

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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Fr. Daryl Olmstead

December 28, 2025

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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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, DECEMBER 28th, 2025

...bearing with one another and forgiving one another. (Colossians 3:13)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We can take for granted that Jesus, the Son of God, Mary, the Mother of God, and St. Joseph, the Just, must have been holy. But what about the rest of us? What is the key to living as a holy family?

In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul puts his finger on one of the best ways to experience holiness in family life: *bearing with and forgiving one another* (3:13). Because despite our love for each other, annoyances or misunderstandings or frustration will arise. So what do we do? Paul tells us that when we have grievances against someone else, we need to bear with them and be willing to forgive them just as the Lord has forgiven us.

That's the beauty of today's second reading. Paul doesn't present a stained glass image of holiness for us to strive for but never attain. He shows us how to get there! It starts as we acknowledge that we are all God's chosen ones, forgiven and beloved. So living as a holy family isn't just a matter of doing the "hard work" of loving one another. It's also a matter of receiving the grace and mercy God offers so that we can love in ways that we can't do on our own. It's a matter of giving away what we've received.

Practically, this means treating our family members with the heartfelt compassion and patience that we have received from Christ. It means bearing with our fellow sinners because we know how much Jesus bears with us.

What a relief this is! We don't have to pretend to be perfect. We could never do it on our own anyway. But we do have to receive from Jesus the forgiveness that can move us to extend the same mercy to our loved ones. And that will make for a holy family!

"Heavenly Father, thank you for your mercy that moves me to show mercy to my loved one!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, December 27 - 5:30 p.m.	Stella Mans, Ann of B	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3:12-21, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Sunday, December 28 -10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3:12-21, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday, December 29	No Mass	1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35
Tuesday, December 30 - 5:30 p.m.	Roland Strobel, Ann of B	1 John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40
Wednesday, December 31 -New Years Eve ♦ 4:00 p.m. - Mass in Gorham ♦ 5:30 p.m. - Mass in Russell	LaVerne Schuster, Ann of B	1 John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18
Thursday, January 1 - 9:00 a.m. New Years Day	Maxine Brummer	Numbers 6:22-27, Luke 2:16-21
Friday, January 2 - 7:30 a.m.	Sheila & Tyler Donovan	1 John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28
Saturday, January 3 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 4 -10:00 a.m.	Alan Vonfeldt	Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Gorham Mass Schedule Sundays - 8:00 a.m. New Years Eve - 4:00 p.m.



Please pray for Leonard Hoch, Carol McAdoo, Florance Klein, Jim Vlcek, 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 December 20th and December 21st, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,222.00
Maintenance Fund	\$10,790.00
Loose Cash	\$ 733.00
Votive	\$ 64.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 522.00
Norman Anschutz Memorial	\$ 100.00
Christmas	\$ 260.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,200.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,330.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 18,251.00

CEMETERY \$ 125.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Wednesday, December 31st- 5:30 p.m. NEW YEARS EVE	Thursday, January 1st- 9:00 a.m. NEW YEARS DAY
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Volunteers	Volunteers
Lectors	Sarah Hurla & Jeanine Heier	Natalie Beagley & Gail Ogle
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Marcia Blundon Cup: Jeanie Munsch & Chris Roth	Body: *Merlin Ney Cup: Bonita Ney & Coleen Boxberger
Altar Servers	Jamie Hurla & Joey Hurla	Volunteers
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Katy Hertel	Cheryl Seirer/Melanie Banks
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Christmas Break	Christmas Break
Counters	Sunday, December 24th - 25th Glen & Marcia Blundon	Sunday, December 28th Gordon & Denise Dolechek
Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, January 3rd - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, January 4th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	George & Kathy Bray	David & Natalie Beagley
Lectors	Susan Orender & Cindy Balthazor	Marc Hertel & Tori Tomlinson
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Marcia Blundon & Melinda Cross Cup: Keith Haberer, Maureen Haberer & Sandy Ochampaugh	Body: *Tammi Buhrle & Todd Buhrle Cup: Dan Bernard, Deb Bernard & Tanya Becker
Altar Servers	Ava Cline & Sonya Orender	Maci Wieger, Damon Becker & Haven Becker
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Jim Malone & Craig Cline	Curtis Sander/Bonita Ney
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, January 4th Madi Wieger & Kinsey Zorn	Sunday, January 11th Peyton Sohm & Hayden Creamer
Counters	December 31st-Jan 1 Steve & Luci Knopp	Sunday, January 4th Mark & Tammy Ptacek

