

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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February 22, 2026

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

Afterwards he was hungry. (Matthew 4:2)

Of course Jesus was hungry! Who wouldn't be, after forty days of fasting? Surely his stomach ached and his head throbbed. It's true that he is the Son of God who needs nothing. But he was also a real human being with real needs. And so this Divine Son...got hungry.

Matthew wants to make sure we understand this truth. Jesus decided to become a man and face trials in a human body like our own. In his hunger, he confronted the temptation to provide for himself instead of trusting God - a test our first parents had failed. *Is God truly good? Will he provide for me?*

In Eden, the serpent had asked, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees?" (Genesis 3:1). Now, Jesus heard a similar enticement: "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread" (Matthew 4:3). It seemed logical: *Would God really want you to be famished? Isn't there a better way to bring in the kingdom?*

But Jesus held fast to the word of God: "It is written" "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). He was recalling the Exodus, when God provided manna for his hungry people so that they could learn to rely on him. In the wilderness, Jesus defeated the devil by trusting his Father and aligning himself with his will. At the same time, he showed us how to battle our own temptations.

We all face testing. Our Lenten fasting is difficult, our best-laid plans go awry, someone we love falls ill. In our "wilderness," we are tempted to doubt the goodness of God's plan. In our "hunger," we wonder if he will provide. But Jesus promises that we will not be tested beyond our ability (1 Corinthians 10:13). And he is with us to give us strength.

Cling to the Lord today-he knows what it is to be hungry.

"Lord, help me to trust in your ways and resist temptation."

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, February 21 - 5:30 p.m.	LaVerne Schuster	Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, February 22 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11
Monday, February 23	No Mass	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18, Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday, February 24 - 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Charlie Steier	Isaiah 55:10-11, Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday, February 25 - 5:30 p.m.	Janice Miska	Jonah 3:1-10, Luke 11:29-32
Thursday, February 26 - 7:30 a.m.	Fred Weigel, Jr.	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Matthew 7:7-12
Friday, February 27 - 7:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Grennan Family	Ezekiel 18:21-28, Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday, February 28 - 5:30 p.m.	Nick Von Lintel	Genesis 12:1-4a, 2 Timothy 1:86-10, Matthew 17:1-9
Sunday, March 1 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Genesis 12:1-4a, 2 Timothy 1:86-10, Matthew 17:1-9

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



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Linda Applebee, Isabelle McAdoo, 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.



**Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
at 5:30 p.m.**

Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of February 14th and February 15th, 2026

Envelopes	\$2,093.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 970.00
Loose Cash	\$ 525.88
Votive	\$ 261.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 55.00
Online Giving	\$1,040.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 4,944.88

CEMETERY \$ 20.00

QR Code for Online Giving



This week is the kickoff for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Pledge cards were mailed out to all parishioners. There will also be envelopes in the pews this week.
The goal for St. Mary Queen of Angels is \$40,000.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, February 28th- 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, March 1st - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Andrew & Ally Ochampaugh Family	Gordon & Denise Dolechek
Lectors	Cindy Balthazor & Melinda Cross	Marc Hertel & Janna Norin
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Keith Haberer & Deb Strobel Cup: Maureen Haberer, Craig Cline & Coleen Boxberger	Body: *Jon Quinday & Alice Quinday Cup: Marc Nichols, Sara Hurla & Sherry Homeier
Altar Servers	Fiona Dreiling & Ava Cline	Mary Kate Hertel, Reese Owens & Colton Mullender
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Melanie Banks & Kayla Schneider	Debbie Zachman & Dave Zachman
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, March 1st Peyton Sohm & Aaron Cole	Sunday, March 8th Madi Wieger & Morgan Finkenbinder
Counters	Sunday, February 18th & 22nd Glen & Marcia Blundon	Sunday, March 1st Bruce & Jeanine Heier

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, February 21st Alice Quinday
 Tuesday, February 24th Gary Flax & Mike McKenna
 Wednesday, February 25th Jon Quinday, Ellynnore McNary, Holly Creamer
 & Wilfred (Will) Ruder, Jr.
 Thursday, February 26th Shauna Leiker
 Saturday, February 28th Marc Hertel & Terri Ryan
 Sunday, March 1st Dianne Farmer



Anniversary Wishes to: No Anniversaries



Religious Education News **2025-2026**

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
 March 25th 7:15 p.m. -Class-**Penance Service**
Grades 2nd thru 11th
 April 1st 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - CYO
 April 8th 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - Practice for
 1st Communion



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 March 6th, the days you are unavailable for the

next schedule dates of:

Saturday, April 11th through Sunday, May 10th.

