

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - APRIL 6TH, 2025

Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead. (Philippians 3:13)

St. Paul's description of his life in Christ can sound like a burdensome set of rules: accept the loss of all things; share in Jesus' sufferings; forget what lies behind; strain toward God's upward calling.

But Paul was *happy* to do all of this. Why? Because he had been changed. He had encountered Jesus, experienced his mercy, and was convinced that his new life was infinitely better! The imprint of Paul's experience of conversion on the road to Damascus, and every choice he made to follow Jesus thereafter, transformed his perspective. The entire direction of his life was different.

You can imagine something similar happening in the heart of the woman caught in adultery in today's Gospel reading. Her sin was laid bare before Jesus, and she was about to be killed by an angry mob. But she received God's unexpected and surprising mercy as Jesus dispersed the crowd and said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:11). Surely, empowered by Jesus' words, she gladly accepted the loss of her old way of life, just as Paul had. She was happy to forget the emptiness of what lay behind her and, by God's grace, to strain toward his upward calling of a life free from her past sins.

How have you encountered Jesus? You might have decided to give your life completely to him at a pivotal point. You might have brought a burdensome sin to Confession and been convinced of God's forgiveness and love. Maybe you're longing for an even deeper encounter right now!

These experiences can change your heart and shape your perspective. They make losing your life for Jesus - even when it involves difficulty - completely worth it! You, like Paul, can hold onto the "supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus (your) Lord" (Philippians 3:8).

"Jesus, I will follow you!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, April 5 - 5:30 p.m.	Ruby Nowak, Ann of D	Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippian 3:8-14, John 8:1-11
Sunday, April 6 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippian 3:8-14, John 8:1-11
Monday, April 7	NO MASS	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, John 8:12-20
Tuesday, April 8 - 6:30 p.m.	Paul & Betty Wagner, Ann of M	Numbers 21:4-9, John 8:21-30
Wednesday, April 9 - 6:30 p.m.	Candi Wagner	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, John 8:31-42
Thursday, April 10 - 7:30 a.m.	Charlie Munsch, Ann of B	Genesis 17:3-9, John 8:51-59
Friday, April 11 - 7:30 a.m.	Father Grennan	Jeremiah 20:10-13, John 10:31-42
Saturday, April 12 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Steve & Luci Knopp	Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56
Sunday, April 13 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

Gorham Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Marilyn Karst, Aimee Gfeller, Baby Farmer, Helga Ziegler, 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 29th 2025 thru March 30th, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,326.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 760.00
Loose Cash	\$ 659.00
Votive	\$ 267.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,725.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,020.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 5,757.00



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, April 12th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, April 13th - 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	James & Donna Vlcek	Aaron & Linda Cole Family
Lectors	Jeff Ochampaugh & Jim Malone	Merline Ney & Dave Zachman
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Jeanie Munsch Cup: Sandy Ochampaugh, Chris Roth & Melanie Banks	Body: *John Farmer & Michelle Farmer Cup: Rich Krause, Tammy Krause & Marcia Blundon
Altar Servers	Cooper Ney, Camry Ney & Fiona Dreiling	Teagen Pfeifer, Hayden Creamer & Adalyn Creamer
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Cheryl Seirer/Kinsey Volk & Coleen Boxberger	Cheryl Seirer/Holly Creamer
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, April 6th Hayden Creamer	Sunday, April 13th Annika Nichols and Molli Wieger
Counters	Sunday, April 6th Glen & Marcia Blundon	Sunday, April 13th Gordon & Denise Dolechek

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday	April 5th	Nyliah Dinkel
Sunday	April 6th	Doug Banks, Herbie Shumaker II & Levi Ludwig
Monday	April 7th	Tegan Becker & Donald Rizzo
Tuesday	April 8th	Deb Bernard, Jamie Malone, John Ogle & Carol McAdoo
Wednesday	April 9th	JoAnn Bender, Karsyn Hamlin, Will Homeier, Mike Lohrmeyer & Kim Wieger
Thursday	April 10th	Fr Michael Elanjimattathil
Friday	April 11th	Joe Roth, Beverly Nichols & Rhonda Glassman
Saturday	April 12th	John Hertel



Anniversary Wishes to:

Thursday	April 10th	Don & Linda Rizzo
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Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent - 5:30 p.m.



