

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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March 22, 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.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 22ND, 2026

I have come to believe that you are the Christ. (John 11:27)

Martha's faith was being tested. Surely she thought that once she sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick, he would come quickly to heal him. And yet John tells us that although Jesus "loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus," he "remained for two days in the place where he was" (John 11:5,6). How painful it must have been for Martha to watch helplessly as her brother died! How she must have wondered why Jesus hadn't come sooner!

When Jesus does finally show up, Martha doesn't hide her disappointment. If he had arrived in time, she tells him, "my brother would not have died" (John 11:21). Yet her faith remains firmly intact: "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you" (11:22). And when Jesus tells her that her brother will rise, she proclaims her belief "in the resurrection on the last day" (11:24). Martha must have been overjoyed when Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb!

Martha's faith even in disappointment can be an inspiration for us, especially when we have "sent word" to Jesus, but he seems to be absent (John 11:3). Today's Gospel shows us that when the Lord's ways are confusing, he always has us on his heart and mind. He hears our prayers and has a plan for our lives even when we can't envision it.

Martha came to believe that Jesus had the power to raise the dead and that his plans were higher than hers. Even though he hadn't healed her brother, she still trusted him. So when you are in a place of waiting or disappointment, you can bring your pain to Jesus. You can allow him to reassure you that he is your loving Savior. He will strengthen your faith and hope. He will help you see his goodness in this life and even more, in the life to come.

Always remember that Jesus hears your prayers. He will never, ever forsake you.

"Lord, I put my trust in you!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
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
Monday, March 23	No Mass	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, John 8:1-11
Tuesday, March 24 - 5:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased of Grennan Family	Numbers 21:4-9, John 8:21-30
Wednesday, March 25 - 5:30 p.m.	Kilian Korbe	Isaiah 7:10-14, 8-10, Hebrews 10:4-10, Luke 1:26-38
Thursday, March 26 - 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Charlie Steier, Ann of B	Genesis 17:3-9, John 8:51-59
Friday, March 27 - 7:30 a.m.	Deceased members of Carl & Emma Munsch	Jeremiah 20:10-13, John 10:31-42
Saturday, March 28 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Marie Waldroup	Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66
Sunday, March 29 - 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday	For Our Parishioners	Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

Gorham Mass Schedule

Sundays - 8:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday - 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 March 14th & March 15th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1,340.50
Maintenance Fund	\$ 625.00
Loose Cash	\$ 486.00
Votive	\$ 358.50
Lenton Luncheon	\$ 555.80
Catholic Relief Collection	\$ 930.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,140.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 5,435.80

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, March 28th - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, March 29th - 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday
Hospitality/Ushers/Gifts	Florance Klein & Michelle Klein	Dan & Deb Bernard
Lectors	(Rd 1 & Voice) Melinda Cross (Rd 2 & Narrator) Jeff Ochampaugh	(Rd 1 & Voice) Merlin Ney Rd 2 & Narrator) Dave Zachman
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Steve Knopp & Jamie Malone Cup: Jim Malone, Cindy Balthazor & Melanie Banks	Body: *Marcia Blundon & Dustin Dreher Cup: Deb Bernard, Coleen Boxberger & Marc Hertel
Altar Servers	Adam Hoch & Adison Hoch	Brooklyn Sohm & Peyton Sohm
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Curtis Sander/Kinsey Volk	Cheryl Seirer/Rachel Sipe
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, March 29th-Palm Sunday Gracelynn Dinkel & Molli Wieger	Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday - No Class
Counters	Sunday, March 22nd Steve & Luci Knopp	Sunday, March 29th Mark & Tammy Ptacek

Birthday Wishes to:

Monday, March 23rd Shirley Boxberger & Ron Ptacek
 Tuesday, March 24th Jim Malone, John Malone, Janna Norin,
 Rowan Driscoll & Melissa Dauber
 Wednesday, March 25th Sierra Stroede
 Thursday, March 26th Tasha Jones
 Saturday, March 28th Michelle Farmer & Merle Ney
 Sunday, March 29th Tammy Ptacek, Adam Jones & Nathan Mosier



