ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS

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February 1, 2026

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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.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

God chose the lowly. (1 Corinthians 1:28)

In today's second reading, St. Paul addresses the Corinthians, who were fighting among themselves. One faction favored the apostle Peter, another preferred Paul, and still another followed Apollos. But Paul rebukes them for their rivalries and reminds them that wisdom, power, and worldly recognition count for nothing before the Lord. Quite the opposite: God delights in choosing "the lowly" (1 Corinthians 1:28).

Jesus tells his disciples something similar in the Gospel for today: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3). This probably surprises them, because self-confidence, prestige, and wealth are typically considered signs of God's blessing. But Jesus turns them upside down. Humility is the path to blessing. That's because when we are poor in spirit, we recognize that God is the source of all that we have and are. Everything is a gift from him. So when we come before the Lord empty-handed, we can allow him to fill us with his gifts, his wisdom, and his grace.

Why did Jesus preach this beatitude? One reason is that it keeps us humble. No matter how gifted we may be, we can't boast about our accomplishments or think of ourselves as superior to anyone else because of them. There is no pecking order with God!

Second, when we are poor in spirit, we *are* blessed! Our hearts are more free and more open to God. We trust in him to fulfill our needs rather than trying to prove ourselves or rely on our own resources. We are at peace with who we are and the way God made us. And our lives are more fruitful because we are "lowly" enough to ask him to guide us and to bless our efforts.

Today at Mass, come before the Lord poor in spirit and knowing that you are loved by God. Open your heart to him and allow him to fill you!

"Thank you, Lord, for choosing me and blessing me today!" The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, January 31 - 5:30 p.m.	Don Brungardt	Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12a
Sunday, February 1 -10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12a
Monday, February 2	No Mass	Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32
Tuesday, February 3 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Marcia Blundon	2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3, Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 4 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Rachel Henry	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17, Mark 6:1-6
Thursday, February 5 - 7:30 a.m.	Spec. Intention Steve & Luci Knopp	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12, Mark 6:7-13
Friday, February 6 - 7:30 a.m.	Sheila & Tyler Donovan	Sirach 47:2-11, Mark 6:14-29
Saturday, February 7 - 5:30 p.m.	Nick VonLintel	Isaiah 58:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16
Sunday, February 8 -10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Isaiah 58:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

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

Please pray for Bonita Ney, Fr. Michael's father, Gwenna Green, Isabelle McAdoo, Leonard Hoch, Carol McAdoo, Helga Ziegler, 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 January 24th and 25th, 2026

Envelopes	$ **NO MASSES**
Maintenance Fund	$
Loose Cash	$
Votive	$
Online Giving	$
TOTAL DEPOSIT	**$**
CEMETERY	**$**

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Stewardship of Time and Talent		
Liturgical Ministers	**Saturday, February 7th - 5:30 p.m.**	**Sunday, February 8th - 10:00 a.m.**
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Eric & Erica Cline Family	Glen & Marcia Blundon/Pat Camp
Lectors	Mike McGreevy & Jeanine Heier	Tori Tomlinson & Dave Zachman
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	**Body:** *Coleen Boxberger & Jeanie Munsch **Cup:** Deb Strobel, Steve Knopp & Deanna Myers	**Body:** *Deb Bernard & Dan Bernard **Cup:** Todd Buhrle, Tammi Buhrle & Tanya Becker
Altar Servers	Adam Hoch, Adison Hoch & Bennett Myers	Damon Becker & Haven Becker
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Melanie Banks & Kayla Schneider	Cheryl Seirer/Katy Hertel, Tegan Becker, Norah & Fiona Dreiling
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	**Sunday, February 8th** Peyton Sohm & Reese Owens	**Sunday, February 15th** Gracelynn Dinkel & Hayden Creamer
Counters	**Sunday, February 1st** Gordon & Denise Dolechek	**Sunday, February 8th** Steve & Luci Knopp

Birthday Wishes to:

Sunday, February 1st	Mary Kate Hertel, Alexandra Mai
Monday, February 2nd	Paige Cook
Tuesday, February 3rd	Lyle Ptacek, Jaynell Cole & Jason Schoenberger
Wednesday, February 4th	Klaudia Shumaker, Theodore Wickham, Cat Webling, John Rowley & Larry Clenney
Thursday, February 5th	Ashlyn Farmer
Saturday, February 7th	Karter Mead
Sunday, February 8th	Mikell Zorn

Anniversary Wishes to:

Sunday, February 1st	Cody & Rebecca Rogge
Wednesday, February 4th	Eric & Erica Cline

Religious Education News 2025-2026

Feb. 4	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class - CYO
Feb. 11	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class
Feb. 18		-NO CLASS - **Ash Wednesday** Students attend Mass with Family
Feb. 25	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class
March 4	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class - CYO
March 11	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class
March 18		-No Class - Spring Break

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 February 4th, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:
Saturday, March 14th through Sunday, April 12th, 2026 (includes Easter week.

