

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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Judy Larson—Secretary
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Bonita Ney—Religious Education Coordinator
Bruce Heier —Custodian
Curtis Sander--Music Coordinator

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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD - JUNE 1ST, 2025

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

Today we celebrate the Ascension, the day when Jesus left his disciples and returned to his Father in heaven. Jesus had just promised them a share in his own power, which would equip them to be his witnesses, but now he was gone (Acts 1:8). How could they-alone and unsure-bring his message to the ends of the earth? By the power of the Holy Spirit! When Jesus walked the earth, he could only be in one place at a time. But now that he was ascending to heaven, he could send the Spirit to all his disciples and work through them.

Jesus always keeps his promises, and in just a few days, the Spirit did come. The frightened men who had abandoned Jesus at his death were now boldly proclaiming that he was alive. On the day of Pentecost alone, those same disciples touched more than three thousand people - and that set off a mighty chain reaction! Day by day and in the centuries that followed, countless disciples have spread the gospel to every corner of the earth.

Jesus' promise of power wasn't just for the apostles or the early Christians. It is for all people in every age. *You* are part of this glorious band of witnesses! Through you, Jesus can bring the good news of his kingdom to people everywhere. The same Spirit who came upon the disciples lives in you, empowering you to bring hope to the men and women around you. The darkness of fear and discouragement can be illuminated by your joyful witness. In homes and workplaces, in parishes and neighborhoods, Jesus can open hearts - through you!

So don't be afraid to share God's love. Jesus, the ascended Lord, has given you the same power that raised him from the dead. And he wants you to give it to everyone you meet.

"Holy Spirit, help me to witness to Jesus today."

The Word Among

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, May 31- 5:30 p.m.	Paul & Ima Stoppel Ann.	Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53
Sunday, June 1 - 10:00 a.m.	Elmer Mermis, Ann of B	Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53
Monday, June 2	NO MASS	Acts 19:1-8, John 16:29-33
Tuesday, June 3 - 6:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Keith & Maureen Haberer	Acts 20:17-27, John 17:1-11a
Wednesday, June 4 - 6:30 p.m.	Candi Wagner	Acts 20:28-38, John 17:11b-19
Thursday, June 5 - 7:30 a.m.	Sheila & Tyler Donovan	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, John 17:20-26
Friday, June 6 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Intention Craig Farmer	Acts 25:13b-21, John 21:15-19
Saturday, June 7 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Steve & Luci Knopp	Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23
Sunday, June 8 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Gorham Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Marilyn Munk, Bryan Heier, Doc Reddig, Halle Farmer, Lane Mai, Micky Teel, Aimee Gfeller, Gary Flax, Dan Branham, Aubrey Hayden 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 May 24th thru May 25th, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,138.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 975.00
Loose Cash	\$ 572.00
Votive	\$ 72.00
K of C for Music Dept	\$ 1,500.00
Russell Co Area Comm. Foundation	\$ 476.49

TOTAL DEPOSIT **\$ 5,733.49**

CEMETERY **\$ 100.00**



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, June 7th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, June 8th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Eric & Erica Cline Family	Jim & Michelle Morgenstern Family
Lectors	Terri Middleton & Mike McGreevy	Andy Hurla & Sarah Hurla
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Jamie Malone Cup: Jim Malone, Deb Strobel & Cindy Balthazor	Body: *John Farmer & Michelle Farmer Cup: Dan Bernard, Deb Bernard & Sherry Homeier
Altar Servers	Madeleine Middleton, Walker Middleton & Fiona Dreiling	Reese Owens, Joey Hurla & Jamie Hurla
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Debbie & Dave Zachman	Debbie & Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers	NO CLASSES - Summer Break	Summer Break
Counters	Sunday, June 1st Glen & Marcia Blundon	Sunday, June 8th Steve & Luci Knopp

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, May 31st	Lance Walker
Sunday, June 1st	Jeanine Heier
Monday, June 2nd	Connor Ode
Tuesday, June 3rd	Alex Windholz & Brynnleigh Howell
Wednesday, June 4th	Michelle Banks & Roger Sells
Friday, June 6th	Scarlett Schneider, Steve Schroeder, Henry Wickham & Charlie White
Saturday, June 7th	Susan Orender



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday, May 31st	Norman & Barbara Anschutz, Todd & Tammi Buhrle, Luke & Karen Keller
Monday, June 2nd	Matt & Beverly Nichols
Friday, June 6th	Dave & Natalie Beagley
Saturday, June 7th	Dan & Deb Bernard
Sunday, June 8th	Ron & Virginia Ptacek

