

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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August 24, 2025

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Judy Larson—Administrative Assistant
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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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 24TH, 2025

Strive to enter through the narrow gate. (Luke 13:24)

Jesus didn't mince words. As he passed through the towns, he warned his listeners. *There's a gate, and passing through it won't be easy. But you've got to get through it.* This image of a "narrow gate" illustrates Jesus' mission perfectly: he traveled from village to village, "teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem" (Luke 13:24, 22).

Jesus' whole life pointed toward Jerusalem, where he would fulfill his mission. There he would unveil his Father's plan of salvation as he freely offered his life for us. He never stopped moving toward the cross. And as he went, he visited town after town, teaching all who would listen. This was Jesus' "narrow gate," and he did not avoid it (Luke 13:24).

Even more, he invited everyone to follow him through that gate of obedient, self-giving love. That's because he knows that the narrow gate is the way to eternal life. His warnings might frighten us, but Jesus doesn't want to scare us; he wants to *save* us. And so every day, he offers us the chance to enter the narrow gate - by our acts of love and our obedience to his commands.

Just as he visited the towns near Jerusalem, Jesus visits your town, your house, and your heart. He comes to teach you how to follow him all the way to heaven. He invites you to "strive to enter" the gate that leads to eternal life (Luke 13:24). And the best news? *He* is the gate (John 10:7), and his arms are open wide to help you. He is always offering you the grace you need to follow him.

So open your heart to Jesus. If the gate feels too narrow, the path too difficult, or your resistance too great, confess your need to the Lord. Ask for his help! He loves you immeasurably. He embraced the cross so that the narrow gate could open wide for you.

"Lord, help me to follow you through the narrow gate."

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, August 23 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 66:18-21, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Luke 13:22-30
Sunday, August 24 - 10:00 a.m.	Craig Hitschmann	Isaiah 66:18-21, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Luke 13:22-30
Monday, August 25	NO MASS	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10, Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday, August 26 - 5:30 p.m.	Brad Yost, Anniversary of B	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 27 - 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Grennan	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday, August 28 - 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Bruce Miller	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13, Matthew 24:42-51
Friday, August 29 - 7:30 a.m.	Richard Schmidt	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Mark 6:17-29
Saturday, August 30 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29, Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a, Luke 14:1-7-14
Sunday, August 31 - 10:00 a.m.	Charlie & Jeannie Munsch, Anniversary of M	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29, Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a, Luke 14:1-7-14

Gorham Mass Schedule

Sundays - 8:00 a.m.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Gary Flax, Leonard Hoch, Sandy Ochampaugh, Sharon Marley, Theresa Dreiling, Marilyn Munk, 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 August 15th, 16th thru August 17th, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,063.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,480.00
Loose Cash	\$ 693.10
Votive	\$ 80.00
Assumption	\$ 660.00
Seminary Education	\$ 110.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT **\$5,086.10**
CEMETERY **\$ 150.00**

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Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, August 30th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, August 31st - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Rita Clenney & Walker OR Wyatt Middleton	Marc & Katy Hertel Family
Lectors	Terri Middleton & Melanie Banks	Andy Hurla & Sarah Hurla
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Jeanie Munsch & Cindy Balthazor Cup: Keith Haberer, Maureen Haberer & Melinda Cross	Body: *Tammi Buhrlle & Todd Buhrlle Cup: Dustin Dreher, Deanna Myers & Sherry Homeier
Altar Servers	Klaudia Shumaker & Madeleine Middleton	Bennett Myers, Jamie Hurla & Joey Hurla
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Craig Cline & Jim Malone	Debbie and Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Summer Break	Summer Break
Counters	Sunday, August 24th Glen & Marcia Blundon	Sunday, August 31st Steve & Luci Knopp

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, August 23rd	John Hoff & Walker Middleton
Sunday, August 24th	Leighton Dinkel
Monday, August 25th	Jeff Ochampaugh, Barbara Schuster & Bexley Jones
Thursday, August 28th	Kelsey Wallpe & Gina Yost
Friday, August 29th	Ronda Towery
Saturday, August 30th	John (Duke) Strobel
Sunday, August 31st	Zachary Martinez



Anniversary Wishes to:

Tuesday, August 26th	John & Rhonda Glassman, Derreck & Danya McNary
Sunday, August 31st	Merlin & Bonita Ney, Todd & Stephanie Brown

