

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 23RD, 2025

I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. (Luke 13:8-9)

In today's Gospel, Jesus concludes his call to repentance with a parable about a barren fig tree. The owner of the tree, after three years without any fruit, decides to cut it down. The gardener intervenes, however: "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down" (Luke 13:8-9). The crowd listening to this parable likely recalled that Israel was called "the vineyard of the Lord," which "yields its fruit in season" (Isaiah 5:7; Psalm 1:3). They knew God was looking for his people to bear fruit in good deeds, but Jesus reminded them that God was also willing to show patience to sinners. In his mercy, he would "cultivate" and "nourish" them while he delayed their day of reckoning.

We all know that God is patient, but we don't know when our day of reckoning will come. Look what happened to the Galilean Jews that Pilate killed (Luke 13:1-3). The people who heard of this tragedy asked Jesus what these victims had done to deserve such a fate. Were they being punished for their sin? Jesus refutes this logic and reminds his listeners that they were no greater sinners than anyone else. Instead, he warns, this tragedy should urge us *all* to repent.

God calls us not only to repent, but to "produce good fruits as evidence of (our) repentance" as well (Luke 3:8). This fruitfulness lies at the heart of Lent: *Repent and be faithful to the gospel*. The good news is that we are not left to bear fruit on our own. Jesus, our faithful Gardener, is here to help us face the areas of our lives that need repentance. He will tend the soil of our hearts, prune the branches that lead us to sin, and pour out his grace to help us grow.

"Thank you, Lord, for helping me to repent of my sins and bear fruit!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, March 22 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9
Sunday, March 23- 10:00 a.m.	Sheila Donovan & Tyler Donovan	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9
Monday, March 24	NO MASS	2 Kings 5:1-15ab, Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 25 - 6:30 p.m.	Kendall Miner	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10, Hebrews 10:4-10, Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday, March 26- 6:30 p.m.	Joann Malone, Ann of D	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9, Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, March 27- 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Bruce Miller	Jeremiah 7:23-28, Luke 11:14-23
Friday, March 28 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Int Maria Waldroup, B	Hosea 14:2-10, Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, March 29 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday, March 30 - 10:00 a.m.	Edie Siemers	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Gorham Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Aimee Gfeller, Tyler Maxwell, Baby Farmer, Helga Ziegler, Elmer Hoff, Cecilia Budke, Gary Flax, Aubrey Hayden, 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 March 15th 2025 thru March 16th, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,180.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 6,180.00
Loose Cash	\$ 456.00
Votive	\$ 131.01
Ash Wednesday	\$ 50.00
Edie Siemers Memorial	\$ 25.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 9,022.01

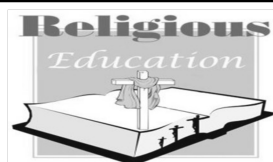


Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, March 29th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, March 30th -10:00 a.m.
Hospitality	Mark & Tammy Ptacek	Kevin & Joan Rourke
Gifts	Matt & Beverly Nichols	Luke & Karen Keller Family
Lectors	Terri Middleton & Nick Coady	Janna Norin & Gail Ogle
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Jim Malone & Jamie Malone Cup: Anne Coady, Jeanie Munsch & Cindy Balthazor	Body: *Coleen Boxberger & Marcia Blundon Cup: Melanie Banks, John Farmer & Michelle Farmer
Altar Servers	Noell Olson, Walker Middleton & Scarlett Schneider	Karsyn Hamlin, Kooper Hamlin & Colton Mullender
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Bonita Ney & Coleen Boxberger	Debbie Zachman & Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, March 23rd Lindsey Cole & Reese Owens	Sunday, March 30th Madi Wieger & Camry Ney
Counters	Sunday, March 23rd Jim Malone & John Malone	Sunday, March 30th Marge Schulte & Mary Schulte

Birthday Wishes to:

