

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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March 15, 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 15TH, 2026

Live as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8)

It's no wonder St. Paul uses the analogy of light when he exhorts us to live in a manner worthy of our calling as disciples. Light is necessary to sustain life. It's essential for the photosynthesis process so that plants can provide us with food and produce the oxygen that we need to breathe. Light helps to regulate our sleep cycle, our mood, and our hormones, and it strengthens our immune system. Put simply, it's light that keeps us alive.

Paul tells us that before we were baptized into Christ, we lived in darkness, but now that we have received his Spirit, we have his light within us. We still live in a fallen world, however, and it might seem at times that we are surrounded only by darkness. But Paul is clear about who we are in Christ: We are now "light in the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8). We aren't just recipients of his light; we *are* light. That means that we need to "take no part in the fruitless works of darkness" (5:11). We can reject sin and commit to loving God and our neighbor.

So Paul gives us some advice on what living as "children of light" looks like. He tells us to "learn what is pleasing to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8, 10). And how do we do that? By being consistent in prayer, by pondering the Scriptures, and by staying "awake" to the Spirit (5:13). When we let Jesus shed his light into our hearts, we experience greater freedom and healing from sin. As we allow his light to shine *through* us, we are able to guide others to him.

In the same way in which natural light is essential for our physical life, we need the spiritual light of Christ to keep our inner lives healthy. And when his light shines through us, we will produce "every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." (Ephesians 5:9).

"Jesus, you are my light! Help me to let your light shine through me."

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
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
Monday, March 16	No Mass	Isaiah 65:17-21, John 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 17 - 5:30 p.m.	Judy Anderson	Ezekial 47:1-9, 12, John 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 18 - 5:30 p.m.	Rick Waymaster	Isaiah 49:8-15, John 5:17-30
Thursday, March 19 - 7:30 a.m.	Rick Dougherty, Ann of D	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22, Matthew 1:16-18-21, 24a
Friday, March 20 - 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Grennan	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 21 - 5:30 p.m.	Betty Wagner, Ann of B	Ezekial 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45
Sunday, March 22 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Ezekial 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

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



Prayer Requests

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 March 7th & March 8th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1,595.50
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,200.00
Loose Cash	\$ 359.00
Votive	\$ 174.00
Credit Card Refund	\$ 542.88
Online Giving	\$1,165.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT **\$ 5,036.38**
CEMETERY **\$ 50.00**

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, March 21st - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, March 22nd - 10:00 a.m.
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Yvonne Driscoll/Jamie & Tori Tomlinson Family	Ron & Virginia Ptacek Family
Lectors	Susan Orender & Matt Nichols	Sarah Hurla & Natalie Beagley
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Keith Haberer & Maureen Haberer Cup: Mark Ptacek, Tammy Ptacek & Deb Strobel	Body: *Rich Krause & Tammy Krause Cup: Tanya Becker, Kyle Farmer & Ashlyn Farmer
Altar Servers	Camry Ney & Cooper Ney	Maci Wieger, Valeen Rogge, & Haven Becker
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Bonita Ney & Coleen Boxberger	Cheryl Seirer/Katy Hertel, Tegan Becker Norah & Fiona Dreiling
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, March 22nd Olivia Morgenstern & Camry Ney	Sunday, March 29th Gracelynn Dinkel & Molli Wieger
Counters	Sunday, March 15th Gordon & Denise Dolechek	Sunday, March 22nd Steve & Luci Knopp

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, March 14th	Ava Schoenberger
Sunday, March 15th	Brooke Schroeder & Aleigh Whitmer
Monday, March 16th	Christopher Martinez
Tuesday, March 17th	Cara Kenney
Wednesday, March 18th	John Pellant
Thursday, March 19th	Shayna Banks
Friday, March 20th	Fiona Dreiling & Casey Seirer



GRADES K-11 - IMPORTANT

PARENTS MEETING

MARCH 25, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.

