed.



ST. BLAISE

- ◆ Feast Day - February 3rd
- ◆ Bishop and martyr
- ◆ St. Blasé had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest

◆ A legend says that he cured a boy who had a bone stuck in his throat

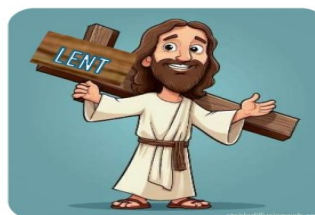
◆ Patron of protection of the throat

At the Masses next weekend, February 1st and 2nd, there will be the BLESSING OF THROATS.



A group picture of the Altar Servers will be taken on Wednesday evening, January 29th, during CCD.

Please try to attend and dress appropriately.



If you would like to be a leader for one of the 2025 Lenten Small Group Discussion sessions, please let the office know. You can set the day of the week, time, and location that works best for you! This year's curriculum has been chosen and will be exceptional. Gather your friends, make new friends, enjoy food and beverage, let's make this Lenten season the best yet!

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to build up the wounded. I ask you to bring them back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your Holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come home. Behold, O Good Shepherd, you have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



SCHOLARSHIP 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.

Soup Luncheon

Provided by Daughters of Isabella

Sunday, February 2nd

Senior Center, Gorham, KS
10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Eat in or take out

HOMEMADE SOUPS
CHILI
GREEN BEAN & DUMPLING
CHICKEN & NOODLE
HOMEMADE BREAD, PRES. AND DESSERTS

\$8 - per person
5 and under Free
\$15.00 - quart

All Welcome

DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY AND CHECK OUT THE COUNTRY STORE