

ST. MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS



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April 26, 2026

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Judy Larson—Administrative Assistant
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Bonita Ney—Religious Education Coordinator
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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 26TH, 2026

They were cut to the heart (Acts 2:37)

Peter's preaching about Jesus on Pentecost powerfully affected the people who heard his message. They were "cut to the heart," and three thousand of them turned to the Lord that day (Acts 2:37).

The Greek word used here for "cut" is *katanusso*, which literally means "to pierce" or "to prick." Peter's words acted as a sword, piercing the hearts of the people with the truth that they had sinned in rejecting Jesus and calling for him to be crucified. Imagine their pain and sorrow when they realized this - and the joy they must have felt when they repented and were baptized in his name! Washed clean and filled with his love, they began to live in an entirely new way.

You might say that the people in Jerusalem that day were like the sheep Jesus spoke about in the Gospel. He is the Good Shepherd who called them "by name" and beckoned them to follow him (John 10:3). "Cut to the heart," they decided to give their hearts to him. What an appropriate story for Good Shepherd Sunday!

However we first came to follow Jesus, we have all been cut to the heart at one time or another by the truths of the gospel-especially when we've been convicted of our sins. But we aren't the only ones who have experienced the pain and sorrow that sin causes. Jesus, our Shepherd, laid down his life for us to save us from our sin (John 10:11). Even now, his heart is pierced because so many of his sheep are missing out on the mercy he has to offer them. That's why he will leave the ninety-nine to go after the one (Matthew 18:12). He longs for everyone to know him and follow him.

Today, thank Jesus for piercing your heart and filling you with his love. Rejoice that the good news of his salvation has the power to change hearts even now. Then pray for all the people you know who have yet to follow Jesus. Pray that they will be "cut to the heart" and find in that sorrow the greatest joy they could ever know.

"Good Shepherd, I want to follow you all the days of my life!"

The Word Among Us

Date	Mass Intentions	Mass Readings
Saturday, April 25 - 5:30 p.m.	For Our Parishioners	Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20b-25, John 10:1-10
Sunday, April 26 - 10:00 a.m.	Delores Mermis, Ann of B	Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20b-25, John 10:1-10
Monday, April 27	No Mass	Acts 11:1-18, John 10:11-18
Tuesday, April 28 - 5:30 p.m.	Annette Gerstner	Acts 11:19-26, John 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 29 - 5:30 p.m.	Janice Miska	Acts 12:24-13:5a, John 12:44-50
Thursday, April 30 - 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Charlie Seirer	Acts 13:13-25, John 13:16-20
Friday, May 1 - 7:30 a.m.	Clem & Katie Suellentrop, Ann	Acts 13:26-33, John 14:1-6
Saturday, May 2 - 5:30 p.m.	Spec. Intention Henry Hilger, B	Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12
Sunday, May 3 - 10:00 a.m.	For Our Parishioners	Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

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



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Brenton Lumpkins, Gwenna Green, T. J. Karst, 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.



Stewardship of Treasure

Contributions Weekend of April 18th & April 19th, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1,543.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 430.00
Loose Cash	\$ 545.00
Votive	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,035.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ 3,653.00

CEMETERY \$ 100.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Stewardship of Time and Talent

Liturgical Ministers	Saturday, May 2nd - 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, May 3rd - 10:00 a.m. Senior Recognition
Hospitality/Ushers Gifts/Bulletins:	Jesse & Melanie Hoch (Gifts) Leonard & Ramona Hoch (Greeters)	Seniors
Lectors	Jeff Ochampaugh & Susan Orender	Seniors
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Body: *Keith Haberer & Jane Cline Cup: Chris Roth, Sandy Ochampaugh & Maureen Haberer	Body: *Tammi Buhrle & Todd Buhrle Cup: Deb Strobel, Sherry Homeier & Sarah Hurla
Altar Servers	Adam Hoch & Adison Hoch	Madeleine Middleton, Maci Wieger & Fiona Dreiling
Organist/Instrumental/Cantors	Cheryl Seirer/Kinsey Volk	Cheryl Seirer/Jeanie Munsch & Coleen Boxberger
Religious Ed. Teachers Preschool - First Grade	Sunday, May 3rd Gracelynn Dinkel & Reese Owens	Sunday, May 10th Madi Wieger & Hayden Creamer
Counters	Sunday, April 26th Mark & Tammy Ptacek	Sunday, May 3rd Jon & Alice Quinday

Birthday Wishes to:

Saturday, April 25th	Kendyl Mead & Barbara Elliott
Monday, April 27th	Mary VonLintel & Leslie Hoffman
Tuesday, April 28th	Gordon Dolechek & Dustin Dreher
Wednesday, April 29th	Richard Krause, Jr., Terri Middleton & Kara Berry
Friday, May 1st	Gary Vonfeldt, Sandra Benavente & Drew Ludwig
Saturday, May 2nd	Kevin Dolechek
Sunday, May 3rd	Anne Coady, Stephanie Brown & Larry Wallert



Anniversary Wishes to:

Saturday, April 25th	Derek & Tanya Becker, Jerald & Jewel Mosier
Sunday, April 26th	Casey & Amanda Seirer
Monday, April 27th	John III & Dianne Farmer
Tuesday, April 28th	Lance & Mary Pat Waymaster
Wednesday, April 29th	Shawn & Hannah Ludwig
Sunday, May 3rd	Leonard & Ramona Hoch



**Religious
Education
News**

2025-2026

April 29	7:15 p.m	-Last CCD Class
May 3	10:00 a.m.	- Senior Recognition Mass

**PARISH FINANCE
COUNCIL**

FINANCE COUNCIL
meeting is on Tuesday,
April 28th at 6:15 p.m.
following 5:30 p.m. Mass
in the Conference Room.