Sunday March 23rd Shirley Boxberger & Ron Ptacek
 Monday March 24th Melissa Dauber, Rowan Driscoll, Jim Malone, John Malone & Janna Norin
 Tuesday March 25th Herbie Shumaker, III & Sierra Stroede
 Wednesday March 26th Tasha Jones
 Friday March 28th Michelle Farmer & Merle Ney
 Saturday March 29th Adam Jones, Nathan Mosier & Tammy Ptacek
 Sunday March 30th Tana Sells



March 26 7:15 p.m. -Class
April 2 7:15 p.m. -Class
April 9 7:15 p.m. -Class
April 16 7:15 p.m. -Class
April 23 7:15 p.m. -Last Class
April 27 10:00 a.m. -First Communion



Lenten Luncheons 2025

Wednesday, March 26 - Noon - Trinity United Church
Love of Enemies (6:27-36)
 Wednesday, April 2 - Noon - St. John Lutheran Church
 Wednesday, April 9 - Noon - United Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Milberger)
 Wednesday, April 16 - Noon - First Congregational Church

Stations of the Cross
 Fridays during Lent - 5:30



Penance Service for ALL Parishioners will be on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:15 p.m. following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. There will be several Priests here.

New Ministry Schedules are in the box on the table in the Gathering Space, some were mailed out. They are also available on our website.

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

Saturday, May 3rd through Sunday, June 1st

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

Thank you!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 26 9-10 a.m. -Catholic Charities in Church Parking Lot
12-1 p.m. - Lenten Luncheon at Trinity United Church
7:15 p.m. -CCD Classes
-Penance Service
- April 1 7:00 p.m. -Parish Council Meeting after Mass
- April 2 12-1 p.m. -Lenten Luncheon at St. John Lutheran Church
7:15 p.m. -CCD Classes
- April 3 6:30 p.m. -RCCW Meeting
- April 4 7:30 a.m. -Mass
8:00 a.m. -Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 p.m. -Benediction
5:30 p.m. -Stations of the Cross

The Rosary will be prayed at "weekday" Masses 20 minutes before Mass during Lent.

We are needing rosary leaders for Thursday and Friday mornings at 7:10 a.m. through Lent.



thank you

To St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church
We want to say a special Thank You for opening your facility for Darcy Hubka Vopat funeral. It was very much appreciated.
God Bless!

Dustin, Bailey, Sydney, Lynley, Ron & Ginny

2025 Lenten Cross
Ministry of Knights
Council 3034



Lif High the Cross
A Faith Raising Project

Sign-up Deadline March 30th

Crosses Up Saturday April 5th

Easter Sunday April 20th

Crosses Down April 26th

SignUp forms have been mailed to past participants.

NEW SignUp forms can be found in the gathering space or on the Knights web page.



server
Spotlight

Peyton Sohm



Parents:

Dustin & Tiffany Dreher,
Jeremy Sohm

Year in school: Freshman

Number of years serving: 4

Other than God and Father Michael, who is the coolest person you know and what makes them so cool?

My brother, because he has a funny personality.

Favorite thing to do on a snow day?

Summer weights and softball.

If you were allowed to eat one item anytime you wanted, what would you choose?

Watermelon and cantaloupe.



Our prayers and sympathy to Deb and Duke Strobel, family and friends of Kathleen Miller (Deb's aunt), who died on March 15th, 2025.

St. Mary Queen of Angels has seven scholarships available to high school Seniors who are members of St. Mary Queen of Angels or St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in Gorham.



We want to share these scholarship opportunities with you and invite you to apply. The application process is completed online with additional information submitted to the Scholarship Committee.

The Seven Scholarships are:

*St. Mary Queen of Angels Scholarship (joint scholarship with RCCW and K of C).

*Russell Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

*Knights of Columbus Scholarship

*Barbara Scheck Memorial Scholarship

*Clara "Connie" Tuzicka Memorial Scholarship

*Floyd Tuzicka Memorial Scholarship

*Fred Weigel, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

To apply for these scholarships, go to the St. Mary Queen of Angels website: <https://stmaryrussell.com> and scroll to "Parish Headlines." Look for the **SMQOA Scholarships** headline and click for more information. The website provides the criteria for all scholarships.

Seniors received letters in the mail regarding this information.

Next week our Parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.uscbb.org/catholic-relief.