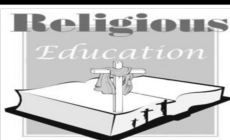
Lenten Luncheons 2025

Wednesday, April 9 - Noon - United Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Milberger)

Theme: On Integrity (43-45)

Wednesday, April 16 - Noon - First Congregational Church

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
May 4	10:00 a.m. -Senior Recognition



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



**NEW
SCHEDULE**

Please note that the time change for **Good Friday Mass** in Russell is at **7:00 p.m.** instead of 6:30 p.m. All other times remain the same.

**The Knights of Columbus
will hold their monthly meet-
ing on Monday, April 7th at
7:00 p.m.**



The Basilica of St Fidelis in Victoria, KS is honored to be the permanent home of a first class relic of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. Padre Pio was a Capuchin priest who was born in 1887. In September of 1918, he received the stigmata, the five wounds of Christ. He had these wounds until his death in September of 1968. The relic is a piece of the bandage from his side wound. Bishop Vincke will install the relic at the

6 PM Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Everyone is invited to share in this joyous ceremony!



Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.
#iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- April 7 7:00 p.m. -Knights of Columbus Meeting
 April 9 12-1 p.m. -Lenten Luncheon at United Emmanuel Church
 7:15 p.m. -CCD Classes - 1st Communion Penance Practice
 April 10 11:30 a.m. -Chism Mass in Salina
 April 13 10:00 a.m. -Palm Sunday Mass
 April 16 12-1 p.m. -Lenten Luncheon at First Congregational Church
 7:15 p.m. -CCD Classes - Stations of The Cross
April 17-Holy Thursday
 5:30 p.m. -Mass of the Lord's Supper - Gorham
 7:30 p.m. -Mass of the Lord's Supper - Russell
 9-10 p.m. -Washing of the Feet, Rice Bowl Collection
 10:00 p.m. -Night Prayer
April 18 -Good Friday
 2:15 p.m. -Stations of The Cross followed by Scriptural Rosary - Russell
 3:00 p.m. -Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Russell
 5:00 p.m. -Celebration of the Passion - Gorham
7:00 p.m. -Celebration of the Passion - Russell
 -Veneration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion, Holy Land Collection
April 19-Holy Saturday
 8:30 p.m. -Solemn Vigil of Easter
April 20-Easter Sunday
 8:00 a.m. -Mass in Gorham
 10:00 a.m. -Mass in Russell



We would like to welcome Bernard Noll as a new member to our Parish Community. Bernard will be a great addition to St. Mary Queen of Angels.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
of SALINA

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



7-2024

CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2025 Confirmation class as they were confirmed on Saturday, March 22nd.

Norah Dreiling
 Walker Middleton
 Annika Nichols
 Ian Strobel
 Madison Wieger



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Spotlight

Brooklyn Sohm



Parents:

Dustin & Tiffany Dreher,
 Jeremy Sohm

Year in school: 6th grade

Number of years serving: 4

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

My mother, because she spends time with me and takes me shopping.

Favorite thing to do during summer break?
Softball.

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

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A lovely custom at St. Mary Queen of Angels is to provide flowers in memory of a loved one or as a family gift for decorating the Church at Easter. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for the flowers, please complete this form and return it with your donation to the Parish office on or before Monday, April 7th. You may also drop your donation in the collection basket.

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



CHILDCARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Russell County
we want to hear from YOU!

Quality childcare plays a pivotal role in the quality of life and economic health of a community. We value your input in helping us better determine childcare needs in Russell County through an online survey.

We want to hear from:

- Parents with young children in care
- Current & Potential Childcare Providers
- Businesses
- Anyone wanting to work on childcare issues in Russell County!

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
THE RIGHT TO ACCESS
THE ONLINE SURVEY.**



Survey is open from March 25 to April 25!