PARISH HALL

SPEAKER: Bill Meagher

Sacramental Restored Order

Anniversary Wishes to: No Anniversaries



Religious Education **2025-2026** News

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
April 15 7:15 p.m.	-CCD Class

St. Mary Queen of Angels will have Vacation Bible School again this summer for children 1st through 5th grades.

Mark your Calendars!
June 1st - June 5th

We are needing volunteers to help! Please contact:

Sherry Homeier at 785-483-0325
If interested in helping.

More to come next week!



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

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.



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. 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.

There will be three priests available to hear confessions.

LOST AND FOUND: A necklace was found in the Church parking lot this week. If you think it is yours, call the office at 785-483-2871 and describe it.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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
March 25	9-10 a.m.	-Catholic Charities in Church parking lot
	Noon	-Lenten Luncheon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
	6:30 p.m.	-OCIA meeting - Youth
	7:15 p.m.	-OCIA meeting - Adults
	7:00 p.m.	-NO CCD Class- Important Parent/Student Meeting in Parish Hall
March 26	11:30 a.m.	-Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Salina

 **CHRISM MASS** 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. Everyone is invited to attend!

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 12, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, a litany of prayers, and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church.

Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING at 2 p.m.

(Note: Jesus told Saint Faustina that special graces are given to those who venerate the Divine Mercy Image, especially on Divine Mercy Sunday).



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 _____

Fourth Lenten Luncheon will be held at **St. John Lutheran Church** on **Wednesday, March 18th at Noon.**

Topic: **Forgiveness.**



Thank you to Barbara Elliott, Mary Schulte, Jeanie Munsch, Debbie & Dave Zachman, Luci & Steve Knopp, Jim Malone, Craig Cline, Vincent Corbett, and Jeff Ochampaugh for providing Sunday Worship Services on March 8th to the senior living groups at Wheatland Nursing, Main Street Manor, and Homestead Assisted living. SMQoA will deliver services next on **Sunday April 19th**, all parishioners are invited to come.

St. Mary Queen of Angels has five scholarships available to High School Seniors who are members of St. Mary Queen of Angels, Russell or St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, Gorham. We want to share scholarship opportunities with high school students and invite them to apply. The application process is completed online.

The Five Scholarships are:

- *Barbara Scheck Memorial Scholarship
- *Clara "Connie" Tuzicka Memorial Scholarship
- *Marvin Ziegler Memorial Scholarship
- *Floyd Tuzicka Memorial Scholarship
- *Fred Weigel, Jr. Memorial Scholarship



To apply for these scholarships, go to the St. Mary Queen of Angels website: <https://stmaryrussell.com> and scroll to "Parish Headlines." Look for the SMQoA Scholarships headline and click for more information. The website provides the criteria for all scholarships.

The Russell Council of Catholic Women has a unique opportunity to offer a needs-based scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year. Students from St. Mary Queen of Angels, Russell and St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, Gorham, who graduated from high school in the last four years and are pursuing academic endeavors are invited to apply. The application process is completed online.

To apply for this scholarship go to the St. Mary Queen of Angels website: <https://stmaryrussell.com> and scroll to "Parish Headlines." Look for the SMQoA Scholarships, Needs-based headline and click for more information. The website provides the criteria for the scholarship criteria. Applicable years of high school graduation include 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.

2026 Lenten Cross Ministry of Knights Council 3034



Lift 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.



Holy Week and Easter Services



2026

St. Mary, Queen of Angels, Russell

St. Mary, Help of Christians, Gorham

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Holy Thursday

April 2nd

5:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - Gorham

7:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - Russell

Washing of the Feet, Rice Bowl Collection

9:00-10:00 p.m.

Adoration - Russell

10:00 p.m.

Night Prayer

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Good Friday

April 3rd

2:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross followed by Scriptural Rosary -
Russell

3:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Russell

5:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Passion - Gorham

7:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Passion - Russell

Veneration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion,

Holy Land Collection

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Holy Saturday

April 4th

8:30 p.m.

Solemn Vigil of Easter

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Easter Sunday

April 5th

8:00 a.m.

Mass in Gorham

10:00 a.m.

Mass in Russell