

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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March 8, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 8TH, 2026

Is the Lord in our midst? (Exodus 17:7)

Today marks the third Sunday of Lent, and your enthusiasm for prayer, fasting, and alms giving may be fading by now. Perhaps your Lenten sacrifices have been more challenging than you anticipated or you don't feel any closer to God. Like the Israelites in today's first reading, you may wonder, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" (Exodus 17:7).

God had freed his people from slavery, yet they doubted that he would provide for them. In their thirst, they grew impatient and hardened their hearts despite all he had done for them. They even argued that slavery in Egypt was better than freedom in the desert! So they demanded that the Lord quench their thirst. In his mercy, God granted their request. Moses struck the rock, and water flowed forth for the people to drink.

In today's Gospel, we meet a Samaritan woman who also has a deep thirst. She comes to draw water, but Jesus asks *her* for a drink. She wonders: *Who is this?* Jesus replies, "If you knew..., you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10). She doesn't grasp who Jesus is, but her thirst opens her heart to him. "Give me this water," she asks, and Jesus reveals himself to her (4:15). He is the One who offers the waters of eternal life. He is the One who knows her past. He is the promised Messiah. Unlike the thirsty Israelites who grumbled, her heart is soft, receptive to God's presence. And in his goodness, Jesus quenches her thirst, and she leaves her water jar to tell everyone about him.

Jesus wants to reveal himself to you-do you recognize him? He speaks to you through the Scriptures at Mass today; he invites you to quench your thirst as you receive him in the Eucharist. He is present in both the simple and the profound moments of life, in your dirty dishes and a beautiful sunrise. So open your eyes and "Harden not your heart" (Psalm 95:8). The Lord is in your midst!

"I'm thirsty, Lord! Soften my heart so that I can recognize you today!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, March 7 - 5:30 p.m.	Special Intention Steve & Luci Knopp	Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42
Sunday, March 8 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42
Monday, March 9	No Mass	2 Kings 5:1-15ab, Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 10 - 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Bruce Miller	Daniel 3:25, 34-43, Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 11 - 5:30 p.m.	Kevin Axelson, Ann of D	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9, Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, March 12 - 7:30 a.m.	Richard Schmidt	Jeremiah 7:23-28, Luke 11:14-23
Friday, March 13 - 7:30 a.m.	Sean Banks, Ann of B	Hosea 14:2-10, Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, March 14 - 5:30 p.m.	Carl & Emma Munsch	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41
Sunday, March 15 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

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



Please pray for Gwenna Green, Linda Applebee, 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 28th & March 1st, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1,510.50
Maintenance Fund	\$ 7,170.00
Loose Cash	\$ 459.25
Votive	\$ 93.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,040.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$10,292.75

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, March 14th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, March 15th - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Rita Clenney & Walker Middleton	Will & Sherry Homeier
Lectors	Jeanine Heier & Melanie Banks	Cindy Balthazor & Linda Schulte
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Deanna Myers & Jane Cline Cup: Kristi Fisher, Chris Roth & Sarah Hurla	Body: *Tammi Buhrle & Todd Buhrle Cup: Dan Bernard, Marc Nichols & Janna Norin
Altar Servers	Jamie Hurla & Joey Hurla	Steele Rogge, Haven Becker & Damon Becker
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Craig Cline & Jim Malone	Cheryl Seirer/Jeanie Munsch & Coleen Boxberger
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, March 15th Sherry Homeier, Teacher/Volunteer	Sunday, March 22nd Olivia Morgenstern & Camry Ney
Counters	Sunday, March 8th Jon & Alice Quinday	Sunday, March 15th Gordon & Denise Dolechek

Birthdays Wishes to:

Saturday, March 7th Kingsley Berry, Curtis Sander & Patty Staab
 Sunday, March 8th Jim Cross
 Monday, March 9th Ashley Wickham
 Wednesday, March 11th Reagan Bennett
 Thursday, March 12th Jessica Nichols, Aubrey Birney & Taylor Birney
 Friday, March 13th Chet Keller, Dean Ptacek & Valerie Yarmer
 Saturday, March 14th Ava Schoenberger
 Sunday, March 15th Brooke Schroeder & Aleigh Whitmer



Anniversary Wishes to: No Anniversaries



Religious Education News

2025-2026

March 11 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class
 March 18 -No Class - Spring Break
 March 25 7:00 p.m. -No Class-**Important Parents Meeting in Parish Hall**
 April 1 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - CYO
 April 8 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - Practice for 1st Communion
 April 12 10:00 a.m. -**1st Communion Mass**



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 smgqa@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).



The Rosary will be said 20 minutes before each weekday Mass during Lent.

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



Knights of Columbus

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



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Communal Penance Service on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." If you have been away from the Sacrament for a long time, this is your opportunity to come back. God desires this Sacrament of healing to reconcile you to God and the Church.

There will be three priests available to hear confessions.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 9	7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus Meeting with 4th Degree Knights meeting following
March 11	Noon	-Lenten Luncheon at Trinity Lutheran Church
	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA Youth Meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-OCIA Adult Meeting
	7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class
March 13	5:30 p.m.	-Stations of the Cross
March 15	9:40 a.m.	-Knights of Columbus Rosary before Mass
March 18	Noon	-Lenten Luncheon at St. John Lutheran
		-No CCD Class - SPRING BREAK
		-No OCIA Classes - SPRING BREAK
March 20	5:30 p.m.	-Stations of the Cross
March 22	3:00 p.m.	-Parish Penance Service



Congratulations to Michael Moeder and Breauna Procopio whose son, Jethro Verne was welcomed into our Family of God and Community of Faith through Baptism on February 28, 2026.

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and alms giving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world?



Chrism Mass is Thursday, March 26th at 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.

During Chrism Mass, the bishop blesses and consecrates three holy oils: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Holy Chrism, each with a distinct purpose in the sacraments of the Church.

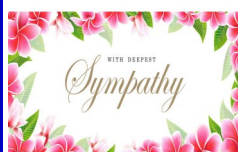
A lovely custom at St. Mary Queen of Angels is to provide flowers in memory of a loved one or as a family gift for decorating the Church at Easter. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for the flowers, please complete this form and return it with your donation to the Parish office on or before Monday, March 23rd. You may also drop your donation in the collection basket.

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Third Lenten Luncheon will be held at **Trinity United Church** on **Wednesday, March 11th at Noon.** Topic: **Temptation.** Come journey with Jesus Christ to a deeper faith and closer relationship with God our Heavenly Father in 2026.



Our prayers and sympathy to Barb Schuster, family and friends of Chad Schuster who died on February 28, 2026.

We are looking for a part-time maintenance and landscaper for St. Mary Queen of Angels. If you are interested, contact the Parish office at 785-483-2871.



Salary will be commenced with experience.

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/>

**2026 Lenten Cross
Ministry of Knights
Council 3034**



Lif High the Cross
A Faith Raising Project

3-22-26 – Sign Up Deadline
3-28-26 – Saturday Crosses Up
3-29-26 – Palm Sunday
4-5-26 – Easter Sunday
4-11-26 – Saturday Crosses Down

SignUp forms have been mailed to past participants. NEW SignUp forms can be found in the gathering space or on the Knights web page.