Birthday Wishes to:

Sunday, December 28th James Hurla, Noell Olson, Marge Schulte, Bennett Gross & Madisyn Leiker
Monday, December 29th Betty Ferland & Greg Coady
Tuesday, December 30th Shirley Arnhold (80th), Kinsey Volk, Justin Wieger & Todd Brown
Wednesday, December 31st Michael (Mic) Gokey
Friday, January 2nd Aaron Gruber
Saturday, January 3rd Theo Leiker & JoAnn Pfannenstiel
Sunday, January 4th Donna Vlcek



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday, December 27th Nick & Anne Coady
Sunday, December 28th Bob & Patty Scheck
Monday, December 29th Steve & Lisa Schroeder, Larry & Kathy Wallert
Tuesday, December 30th Andy & Sarah Hurla
Wednesday, December 31st Michael & Paige Cook, Duane & Kim Wieger



2025-2026



**Religious
Education
News**

Dec. 31 -NO CLASS - Happy New Year
Jan. 7, 26 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - CYO
Jan 14, 26 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class
Jan. 21, 26 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class

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 January 7th, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:
Saturday, February 7th through
Sunday, March 7th, 2026.

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

**PARISH OFFICE
IS CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed on

**Thursday,
January 1st, 2026.**

**THE SUNDAY
BULLETIN**

Please get any notices you would like in the bulletin to me by Monday, December 29th.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December 28	2-3:30 p.m.	-Sunday Services at Nursing Homes
December 31	4:00 p.m.	-New Years Eve Mass in Gorham
	5:30 p.m.	-New Years Eve Mass in Russell
January 1, 2026	9:00 a.m.	-New Years Mass in Russell
		-Happy New Years
January 2	7:30 a.m.	-First Friday Mass
	8:00 a.m.	-Adoration
	5:45 p.m.	-Benediction
January 6	6:15 p.m.	-Parish Council Meeting after Mass
January 7	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA youth meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-RCIA adult meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Classes
January 12	7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus Meeting
January 14	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA youth meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-RCIA adult meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Classes
Jan.15-23		-Fr. Daryl will be out of town-no weekday Masses



Congratulations to Caden and Genna Pfeifer who had their marriage blessed at St. Mary Queen of Angels on Saturday, December 20th.

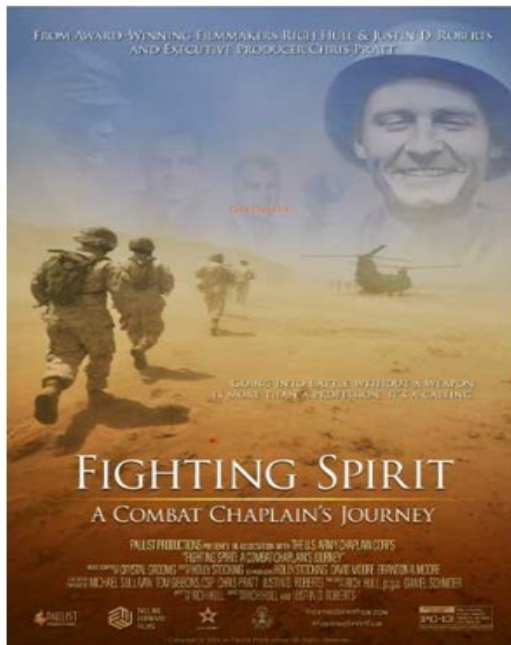
RCCW MEETING

There will be **NO RCCW** meeting in January.
We will meet again on **Thursday, February 5th.**



Movie Night!!
Come Join! All are Welcome.
Thursday, January 8, 2026
6:30p.m.
Spiritual Life Center
900 Cathedral
(enter on east side of friary)
Victoria, Ks

For More Info, contact Stephanie 785-735-4747



Sunday Services at Senior Living Groups

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

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, **December 28th** and invite all parishioners to come and join in this time of faith sharing and fellowship.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS



Eucharistic Adoration for **First Friday, January 2nd**, will begin at:

7:30 a.m. - Mass
8:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
5:45 p.m. - Benediction



With prayers and deepest

Our prayers and sympathy to Kim & Herbie Shumaker, family and friends of Judith Soukup (Kim's mother) who died on December 22, 2025.



May the New Year fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter. & may God bless you today and every day.

Happy New Year.

May the newborn Christ fill your heart with peace and your home with joy.

Thank you for the many ways you help support and uplift the mission of the Church.

With gratitude, we send warm Christmas greetings.

From all of us at the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina.



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