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

FINANCE COUNCIL meeting is on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:15 p.m. following 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Conference Room.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL



Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach will be in Russell on **Wednesday, February 25th** from **9:00—10:00 a.m.** in 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.

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 smgoa@ruraltel.net, or stop by the office.

Please send your payment to the Parish Office as soon as possible. You can also drop it in the collection basket. (Mark it as Living with Christ subscription)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 24	6:15 p.m.	-Finance Council Meeting
February 25	9-10 a.m.	-Catholic Charities in Church parking lot
	NOON	-First Lenten Luncheon at Otterbein Methodist Church
	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA youth meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-RCIA adult meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Classes
March 1	10:00 a.m.	-Rite of Sending during Mass
	3:00 p.m.	-Rite of Election at St. Nicholas Church In Hays
March 3	6:15 p.m.	-Parish Council Meeting
March 4	NOON	-Lenten Luncheon at St. Mary Queen of Angels
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Classes - CYO
March 5	6:30 p.m.	-RCCW Meeting
March 6	7:30 a.m.	-First Friday Mass
	8:00 a.m.	-Adoration
	5:30 p.m.	-Stations of the Cross
	6:00 p.m.	-Benediction

RCCW Lenten Food Drive - St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish

Hosted by Russell Council of Catholic Women (RCCW)
Join us in Feeding the Hungry!

Dates: February 27-April 5, 2026

Drop-Off Location: In a marked box in the Gathering Space

Donation Items Needed: Jiffy mix, Pudding or Jello mixes, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Jelly, Pancake mix, Canned Soup, Instant Potatoes, Cereal, Canned Vegetables or Fruit, Peanut Butter

Thank you for providing HOPE to our Neighbors in Need!

This will help Catholic Charities stock shelves and continue providing food boxes to those in need.



Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

On Sunday, March 1, we will be celebrating Rite of Sending within the 10:00 a.m. Mass in Russell.

At 3:00 p.m., the OCIA participants will celebrate Rite of Election with Bishop Vincke at St. Nicholas Church in Hays, as they continue their faith journey to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Service on April 4th.

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election.

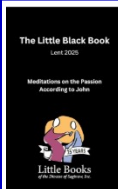
First Lenten Luncheon will be held at Otterbein Methodist Church on **Wednesday, February 25th at Noon.**

Topic: **Repentance.** Come journey with Jesus Christ to a deeper faith and closer relationship with God our Heavenly Father in 2026.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

A new sign up for first Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be available during February in the back of the Church. We especially need someone for **11 a.m.-Noon**. Several afternoon time slots only have one person at this time. The new sign up will take effect **Friday, March 6th**. Please prayerfully consider spending one hour each month with Jesus.



The **Little Black Book for Lent** and the **Rice Bowls** are on the table in the Gathering Space.

Please feel free to pick both of these up.



ALL PARISHIONERS, FAMILY & INVITED FRIENDS ARE WELCOMED!

Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 6th at 5:30 pm



Knights of Columbus

\$10 per plate

children age 5 and under free

Meal Includes...

- ✓ Breaded & Fried Fish
- ✓ Fried Noodles & Beans
- ✓ Green Beans
- ✓ Creamy Coleslaw
- ✓ Hot Fresh Dinner Rolls
- ✓ RCCW Desserts

Thank You Ladies!

Come join us immediately following the First Friday Services!

To-Go Boxes Available!

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13.02.2026

Message of the Holy Father Leo XIV for Lent 2026, 13.02.2026

The following is the text of the Message of the Holy Father Leo XIV for Lent 2026, on the theme:
"Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion":

Message of the Holy Father

Listening and Fasting:

Lent as a Time of Conversion

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through *listening*. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry" (Ex 3:7). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize

and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen *as he does*. We must recognize that "the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."^[1]

Fasting

If Lent is a time for listening, *fasting* is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our "appetites," keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor.

With spiritual insight, Saint Augustine helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfilment that characterizes this custody of the heart. He observes that: "In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity."^[2] Understood in this way, fasting not only permits us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, but also to expand it, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because "those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly."^[3] As a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin and evil with the help of grace, fasting must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since "austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic."^[4]

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

Together

Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways. For example, the Book of Nehemiah recounts how the people gathered to listen to the public reading of the Law, preparing to profess their faith and worship through fasting, so as to renew the covenant with God (cf. 9:1-3).

Likewise, our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation.

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space

for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

From the Vatican, 5 February 2026, Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

LEO PP. XIV

[1] Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* (4 October 2025), 9.

[2] Augustine *The Usefulness of Fasting*, 1, 1.

[3] Benedict XVI, *Catechesis* (9 March 2011).

[4] Paul VI, *Catechesis* (8 February 1978).

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