

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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October 19, 2025

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Bruce Heier—Custodian
Curtis Sander--Music Coordinator

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Tues., Wed. 5:30 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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 19TH, 2025

Pray always without becoming weary. (Luke 18:1)

Jesus' words in today's Gospel can sound impossible: *Pray always? Without growing weary?* How can we do that? It's so easy to grow weary in prayer, *especially* in those situations when God seems slow to answer. How do we not give up? What can we do when prayer feels hard? Let's see what our readings tell us.

Be open to receiving help from your brothers and sisters. In the first reading, Moses lifts up his staff in prayer on a mountaintop while Joshua and his army battle Israel's enemy, the Amalekites, in the valley below. But Moses begins to grow weary, so Aaron and Hur support his arms so that he can keep praying (Exodus 17:12). Because of his friends, Moses was able to persist, and that gave Israel the advantage over their enemy. It's not always easy to ask for help when we're struggling. But asking someone to pray for us-or *with* us-opens the door to God's grace! A friend can intercede for us and offer support when we're weary. Through their presence, they can show us that God is with us.

Turn to the Scriptures. In the second reading, Paul offers words of encouragement to his young disciple, Timothy. Paul senses that his martyrdom is near (2 Timothy 4:6), so he urges his friend to rely on something that is undying: the word of God. "All Scripture," he says, "is inspired by God" (3:16). Scripture has divine power and can bring us hope when we are weary. It can bolster our faith and fill our minds with God's truth. When we want to give up, we can remember, "My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2).

Rely on God. Whenever we struggle in prayer, we can ask God for his strength. Jesus himself intercedes for us, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26). Like the widow in today's Gospel, we can keep bothering the Lord until he comes through. He's our loving Father. He will always help us. We are never alone!

"Lord, teach me to remain prayerful all day long!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, October 18 -5:30 p.m.	Janice Miska, Ann of D	Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8
Sunday, October 19 -10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8
Monday, October 20	NO MASS	Romans 4:20-25, Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday, October 21 -5:30 p.m.	Richard Strobel, Ann of B	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21, Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday, October 22 -5:30 p.m.	Ruby Nowak	Romans 6:12-18, Gospel 12:39-48
Thursday, October 23 -7:30 a.m.	Poor Souls	Romans 6:19-23, Luke 12:49-53
Friday, October 24 -7:30 a.m.	Betty Ptacek, Ann of B	Romans 7:18-25a, Luke 12:54-59
Saturday, October 25 -5:30 p.m.	Spec Int. Kendall & Renee Miner, Ann of M	Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, October 26 -10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Gorham Mass Schedule

Sundays - 8:00 a.m.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Mary Hurla (Andy Hurla's mother), George Sullivan (Tammy Ptacek's dad), Gary Flax, Sharon Marley, 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 October 11th thru October 12th, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,293.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,420.00
Loose Cash	\$ 643.00
Votive	\$ 59.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 60.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 4,475.00

CEMETERY \$ 175.00

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Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, October 25th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, October 26th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Mike & Colleen McGreevy	Dan & Deborah Bernard
Lectors	Matt Nichols & Beverly Nichols	Dave Zachman & Sarah Hurla
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Jim Malone & Jamie Malone Cup: Melanie Banks, Keith Haberer & Maureen Haberer	Body: *John Farmer & Michelle Farmer Cup: Todd Buhrle, Tammi Buhrle & Marc Hertel
Altar Servers	Klaudia Shumaker & Scarlett Schneider	Reese Owens, Mary Kate Hertel & Maci Wieger
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Craig Cline & Ava Cline	Cheryl Seirer/Katy Hertel, Tegan Becker, Norah & Fiona Dreiling
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, October 19th Peyton Sohm & Cooper Ney	Sunday, October 26th Gracelynn Dinkel & Hayden Creamer
Counters	Sunday, October 19th Gordon & Denise Dolechek	Sunday, October 26th Mark & Tammy Ptacek/Bruce & Jeanine Heier

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, October 18th
Sunday, October 19th

Tuesday, October 21st
Wednesday, October 22nd
Thursday, October 23rd
Friday, October 24th
Sunday, October 26th

Renee Miner
Ava Cline, Laurence Nelson, Mark Ptacek, Corinne Leiker,
Elsie Finkenbinder & Emma Finkenbinder
Tatum Ptacek
Joan Rourke
Catherine Ptacek & Judy Lohrmeyer
Colleen McGreevy
John Farmer III



Anniversary Wishes to:

Tuesday, October 21st
Friday, October 24th
Saturday, October 25th

Steve & Coleen Boxberger, Jay & Ashley Wickham
Gary & Kathy Vonfeldt, Jeffrey & Jacki Blundon
John & Yvonne Driscoll, Bruce & Jeanine Heier,
Wayne & Judy Grabbe



**2025-
2026**



Religious Education News

Oct. 19	10:00 a.m.	-6th, 7th & 8th Grade Mass
Oct. 22	7:15 p.m.	-CCD
Oct. 29	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class-Plan for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Mass
Nov. 5	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class-Practice for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Mass - CYO
Nov. 12	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class-Practice for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Mass
Nov. 16	10:00 a.m.	-3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Mass
Nov. 19	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class - Adoration
Nov. 26		-NO CLASS-Thanksgiving Break

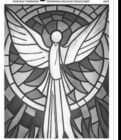


The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before daily Mass during October.

