

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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November 30, 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. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

The Son of Man will come (Matthew 24:44)

Welcome to Advent! It's a season filled with anticipation as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. It's also a season of waiting and hoping for his return at the end of time. That makes Advent a time both of certainty and uncertainty. It's a time of certainty because we know for sure that Jesus came into our world over two thousand years ago. But it's a time of uncertainty because we don't know when he will return. As Jesus himself told us, "You do not know on which day your Lord will come" (Matthew 24:42).

But even in the midst of this uncertainty, there is one definitive fact that we can rely on right here and right now: we may not know when Jesus will come again, but we do know that "the Son of Man will come" (Matthew 24:44). He can come into our hearts each and every day. He can come and show us his love and care for us. He can heal us. He can give new insights as we prayerfully read his word. He can bring peace amid our anxiety. And he can fan into flame our hearts' longing for him.

And so every year at this time, Jesus urges us to "stay awake" (Matthew 24:42) Because even as we are waiting, he will still be present to us - and he doesn't want us to miss him!

What can you expect as you look for Jesus' coming each day? He might come to you in the whisper of an urge to pray as you run errands. He might come in an anxious child who draws you out of yourself to care for them. He might come during a candlelit liturgy as he gives you the comfort and conviction that he will take care of you.

So this Advent, of course prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. And of course be ready for his final coming, whenever that will be. But also be on the lookout for the ways that Jesus will come into your life everyday this Advent. Because the Son of Man will indeed come!

"Jesus, I want to be ready for you!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, Nov. 29 - 5:30 p.m.	Leo & Hubertina Herbel	Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44
Sunday, Nov. 30 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44
Monday, December 1	NO MASS	Isaiah 4:2-6, Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 2 - 5:30 p.m.	Dale Diederich	Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 3 - 5:30 p.m.	Frank & Betty Ptacek	Isaiah 25:6-10a, Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday, December 4 - 7:30 a.m.	Kevin Axelson	Isaiah 26:1-6, Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 5 - 7:30 a.m.	Bill Mans, Ann of D	Isaiah 29:17-24, Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday, December 6 - 5:30 p.m.	Leo & Hubertina Herbel	Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12
Sunday, December 7 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

Gorham Mass Schedule Sundays - 8:00 a.m.



Please pray for Jim Vlcek, Judy Soukup (Kim Shumaker's mother) Helga Ziegler, Mary K Hurla (Andy Hurla's mother), George Sullivan (Tammy Ptacek's dad), Gary Flax, 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 November 22nd thru November 23rd, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,870.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 865.00
Loose Cash	\$ 454.00
Votive	\$ 59.00
Arch Diocese for Military	\$ 260.00
Parish Hall rental	\$ 125.00
Online Giving (2 weeks)	\$ 2,370.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$6,003.00
CEMETERY	\$ 100.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, December 6th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, December 7th- 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Gary & Kathy Vonfeldt	Evan & Kelsey Wallpe Family
Lectors	Susan Orender	Linda Schulte & Chris Sipe
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Craig Cline & Jane Cline Cup: Mark Ptacek, Tammy Ptacek & Coleen Boxberger	Body: *Bonita Ney & Merlin Ney Cup: Dustin Dreher, Marcia Blundon & Sherry Homeier
Altar Servers	Adam Hoch & Adison Hoch	Peyton Sohm, Brooklyn Sohm & Colton Mullender
Orgaist/Instrumental/Cantors	TBD	TBD
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, November 30th Gracelynn Dinkel & Hayden Creamer	Sunday, December 7th TBD
Counters	Sunday, November 30th Bruce & Jeanine Heier	Sunday, December 7th & 8th Mark & Tammy Ptacek

Liturgical Ministers	Sunday Vigil, December 7th - 5:30 p.m. Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	Monday, December 8th - 7:00 a.m. Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Hospitality	Mary & Marge Schulte & Greg Coady	Volunteers
Gifts	Volunteer	Volunteers
Lectors	Natalie Beagley & Tori Tomlinson	Jeanine Heier & Jeanie Munsch
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Jon Quinday & Alice Quinday Cup: Marc Nichols, Andy Hurla & Sarah Hurla	Body: *Jim Malone Cup: Sandy Ochampaugh & Kristi Fisher
Altar Servers	Jamie Hurla & Joey Hurla	Volunteers
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	TBD	TBD

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, November 29th
Sunday, November 30th
Monday, December 1st
Wednesday, December 3rd
Friday, December 5th
Saturday, December 6th
Sunday, December 7th

Mike McGreevy
Vincent Corbett, Jr.
Madeleine Middleton & Marilyn Munk
Bryan Howell & Genna Pruter
Denise Dolechek, Patricia Camp & Jensyn Schneider
Bryker Dinkel & Bailey Mead
Bonita Ney & Loretta Zwiefel



Anniversary Wishes to:

Sunday, December 7th

Dustin & Sarah Finkenbinder



2025-2026



Religious Education News

Dec. 3	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class - CYO -1st Reconciliation Students & Parents
Dec. 10	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class - Penance Service 3rd through 11th grades
Dec. 17	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class
Dec. 24		-NO CLASS - Merry Christmas
Dec. 31		-NO CLASS - Happy New Year
Jan. 7, 26	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class - CYO

Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday.
December 2nd at 6:15 p.m. in the Conference Room.