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to build up the wounded. I ask you to bring them back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your Holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come home.

Behold, O Good Shepherd, you have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all.
AMEN



New Ministry Schedules are in the box on the table in the Gathering Space. I have also mailed out some of them.

They are also available on our website.

Next ministry schedule will run from June 20th through July 12th.

Please let me know your unavailability by May 11th if possible.



If you subscribe to the Living With Christ book, your May copy is on the table in the Gathering Space. Please be sure you pick up the copy with your name on it.

For those who did not renew their subscription, this will be your last copy.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 28th	6:15 p.m.	-Finance Council Meeting
April 29th	7:15 p.m.	-Last CCD Class
May 1st	7:30 a.m.	-First Friday Mass
	8:00 a.m.	-Adoration
	5:45 p.m.	-Benediction
May 3rd	10:00 a.m.	-Senior Recognition Mass-Reception following
May 5th	6:15 p.m.	-Parish Council Meeting in Conference Room
May 7th	6:30 p.m.	-RCCW Meeting in Conference Room
May 10th		-Happy Mothers Day
May 17th	9:40 a.m.	-Knights of Rosary before Mass
May 18th	7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus Meeting
May 25th		-Memorial Day - Parish Office closed
May 26th	6:15 p.m.	-Finance Council Meeting
May 27th	9-10 a.m.	-Catholic Charities in Parking Lot
May 31st	11:00 a.m.	-Bonita Ney's Retirement Party immediately Following Mass



Thank you to Barbarba Elliott, Jeanie Munsch, Cheryl Seirer, Jim Malone, and Vincent Corbett for providing Sunday Worship Services on April 19th to the senior living groups at Wheatland Nursing, Main Street Manor, and Homestead Assisted living. SMQOA will deliver services next on **Sunday June 7th**; all parishioners are invited to come.

Lenten Food Drive - Once again, the parishioners of St. Mary Queen of Angels have been a beautiful witness to the Gospel in action. During this Lenten season - a time of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving - we were called to open our hearts to those in need. You responded with generosity, compassion, and love.

Through your efforts, 323 items were collected and shared with those served by Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas. Each can, each box, each simple offering became something more - a reflection of Christ's love made visible in our community. In giving to those who hunger, we have answered His call: "For I was hungry and you gave me food."

This is what it means to be a parish family - to walk together in faith, to care for one another, and to serve with joyful hearts. May we carry this spirit beyond Lent, continuing to be the hands and feet of Christ in our daily lives.

Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and your commitment to living out the Gospel.



CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2026 Confirmation class as they are being confirmed this Sunday, April 26th.

Elizabeth Banks
Aaron Cole II
Gracelynn Dinkel
Morgan Finkenbinder
Joey Hurla
Olivia Morgenstern
Gracie McDonald
Klaudia Shumaker

May God Bless them!



Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. Registrations are due **May 1st** in order for teachers to plan, prepare and order sufficient supplies.

The dates for Vacation Bible school are:
June 1st through June 5th

We welcome and encourage **K-5th grades that are enrolled for the 2025-26 school year** to attend an exciting faith based week of learning! They will experience songs, crafts, games and snacks each day!

There are forms on the back of the table to fill out (you may drop them in the brown box by the office door) or you can fill out the form through the QR code that is also located on the back table.

Tune into Divine Mercy Radio for their Spring Care-a-thon: "Behold, I Make All Things New" Revelation 21:5!

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Class of 2026

All parishioners are invited to the Senior Recognition Mass and Scholarship Award Ceremony at St. Mary, Queen of Angels Church

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

Following 10:00 A.M. Mass

Parish reception and scholarship distribution will be held in the Parish Hall following the service.

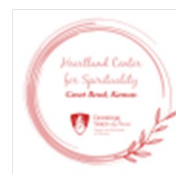
Girls Night Out

Ladies, it's time to play, laugh, and connect! Join us at Heartland Center for Spirituality for an unforgettable Girls Night Out on **Friday, May 8th from 7-9 p.m.**

Where: Heartland Center for Spirituality,
3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS

What's Happening: A night packed with games, laughter, tasty refreshments, and great company! Plus, don't miss our exciting 50/50 drawing at 8:50 p.m.

Come solo and make new friends or bring a few besties along. It is **ALL FREE!**





Retirement Party

Join us to celebrate

Bonita Hey

Religious Ed Director, 23 years!



**A meal will be served
Sunday, May 31
Following the 10 am Mass
Please RSVP by May 8th**

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