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

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

Living With Christ



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

FINANCE COUNCIL meeting is on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:15 p.m. following 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Conference Room.

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach will be in Russell on Wednesday, October 22nd from 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the 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.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 22	9-10 a.m.	-Catholic Charities in Parking Lot
	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA Youth Session
	7:15 p.m.	-OCIA Adult Session
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class
October 28	6:15 p.m.	-Finance Council Meeting
October 29	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA Youth Session
	7:15 p.m.	-OCIA Adult Session
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD-Plan for 3rd, 4th, & 5th Gr. Mass
October 31		-Happy Halloween
		-NO MORNING MASS
	5:30 p.m.	-Mass in Russell -All Saints Day Vigil
		-NO Mass in Gorham
November 1	9:00 a.m.	-All Saints Day Mass in Gorham
	5:30 p.m.	-Regular evening Mass
November 2	10:00 a.m.	-All Souls Day-Candle Lighting Ceremony
November 4	6:15 p.m.	-Parish Council Meeting

We would like to welcome Jaclyn Schulte as a returning member to our Parish Community. She is a great addition to St. Mary Queen of Angels.



Save The Date!

A Christmas Present for Parents

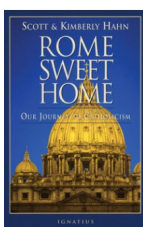
St Mary Queen of Angels Parish Council will again offer free child care for any SMQOA parish family with children.

This event will be at the St. Mary Queen of Angels Hall on **Sunday, December 7 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

More details will be provided in the November bulletin.

OCIA is looking for this book to give to our RCIA candidates. The Parishioners were given this book a few years ago.

If anyone is willing to donate their copy, it would be appreciated. You can put them in the brown box in front of the Parish office or you can give them to Jeanie Munsch.



Catholic Charities 2025 Igniting Hope Annual Campaign

The Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas **2025 Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need** kicks off the weekend of **October 25-26**. This campaign supports individuals and families across northern Kansas who are facing hunger, housing instability, mental health challenges, and more.

Your generosity brings hope and healing to people like Michael. In 2022, addiction left him homeless and hopeless. But when he walked through the doors of Catholic Charities and saw the crucifix on the wall, he said, *"I just knew I was in the right place."* That day, Michael took the first step towards turning his life around.

How You Can Help: Use the pledge cards and envelopes provided in your parish (on the back tables of the Church entrance).

Watch for a letter about the Igniting Hope Annual Campaign arriving in the mail soon, or you can give online at: www.ccnks.org/ignitinghope. (You can also scan the bar code).

Thanks to a \$150,000 dollar-for-dollar match, your gift will go twice as far in helping neighbors like Michael find hope and healing.

For questions or more information, contact: Megan Augustine at 785-833-9380 or maugustine@ccnks.org.

Thank you for your compassionate support!



Mass Schedule Change

Please note there has been a Mass schedule and time change for **Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st.**

Since All Saints Day falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a Holy

Day of Obligation.

Mass times: **Friday, Oct. 31st - 5:30 p.m. - Russell**
NO FRIDAY MORNING MASS

Saturday, Nov. 1st - 9 a.m. - Gorham
Regular Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Russell

The Russell Knights of Columbus chose **Andrew Ochampaugh** as the **October Knight of the Month.**



Family of the Month is Duke and Debbie Strobel.

Please join us in congratulating Andrew, Duke and Debbie in their Achievements.

Thank you for your service to the Knights of Columbus.



(Daniel 9:4-10) Daniel could recognize how one person's sin affected all of Israel and hindered God's plans for his people. He also knew that one person could repent on behalf of all the people and beg God to intervene. In this way, Daniel's prayer foreshadowed the heart of Jesus, who took responsibility for all our sins and through his cross made a perfect atonement for us. Don't you find it amazing that Jesus - the most perfect man ever to walk the earth - also performed the deepest act of repentance for a sinful humanity? It seems that we don't have to be mired in sin ourselves for our prayer of repentance to have a powerful effect!

Jesus knows that lack of repentance is a contributing factor to the greed, selfishness, power-seeking, and war that continue to obscure God's plan. This is why it is vital that we repent not only for ourselves but for our nation, our people, and our fellow Christians. In his official declaration of the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II sounded the trumpet by calling all Christians to ask forgiveness for their sins and the sins of the collective body of Christ:

"Because of the bond which unites us to one another in the mystical body, all of us, though not personally responsible and without encroaching on the judgment of God, bear the burdens of the errors and faults of those who have gone before us. Yet we too, sons and daughters of the church, have sinned and have hindered the bride of Christ from shining forth in all her beauty" (*The Mystery of the Incarnation*, November 29, 1998).