RCCW MEETING

The RCCW will hold their regular monthly meeting at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 4th**, in the Parish Conference Room. All ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

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 December 7th, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:

Saturday, January 3rd through Sunday, February 1st, 2026.

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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 2	6:15 p.m.	-Parish Council Meeting
December 3	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA youth meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-OCIA adult meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD classes -CYO - First Reconciliation students & parents
December 4	6:30 p.m.	-RCCW meeting
December 5	7:30 a.m.	-First Friday Mass
	8:00 a.m.	-Adoration
	5:45 p.m.	-Benediction
December 6	9:00 a.m.	-RCCW Annual Cookie/Candy Sale
December 7	10:00 a.m.	-Rite of Acceptance within Mass
	3-5 p.m.	-Parents Day Out hosted by Parish Council
	5:30 p.m.	-Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8	7:00 a.m.	-Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
	5:30 p.m.	-Mass in Gorham
	7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus Mtg-4th Degree Knights meeting following
December 10	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA youth meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-OCIA adult meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD classes -Penance service 3rd through 11th grades

REMINDER: 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.

You may call the Parish office at **785-483-2871** to sign up.



2025 Fall Care-a-thon-Light in the Darkness
Divine Mercy

Tuesday, December 2nd
Wednesday, December 3rd
Thursday, December 4th
Friday, December 5th

See the insert in the bulletin for more information.

A lovely custom at St. Mary Queen of Angels is to provide Christmas/New Year's environment donation in memory of a loved one or as a family gift for decorating the Church at Christmas time. 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, December 15th. You may also drop your donation in the collection basket.

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Eucharistic Adoration for **First Friday, December 5th**, will begin at:

7:30 a.m. - Mass

8:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

5:45 p.m. - Benediction

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE will be celebrated **December 7th**



as we welcome the 6 adults and 5 youth. These candidates have been meeting since September 10th. The "Rite of Acceptance" is a formal, public ritual, primarily within the Catholic Church's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC), where a person declares their intention to follow Christ and is accepted into the community as a catechumen. These rites mark the beginning of a new spiritual journey and include the public profession of faith, signing with the cross and the community's promise of support.

Purpose and significance

***Public commitment:** It's a public declaration of a person's desire to become a disciple of Christ and to move from inquiry to a more formal stage of preparation.

***Community acceptance:** The rite signifies the church community formally accepting the inquirer and pledging to support them in their faith journey.

***Spiritual transition:** It's a pivotal moment that transitions the individual from a private inquirer to a recognized catechumen, ready to be nurtured in the faith.



We invite all parishioners to celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with those who have been inquiring about the Catholic faith.

Advent week 1 is the first week of the Advent season, a time of hopeful anticipation for the coming of Christ. The central themes are hope, waiting, and preparing the heart. It is often marked by lighting the first candle on an Advent wreath, known as the "Prophecy Candle," which symbolizes the hope of those who waited for the Messiah.



A big thank you to Deanna Myers and her group of CYO members for changing the Breaking Bread books.

Your generous giving of time is appreciated.

RCCW Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale will be **Saturday, December 6th** starting at **9:00 a.m. until SOLD OUT** in the Parish Hall.



Giving Tree Ministry



RCCW will be collecting donations for the Giving Tree again this year. The Giving Tree will be placed in the Gathering Space for you to pick an ornament, purchases the items and return them to the tree, wrapped together with the ornament attached on the outside by:

Monday, December 8th

The donations, a blanket and a small gift will be given to each resident at Homestead, Main Street Manor and Wheatland Senior Care Facilities.

DELIVERY OF THE GIFTS: December 14th tentatively.

Each facility has their own protocol for delivery of the gift which we will follow. Delivery dates and times will be posted in the bulletin.

Please help us spread God's loving and giving spirit during this special Christmas season!!!

**2025 Fall
Care-a-thon**

**Light in the
Darkness**



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Divine Mercy Radio invites you to tune in every day from 7am to 6pm beginning Tuesday, December 2nd through the 5th. You will learn more about your Catholic Faith, and win great prizes throughout the week! They look forward to hearing from you!

Amazing Guests!

Tuesday: Fr. Richard Daise and Deacon Joe Grote

Wednesday: Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt, Fr. Joshua Werth, Fr. Andy Hammeke, Dr. Abe Fisher

Thursday: Lester and Donetta Robben, Fr. Brian Lager, Bishop Gerald Vincke, Geoff Andrews, Sister Mary Agnes and Sister Mary Monica

Friday: Deacon Bill Meagher, Fr. Nick Parker, Fr. Fred Gatschet

Go to dvmercy.com for a full guest list and more!