

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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December 7, 2025

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! (Matthew 3:2)

Today we meet John the Baptist, herald and forerunner of the Messiah. A man of prayer and fasting, John knew from an early age that God had called him to preach repentance and “to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins” (Luke 1:76-77).

In the Gospel, John appears in the desert and proclaims, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:2). For years, he has attuned his heart to God’s promptings so he could prepare the people for the Messiah, and now, by the Spirit, he understands that the hour has come! John urges the People to “prepare the way of the Lord,” and get their lives in order so they could welcome Jesus and be saved (3:3).

John’s words cry out in our wilderness today as well: *Prepare the way for the Lord! Repent, and get ready to welcome God’s Son!* Just as the people of John’s time flocked to him to turn away from sin and be baptized, we can return to the Lord this Advent. We can seize the opportunity to repent and make room for Jesus in our hearts. Then we’ll know the joy of salvation as Jesus releases us from the burden of our sins.

How is God calling you to prepare the way for the Lord today? Don’t let anything prevent you from receiving his hope and healing! Open your heart to the tender mercy of God!

Are you burdened by guilt? Are you struggling to love someone? Or are you so stressed or preoccupied that you can’t even see your need to repent? Jesus delights to offer you absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He is also present with you right now, wherever you are. He dwells in the sanctuary of your heart, where you can lay bare your sins and receive his mercy. Confess your sins to the Lord today, and you will discover what John knew: Jesus is near; the kingdom is at hand.

“Lord Jesus, I repent of any sin that separates me from you.”

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
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. Solemnity of Immaculate Conception Eve Mass - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12
Monday, December 8 - 7:00 a.m. Solemnity of Immaculate Mass	Alan Vonfeldt	Genesis 3:9-15, 20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12, Luke 1:26-48
Tuesday, December 9 - 5:30 p.m.	Betty Diederich	Isaiah 40:1-11, Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday, December 10 - 5:30 p.m.	Ruby Nowak	Isaiah 40:25-31, Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday, December 11 - 7:30 a.m.	Fr. James Grennan	Isaiah 41:13-20, Matthew 11:11-15
Friday, December 12 - 7:30 a.m.	Glenn Mermis, Ann of B	Zechariah 2:14-17, Luke 1:26-38
Saturday, December 13 - 5:30 p.m.	Maxine Scheck, Ann of B	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11
Sunday, December 14 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Gorham Mass Schedule Sundays - 8:00 a.m. Monday, Dec 8 - 5:30 p.m.-Holy Day   Please pray for Florance Klein, 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 29th thru November 30th, 2025 <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Envelopes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,771.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 990.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose Cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 401.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Votive</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 77.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">TOTAL DEPOSIT</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 3,239.52</td> </tr> </table> QR Code for Online Giving 	Envelopes	\$ 1,771.00	Maintenance Fund	\$ 990.00	Loose Cash	\$ 401.00	Votive	\$ 77.52	TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 3,239.52
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Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, December 13th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, December 14th- 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Marge Schulte, Mary Schulte & Greg Coady	Dan & JoAnn Bender
Lectors	Nick Coady & Jim Malone	Andy Hurla & Marc Hertel
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Jamie Malone Cup: Anne Coady, Deb Strobel	Body: *Tammi Buhrle & Todd Buhrle Cup: Kyle Farmer, Ashlyn Farmer
Altar Servers	Ava Cline & Fiona Dreiling	Kooper Hamlin & Karsyn Hamlin
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Debbie & Dave Zachman	Debbie & Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, December 7th Madi Wieger & Camry Ney	Sunday, December 14th Peyton Sohm & Tegan Becker
Counters	Sunday, December 7th & 8th Mark & Tammy Ptacek	Sunday, December 14th Jon & Alice Quinday

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, December 6th
 Sunday, December 7th
 Monday, December 8th
 Tuesday, December 9th
 Wednesday, December 10th
 Thursday, December 11th
 Friday, December 12th

Bryker Dinkel & Bailey Mead
 Bonita Ney & Loretta Zwiefel
 Cheryl Seirer
 Mike Weigel
 Helga Ziegler
 Andy Hurla, Carmen Vonfeldt & Coen Seirer
 Courtney Ludwig, Judy Luding & Brantley Pfeifer



Anniversary Wishes to:

Sunday, December 7th

Dustin & Sarah Finkenbinder



Penance Service for ALL Parishioners will be on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. There will be several Priests here.