Let us repent for the wrongs we have done. Let us also repent for the wrongs done by others. Let us also forgive the wrongs done against us and the greater body of the church. Let's include in our prayer the divisions and wars going on right now between those who say they believe in God but are of different religions. Strong hatreds and prejudices abound in the world. We may think we're not part of it, but the truth is that we are all one body in Jesus. Let's make a difference.

"Father, forgive me for the times I have hurt others and for the times I've carried resentment when others have hurt me. Have mercy on me. Bring all the members of your people closer to being the purified bride you see."

'Yours is the integrity, Lord; ours the shame'

Daniel 9:4-10

Did you know?



Why do we have a *processional cross* and not a *processional crucifix*?

Per Fr. Frank Coady, Liturgy Director, Salina Diocese, because St. Mary Queen of Angels has a crucifix on the wall behind the altar, we cannot have a processional crucifix **on display** during Mass because Liturgy does not like duplication—two crucifixes at Mass. Therefore, we use the *processional cross* at St. Mary Queen of Angels. If you have seen processions that use the processional crucifix, you will notice they take this item and place it out of sight during the Mass and retrieve it for the recessional.

Fun Fact

The processional crucifix used in-service beginning in July 1931 at the church on Kansas Street, weighs just over 8 pounds! Considering the majority of our servers are 3rd-6th graders, this is far too heavy for them to carry. This beautiful, ornate processional crucifix proudly dwells in our Parish Hall.

There are forms at the back of the church to share your questions, concerns and general inquiries. We would love to hear from you. Please leave your completed form in the basket outside the Parish Office.

Have a great week!



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Church has always taught us, through the words of Sacred Scripture and the witness of saints like Francis of Assisi, that the natural world is created by God, that it is good, and that humans have a special duty to care for creation so that it benefits not only themselves but also future generations. Today we live in a time where pollution, climate change, and poor agricultural practices harm creation and place us all in danger.

In 2015, Pope Francis responded to this environmental crisis by issuing the encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), in which he emphasizes the connection between humanity and nature and calls for "the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development" (no. 13).

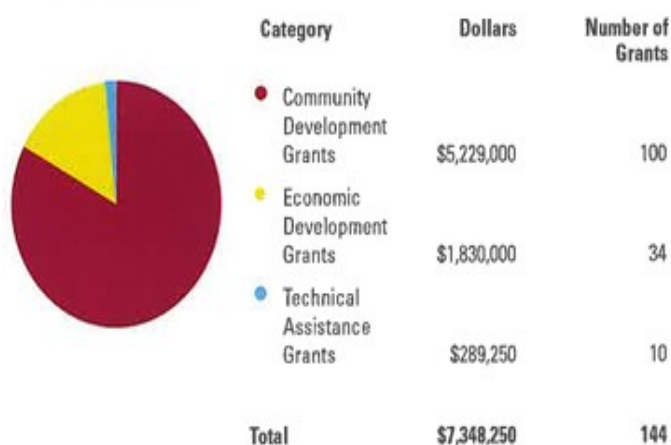
This spirit of cooperation, sustainability, and human dignity animates the work of organizations like La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, a cooperative farm network in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which makes

locally grown, sustainable, and nutritious foods available to low-income people. With support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), La Cosecha has expanded its outreach beyond Albuquerque to 11 rural New Mexico counties, increased year-round accessibility to healthy produce and other food products, and obtained a US Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices food-safety certification for its cooperative farm partners.

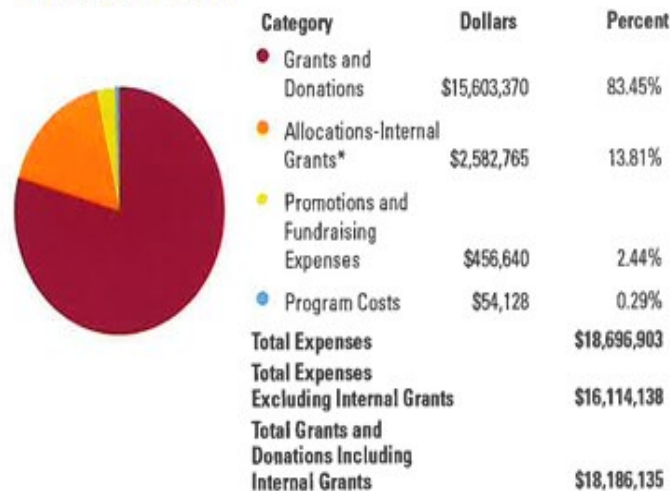
CCHD-funded organizations show how we can care for the environment, address the needs of the poor, and support responsible and sustainable local businesses at the same time. When you participate in the CCHD collection, you help not only other communities but also your own, because 25% of your contribution remains in your diocese to create local solutions to poverty.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

2023 GRANTS



2023 EXPENSES



*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations and for the education and outreach program of the Office of Justice, Peace, and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which engages Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.

LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting