

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - APRIL 27TH, 2025

Do not be afraid. (Revelation 1:17)

Anyone would have been afraid! Most Jews believed that if they saw the glory of God face-to-face, they would die. This explains why St. John, who wrote the Book of Revelation, collapsed to the ground when he was brought into the presence of the “one like a son of man” (Revelation 1:13). Even John, who had walked with Jesus, witnessed his transfiguration, laid his head on Jesus’ breast, and watched as he ascended to heaven, was overwhelmed!

Jesus’ response to John is perfect for today’s celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday: “Do not be afraid” (Revelation 1:17). He didn’t tell John that there was *no reason* to fear; he touched him, offered a word of encouragement, and raised him up. That expression of love and intimacy overcame John’s fears and enabled him to stand before his glorious Lord. That’s what mercy is all about! It’s the perfect love of God, which “drives out fear” (1 John 4:18).

This is the same mercy Jesus showed to Thomas in today’s Gospel. Thomas doubted the resurrection because he hadn’t seen it with his own eyes. But Jesus came and invited Thomas to touch his wounds and “believe” (John 20:27). Like John, Thomas experienced a mercy that saw his unworthiness and still drew him close.

We can experience that mercy, too. Jesus knows that in the light of his glory, we are all frail and flawed. He knows that in the light of his truth, we often doubt and distrust. He knows we are not worthy to come to him on our own merits. Yet in his power and holiness and glory, he is patient with us. As he did for Thomas, he sees our weakness and shores up our faith. As he did for John, he calms our fearful hearts and assures us of his love.

So don’t be afraid to come to Jesus today. Don’t be afraid to let him see you as you truly are. Come and hear him say, “Do not be afraid.”

“Jesus, thank you for the depths of your mercy!”

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, April 26 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Acts 5:12-16, Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 27- 10:00 a.m.	Dolores Mermis, Ann of B	Acts 5:12-16, Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, John 20:19-31
Monday, April 28	NO MASS	Acts 4:23-31, John 3:1-8
Tuesday, April 29 - 6:30 p.m.	Fr. Bruce Miller	Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 30 - 6:30 p.m.	Kendall Miner	Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21
Thursday, May 1 - 7:30 a.m.	Peggy Brungardt	Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36
Friday, May 2 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Intention Henry Hilger	Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15
Saturday, May 3 - 5:30 p.m.	Roselin Pfeifer	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19
Sunday, May 4 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Gorham Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.



Please pray for Kathy Wallert, Micky Teel, Aimee Gfeller, Baby Farmer, Helga Ziegler, 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 April 17th 2025, April 19th thru April 20th, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,628.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 650.00
Loose Cash	\$ 937.00
Votive	\$ 116.00
Holy Land	\$ 1,757.00
Rice Bowls	\$ 724.50
Easter Flowers	\$ 825.00
In/Out Income	\$ 25.00
Online Giving (3 weeks)	\$ 3,255.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$10,917.50
CEMETERY	\$ 125.00



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, May 3rd - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, April May 4th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Florence Klein & Michelle Klein	Offering: Aubrey Birney & Taylor Birney/ Gifts: Basket: Teagen Pfeifer, Bread: Lindsey Cole, Wine: Abby Strobel Volunteers to hand out Bulletins
Lectors	Beverly Nichols & Susan Orender	Madison Sohm & Jaden Ney
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Keith Haberer & Jane Cline Cup: Maureen Haberer, Craig Cline & Melanie Banks	Body: *Coleen Boxberger & Deb Strobel Cup: Sherry Homeier, Yvonne Driscoll & Deanna Myers
Altar Servers	Ava Cline, Fiona Dreiling & Sonya Orender	Bennett Myers, Adalyn Creamer & Hayden Creamer
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Marilyn Munk	Cheryl Seirer/Rachel Sipe
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, April 27th First Communion - NO CLASS	Sunday, May 4th Gracelynn Dinkel & Gracie McDonald
Counters	Sunday, April 27th Gordon & Denise Dolechek	Sunday, May 4th Glen & Marcia Blundon

Birthday Wishes to:

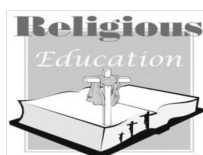
Sunday, April 27th	Leslie Hoffman & Mary VonLintel
Monday, April 28th	Gordon Dolechek & Dustin Dreher
Tuesday, April 29th	Richard Krause Jr. & Terri Middleton
Thursday, May 1st	Gary Vonfeldt & Sandra Benavente
Friday, May 2nd	Kevin Dolechek
Saturday, May 3rd	Anne Coady, Stephanie Brown, Valeria Martinez & Larry Wallert
Sunday, May 4th	Madison Wieger



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday, April 26th	Casey & Amanda Seirer
Sunday, April 27th	John III & Dianne Farmer
Monday, April 28th	Lance & Mary Pat Waymaster
Tuesday, April 29th	Shawn & Hannah Ludwig
Saturday, May 3rd	Leonard & Ramona Hoch

April 30 7:15 p.m. - Last Class
May 4 10:00 a.m. - Senior Recognition
after Mass



STUDENTS, TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES

Wednesday, April 30th is the last class till fall. All **Students** grades **1st thru 12th, teachers and all substitutes** are invited to enjoy PIZZA, Girl Scout cookies, ice cream and drinks.
 See you **April 30th at 7:15 p.m.**
 Bonita Ney

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.

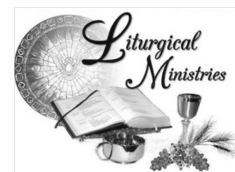
Please let me know by May 7, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:

Saturday, June 7th through Sunday, July 6th.

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

Thank you!

Thank you!



★ Adoration Under the Stars ★

May 2 8:00-9:30PM TMP GROTTO

FHSU Catholic Tigers will be hosting

a night of Adoration, praise & worship music,
 & Confession under the stars

There will be a dance in the TMP Fieldhouse to follow

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us

RCCW MEETING

The RCCW will hold their regular monthly meeting at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 1st, in the Parish Conference Room. All ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend.**

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- April 26 9-12 p.m. -First Communion Retreat and First Confession
- April 27 10:00 a.m. -**First Communion**
- May 1 6:30 p.m. -RCCW Meeting in Parish Meeting
- May 2 7:30 a.m. -First Friday Mass
- 8:00 a.m. -Adoration
- 5:45 p.m. -Benediction
- May 4 10:00 a.m. -**Senior Recognition Mass** - Reception following
- May 7 2:00 p.m. -OPC - Meeting with Bishop Vincke
- Conference Room
- May 12 7:00 p.m. -Knights of Columbus Meeting
- May 18 9:40 a.m. -Knights of Columbus Rosary before Mass



Thank you to Debbie & Dave Zachman, Jeanie Munsch, and Jeff Ochampaugh for delivering Sunday Worship Services on Easter Sunday to the senior living groups at Wheatland Nursing, Main Street Manor, and Homestead Assisted living. SMQOA will deliver services next on Sunday, June 1, all parishioners are invited to come.

Our prayers and sympathy to Bernice Wiewel, family and friends of Leroy Stegman (Bernice's brother), who died on April 16, 2025



Congratulations to Doug and Kelsi Ptacek whose son, Doug Ignatius, was welcomed into our Family of God and Community of Faith through Baptism on April 20th.

We would like to welcome Valerie Yarmer as a new member to our Parish Community. She is a great addition to St. Mary Queen of Angels.



We would like to welcome Wilfred (Will) Ruder, Jr. as a new member to our Parish Community. He will be a great addition to St. Mary Queen of Angels.

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 14th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign from Mothers Day weekend, May 10-11th to Father's Day weekend, June 14-15th. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies.

Your contributions support: Pregnancy Services that Include Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance. Several other options are also available to participate:

Mail a check to: Catholic Charities, C/O Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402-1366.

If you prefer, you can donate via Venmo by scanning the QR code below or visiting our venmo account

@catholiccharitiesofnk. Please be sure to include "Baby Bottle 25" in the description of your transaction. You can also give online: ccnks.org/babybottle.



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FIRST FRIDAY MASS



Eucharistic Adoration for **First Friday, May 2nd**, will begin at:

7:30 a.m. - Mass

8:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

5:45 p.m. - Benediction



A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Marge Schulte, Beverly Nichols and their many helpers during Lent and Holy Week. The amount of hours you spent on planning are very appreciated.

Also a BIG THANK YOU for the ladies who decorated the Church and Parish Hall. The decorations are always beautiful.

Senior Recognition and Scholarship Presentation

RCCW and the Knights of Columbus welcome all parishioners to attend the Senior Recognition and Scholarship presentation in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 4th immediately following Mass.

Seniors:

Zachary Axtell

Aubrey Birney

Taylor Birney

Clayton Blundon

Lindsey Cole

Brock Homeier

Clayton Jacobs

Jaden Ney

Annika Nichols

Teagen Pfeifer

Madison Sohm

Abby Strobel

Parents:

Scott & Tracy Axtell

Kelsi Weigel

Kelsi Weigel

Gary Blundon & Mandy Blundon

Aaron & Linda Cole

Brent & Kristie Homeier

Brandon & Jacque Jacobs

Jason & Nicale Ney

Marc & Jessica Nichols

Jason & Beth Pfeifer

Curtis & Charlene Sohm

J.W. & Trisha Strobel



TIME FOR
SOMETHING
NEW!

We are combining the responsibility of Greeters and Ushers/Gift Bearers! If you are scheduled to greet, you will also be the ushers/gift bearers and handing out bulletins. Thank you in advance for your acceptance of this change.



And so is VBS (vacation bible school) this summer at
SMQoA!!!!

That's right, summer 2025 will be the best yet. Fun, games,
and a whole lot of Jesus is planned for your kids this summer
(1st Grade-5th Grade). To make this happen we are looking for
volunteers, 7th grade-adults. We aren't ready to divulge the
theme, but we need assistance building a life-size tree in the
Parish Hall! We also need individuals to organize craft
packets, snack packs, teachers and teacher helpers,
etc...we need it all! Please help make this VBS the best-ever,
and volunteer. Please email your desire to help to

SMQOARE@ruraltel.net