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



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will meet immediately following the Third Degree meeting.

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!!!



HUMAN TRAFFICKING - More than 200,000 children and teenagers in the United States are victims of sex trafficking every year. It is important for teachers to be aware of the signs and take action.

Alliance to End Human Trafficking - Founded and Supported by **US Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.**

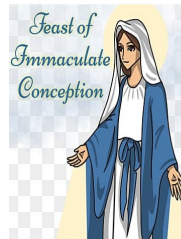
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 7	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
December 14	10:00 a.m.	-Rite of Acceptance within Mass
	3:00 pm.	- Penance Service
December 17	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA youth meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-OCIA adult meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD classes
December 18	9-10 a.m.	-Catholic Charities in Parking Lot (Notice Day and Week Change in Dec)
December 21	9:40 a.m.	-Knights of Columbus Rosary
December 24	4:00 p.m.	-CHRISTMAS EVE Mass-Gorham
	5:30 p.m.	-CHRISTMAS EVE Mass-Russell
December 25	9:00 a.m.	-CHRISTMAS DAY Mass-Russell
		MERRY CHRISTMAS!
December 28	2-3:30 p.m.	-Sunday Services at Nursing Homes
December 30	6:15 p.m.	-Finance Council Meeting

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this **Monday, December 8** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Mass times:

Sunday, Dec. 7-5:30 p.m.-Russell
Monday, Dec. 8-7:00 a.m.-Russell
-5:30 p.m.-Gorham



Thank you

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to our wonderful parish family for all of your support! Twenty high school students and fourteen adult sponsors were able to join Catholics from across the country at NCYC in Indianapolis two weeks ago.

There were many opportunities to grow in our faith with Confession, AMAZING speakers and music. Adoration and Mass with 16,000 Catholics is an awesome experience!

Having Pope Leo speak directly to us was something that I don't think any of us will forget.

We are incredibly grateful for your support, generosity and prayers!

St. Mary's Queen of Angels CYO



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE has been moved to next Sunday, December 14th during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Candidates and sponsors will be listed in next weeks bulletin.

With prayers and deepest Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathy to Carmen Vonfeldt, Matthew (Jordyn), Michael (Sarah), Morgan (Grant), family and friends of Alan Vonfeldt who died on November 27th, 2025.

Letter from the Thanksgiving Community Dinner organizers:

Thank you for allowing our organization to host the Thanksgiving dinner at your church.

We appreciate the ladies decorating the tables for our dinner.

We couldn't have this event without your help.



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 _____

Isaiah 9:6
 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Advent Week 2
Peace



The Knights of Columbus would like to welcome **Jeff Ochampaugh** and **Barry Hoffman** to the 4th Degree Knights.

They joined November 22nd in Schoenchen.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be on **December 13-14, 2025**.



There will be an envelope in your monthly packets.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



2025 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

St. Mary Queen of Angels, Russell

St. Mary, Help of Christians, Gorham

Sunday, December 14th -Penance Service at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24th -CHRISTMAS EVE

-Mass in Gorham at 4:00 p.m.

-Mass in Russell at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 25th -CHRISTMAS DAY

-Mass in Russell at 9:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, December 31st - NEW YEARS EVE

-Mass in Gorham at 4:00 p.m.

-Mass in Russell at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st, 2026 -NEW YEARS DAY

-Mass in Russell at 9:00 a.m.



“Donors like you have made it possible for me—and religious like me—to continue our mission in spirit and in prayer. Thank you for helping us live with dignity and peace.”
Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86, center

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. They have spent decades caring for those in need, but years of service for little or no pay have left many religious communities without sufficient retirement savings. Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover their rising health care costs, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift can help ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

From left:
Brother Jordan Coonen, OP, 84;
Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86;
Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW, 76.
Visit retiredreligious.org/2025photos
to meet the religious pictured.

retiredreligious.org

To give at your parish: Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

Amount: ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ _____

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Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Email address (for e-newsletters) _____

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