**2025-
2026**



Religious Education News

August 27	7:15 p.m.	-CCD First Day of Class
Sept. 3	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class-CYO
Sept. 10	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class-CYO Practice for Mass
Sept. 14	10:00 a.m.	-CYO Mass & Catechetical Sunday
Sept. 17	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class-Confirmation Mtg. w/Parents/Students
Sept. 24	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class
Oct. 1	7:15 p.m.	-Class - Practice for Confirmation Introduction
Oct. 5	10:00 a.m.	-Confirmation Introduction
	1:00 p.m.	-Confirmation Retreat



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 September 14, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:

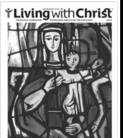
Saturday, October 18th through Sunday, November 16th.

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

Thank you!

If you subscribe to the Living With Christ book, your **September** copy is on the table in the Gathering Space.

Please be sure you pick up the copy with your name on it.



PRAY because God can do more in a second than you ever could in a lifetime!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 24	2-3:30 p.m.	-Sunday Services at Nursing Homes
August 27	9-10 a.m.	-Catholic Charities in Parking Lot
	7:15 p.m.	-First CCD Class
September 1		-LABOR DAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
September 2	6:00 p.m.	-Parish Council Mtg following 5:30 p.m. Mass
September 3	7:15 p.m.	-CCD
September 4	6:30 p.m.	-RCCW Meeting in Conference Room
September 5	7:30 a.m.	-First Friday Mass
	8:00 a.m.	-Adoration
	5:45 p.m.	-Benediction
September 8-11		NO MASSES-Fr. Daryl Gone-Spiritual Retreat
September 8	7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus Mtg
		-4th Degree Mtg immediately following
September 10	7:15 p.m.	-CCD - CYO Practice for Mass
September 14	10:00 a.m.	-CYO Mass and Catechetical Sunday
September 17	7:15 p.m.	-CCD - Confirmation Mtg w/Parents & Students



If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture for the Directory and have not yet gotten your directory, you can pick up your copy in the Parish Office on Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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, **August 24th** and invite all parishioners to come and join in this time of faith sharing and fellowship.



Each year within the Easter Vigil Service, thousands of men and women are received into the Catholic Church through **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

OCIA sessions will begin **Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 7:15 p.m.** at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church in the conference room.

Please contact **Jeanie Munsch, Director of OCIA** at **785-650-1845** or the Parish Office at **785-483-2871**, if you are interested or know someone who would be interested.

The OCIA is a process for:

- *Those wishing to be baptized.
- *Those already baptized in another faith and wishing to convert to Catholic faith.
- *Those who have been baptized as Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.
- *Those wishing to renew themselves in teachings of the Catholic Church.

Blessing of Backpacks



Please have your kids bring their school backpack to religion class the first night for a special blessing! (August 27th)



Our prayers and sympathy to Keith and Loretta Zweifel, family and friends of Carol Shaffer (Keith's sister) who died on August 12, 2025.

We would like to welcome Lucas and Cara Kenney as new members to our Parish Community. They are a great addition to St. Mary Queen of Angels.



Congratulations to Brett and Kara Berry whose son, Banks Edward, was welcomed into our Family of God and Community of Faith through Baptism on August 17, 2025.

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach will be in Russell on Wednesday, August 27th from 9:00—10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Queen of Angels parking lot.



Families who qualify can receive food, hygiene items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry detergent), diapers and wipes, and other supplies and services as needed.

Divine Mercy Radio's 15th Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place in two locations: 6 p.m. Sat., **Sept. 13** at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall **Hays** and 5 p.m. Sun. **Sept. 14** at the Hilton Garden Inn, **Salina**. Cost is **\$55** if purchased on or **before Aug. 19**. **After Aug. 19**, if tickets are still available, the cost is **\$60**. The cost includes appetizers and drinks including adult beverages. Featured speaker is the "Dynamic Deacon" Harold Burke-Sivers, host of Beacon of Truth. His talk is titled "Go and Make Disciples: The Call to Evangelization" in both Hays and Salina.

To purchase tickets, send your check, along with to which banquet you will attend (Hays or Colby).

Banquet Reservations

Divine Mercy Radio

108 E. 12th St.

Hays, KS 67601

785.621.4110

Or visit dvmercy.com/banquet or scan the QR code. No tickets sold after Sept. 1.