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

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:15 p.m. in the Conference Room following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

RCCW MEETING

The RCCW will hold their regular monthly meeting at **6:30 p.m**. on **Thursday, February 5th**, in the Parish Conference Room.

All ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend.
In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled**.**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting Monday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.

For those of you who subscribe to *Living with Christ*, the renewal date is fast approaching.

Let the office know if you would like to continue to receive your copy. If anyone would like to start receiving a subscription, let the office know.
The annual subscription price of **$17.95** has not changed from last year.
To renew your subscription, or start a new one, call the Parish office at 785-483-2781 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You can leave a voicemail after hours, email ***smqoa@ruraltel.net*,** or stop by the office.
Please send your payment to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 3	5:30 p.m.	-St. Blaise Mass-Blessing of the Throat
	6:15 p.m.	-Parish Council Meeting following Mass
February 4	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA youth meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-RCIA adult meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Classes
February 5	6:30 p.m.	-RCCW Meeting
February 6	7:30 a.m.	-First Friday Mass
	8:00 a.m.	-Adoration
	5:45 p.m.	-Benediction
February 9	7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus Meeting
February 11	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA youth meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-RCIA adult meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Classes

Our prayers and sympathy to Audrey Dougherty , family and friends of Mitchel Dougherty who died on January 21st, 2026.

ST. BLAISE

- Feast Day - February 3rd - Tuesday
- Bishop and martyr
- St. Blasé had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest
- A legend says that he cured a boy who had a bone stuck in his throat
- Patron of protection of the throat

At the 5:30 p.m. evening Mass on February 3rd, there will be the BLESSING OF THROATS.

Thank you to Tim Scheck's crew for the snow removal from the parking lot and rectory.
Due to the large parking lot, they spend a lot of time removing the snow.

AND Thank you to Dustin Dreher for removing the snow from the long sidewalk and walkway. These kind gestures are really appreciated.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS (SAVE THE DATE) REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Join us at the first annual Together in Holiness marriage enrichment conference in the Diocese of Salina on **Saturday, April 18, 2026** from **9:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m**. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays.

Whether you are newly married or celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, Together in Holiness is the perfect pause from the busyness of everyday life so you can rediscover the beauty of the sacrament of marriage.

For more information and all the details, click on this: https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th26-slks/

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

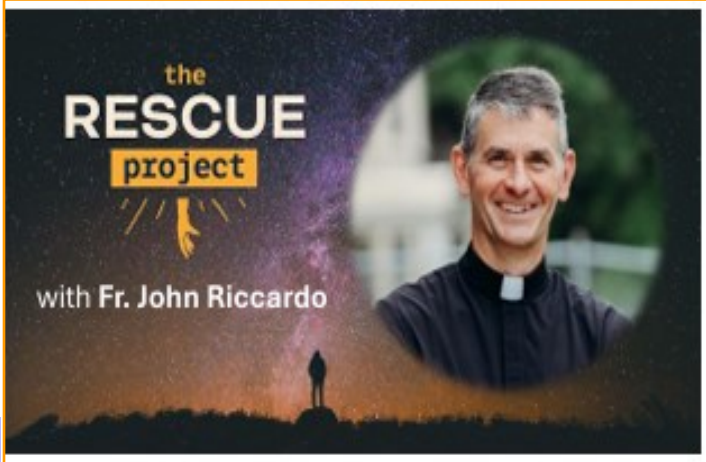
Eucharistic Adoration for **First Friday, February 6th**, will begin at:

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

K of C Fish Fry
Friday evening, March 6th.

The Knights will host a Fish Fry for its Lenten meal this year. Stay tuned for details but make your plans now to be at St. Mary Queen of Angels on that Friday evening following the First Friday Benediction for a delicious meal and fellowship.

Anyone wishing to dispose of their old Palms are asked to bring them to the Church gathering space.
Please remove all tape, staples and rubber bands.
There is a container under the corner table.



Busy schedules can make growing in one's Faith difficult. This Lenten season, maybe consider a **"Faith Club"** with friends. Much like a book club, on your own you view the weekly video series Fr. Riccardo offers, you have a specified time to meet over Zoom with your friends (near and far) and enjoy a beverage from the comfort of your living room while discussing the series.

Easy, enjoyable, and everyone benefits from *sharing and growing in their Faith.*

More info coming soon!

2026 Lenten Small Group Celebration of Faith