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



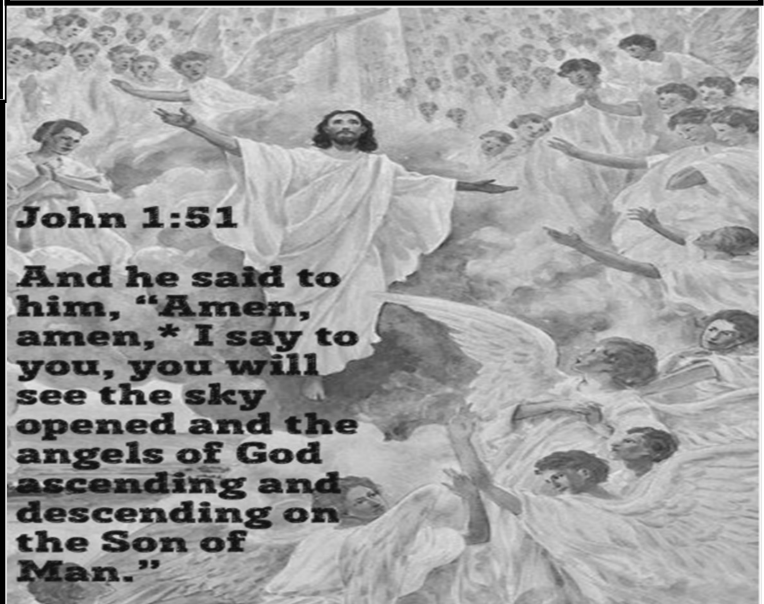
Please let me know by June 4th, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:

Saturday, July 12th through Sunday, August 17th.

You can email me at: smqoa@ruraltel.net. Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room following Mass.



John 1:51

And he said to him, "Amen, amen,* I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

PARKING AREA



The South side and the back of the Church parking area by the kitchen is now open.

You may park in the back and come through the kitchen door while the North side of the parking lot is under construction during the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 1	10:00 a.m.	-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Mass
	2:00 p.m.	-Sunday Services at Nursing Homes
June 2-6	9 a.m.-Noon	-Vacation Bible School
June 3	7:00 p.m.	-Parish Council Mtg following Mass
June 6	7:30 a.m.	-First Friday Mass
	8:00 a.m.	-Adoration
	5:45 p.m.	-Benediction
June 9	7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus mtg w/4th Degree Knights mtg immediately after.
June 15	9:40 a.m.	-Knights of Columbus Rosary before Mass
June 25	9-10 a.m.	-Catholic Charities in Parking Lot

Vacation Bible School

Reminder that Vacation Bible School begins this Monday, June 2nd from 9 a.m. to NOON and will conclude on Friday, June 6th at Noon.



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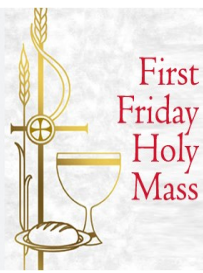
Bishop Vincke approved the recommendation for a special collection for the Grinnell Tornado victims.

This collection will be held next **Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8**. The Diocese will utilize the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. This fund is locally held with Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas and only available for use in the Diocese of Salina.

Megan Robl, Executive Director stated "We want to reassure our community that **every donation made to our Disaster Relief Fund since Sunday night will be used directly** for Grinnell tornado relief efforts. Our Catholic Charities team has been on the ground in Grinnell every day this week. Beginning tomorrow, our case managers will meet one-on-one with families to understand their specific needs as they begin the long journey of rebuilding their lives. These funds will go **straight to helping them**—whether that's through supplies, housing support, or other critical needs. We'll make sure **every dollar gets where it's needed. Thank you for your continued prayers and support—your generosity is already making a difference!**"

Please put your donation in a separate envelope and label it as **"Grinnell Tornado Relief Collection"**.

For those who prefer to donate online, they can donate directly to Catholic Charities Local Disaster Relief Fund by visiting:
<https://www.ccnks.org/disasterfund>.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Eucharistic Adoration for **First Friday, June 6th**, will begin at:
7:30 a.m. - Mass
8:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
5:45 p.m. - Benediction

Sunday Services at Senior Living Groups

Every Sunday afternoon, Russell area churches take turns delivering 20-minute services at:

Wheatland Nursing (2:00 p.m.)

Mainstreet Manor (2:30 p.m.)

Homestead (3:00 p.m.)

The St. Mary Sunday Services Ministry team will be offering the services this Sunday afternoon, June 1st invite all parishioners to come and join in this time of faith sharing and fellowship.



Congratulations to Trenton and Sawyer Ptacek, whose daughter, Quinlan Bette Ptacek was welcomed into our Family of God and Community of Faith through Baptism on May 25th, 2025.

Congratulations to Michael and Paige Cook, whose sons, Myles and Lincoln Cook, were welcomed into our Family of God and Community of Faith through Baptism on May 25th, 2025.



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Traditionally the **Ascension of Our Lord** was held 40 days after Easter, falling on a Thursday. However in most dioceses in the United States, the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is moved to the following Sunday, superseding the 7th Sunday of Easter, June 1, 2025.

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. He also gave the Great Commission, that all of the world should be saved. In the first reading, the Ascension of Jesus is recounted and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit. In the second reading, we hear that Jesus Christ rules heaven and earth. And in the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to preach the Good News to the whole world.