Anniversary Wishes to: No Anniversaries

**GRADES K-11
IMPORTANT**

PARENTS MEETING

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

PARISH HALL

SPEAKER: Bill Meagher

Sacramental Restored Order



Religious Education News **2025-2026**

March 25 7:00 p.m. -No Class-**Important Parents Meeting in Parish Hall**

April 1 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class

April 8 7:15 p.m. -CCD Class - Practice for
 1st Communion - CYO

April 12 10:00 a.m. -**1st Communion Mass**

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



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

St. Mary Queen of Angels will have Vacation Bible School again this summer for children **1st through 5th grades!** (see Bulletin insert)

Mark your Calendars! **June 1st - June 5th**

We are needing volunteers to help!
Please contact:

**Sherry Homeier at 785-483-0325 or
Katy Hertel at 785-324-9155**
if interested in helping.



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.



Fifth Lenten Luncheon will be held at **Emmanuel Church in Milberger** on **Wednesday, March 25th at Noon.**
Topic: **Redemption.**

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 April 13th, the days you are unavailable for the next schedule dates of:

Saturday, May 16th through Sunday, June 14th

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

If you subscribe to the Living With Christ book, your **April** copy is on the table in the Gathering Space.

Please be sure you pick up the copy with your name on it.



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 25 9-10 a.m. -Catholic Charities in Church parking lot
 Noon -Lenten Luncheon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger
 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
- March 27 5:30 p.m. -Stations of the Cross
- March 29 8:00 a.m. -**Palm Sunday Mass** in Gorham
 10:00 a.m. -**Palm Sunday Mass** in Hays

 **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!**

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach will be in Russell on **Wednesday, March 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.



The Russell Knights of Columbus chose **Brandon Dinkel** as the **March Knight of the Month**.

Family of the Month is **Andy and Sarah Hurla**.

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that **Jeff Ochampaugh** has been selected as **Knight of the Year!**

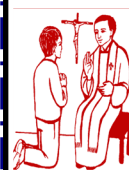
Duke and Deb Strobel were selected as **Family of the Year!**

The Knights congratulate them all for their contributions to the Council and the Church. *Congratulations*

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 _____



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

There will be three priests available to hear confessions.



We would like to welcome Dawson and Jill Johannes as new members to our Parish Community.

They are a great addition to St. Mary Queen of Angels.

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.

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit:

www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



Greetings from Fr. Frank Coady

We are putting together a diocesan choir for the Chrism Mass in Salina, KS on Thursday, March 26th. There will be one practice that morning before Mass.

If interested, please contact: psauers@shcathedral.com or the Sacred Heart Cathedral office at 785-823-7221 for more information on joining the choir.

BUCKLE UP!!

AND PREPARE TO SOAR THROUGH AWESOME LESSONS AT
VBS THIS SUMMER at SMQoA!

JUNE 1ST-5TH 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Ages 1st through 5th grade



Join us for a **RADICAL RIDE** ON THE WINGS OF PRAYER

Each day we will travel to a different country learning about a saint, how to put prayer into action, and other activities designed to enhance our faith. There will be merry music, fun skits, cool crafts, exciting games and yummy snacks all centered around the theme to reinforce the morning's teachings and enhance each child's faith journey. There will also be daily prayer and virtue demonstrations to complete the morning adventure!

Enrollment for VBS will be due about May 1st. Please be watching bulletin in April for further enrollment information.

Volunteers are needed, 7th grade - adult, for a successful flight! Adults will oversee one of the stations (music, crafts, faith, snacks, games) and youth will be helping with these stations or guiding and assisting a small group. We will be meeting for planning in April, date TBD.

Call numbers below to sign up!!

Please consider joining the flight crew for a **Radical Ride**
on the Wings of Prayer!

If any questions, call **Sherry Homeier at 483-0325** or **Katy Hertel at 324-9155**.