

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



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Diocese: <http://salinadiocese.org>

Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday 8:10 a.m.
Monday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (EGSC)
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Cedar Bluff, Memorial Day-Labor Day)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Noon on Wednesday

Baptism

By appointment. Contact the Pastor

Weekly Readings

Apr. 24 - 30
Mon: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
Tue: 1 Pet 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 2:14,22-33; Luke 24:13-35

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Pastoral Associate	Sr. Doris Flax
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Amy Hudson
School Principal	Mrs. April Pfeifer
Pastoral Council President	Mr. Ken Kohl
Liturgy Chairperson	Mrs. Donna Honas
Education Chairperson	Mr. Darin Reed
Building & Maintenance	Eldon Jerauld, Ron Amrein, Mike Augustine
Finance Council President	Mr. Jeff Augustine
School Council President	Mrs. Amanda Shannon
Home & School President	Mrs. Sarah Eck
Director of Religious Education	Mrs. Lucia Bain

Marriage

Contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. No wedding will be scheduled without premarital instruction.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Apr. 22	5:30 p.m.	Pam McMahon+
Sun	Apr. 23	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Apr. 24	5:30 p.m.	Rudy & Katie Windholz+ Fam (liv/dec)
Tues	Apr. 25	8:10 a.m.	Ray & Lorine Kohl+
Wed	Apr. 26	8:10 a.m.	Benny Younger+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents (liv/dec)
Thu	Apr. 27	8:10 a.m.	Lee Billinger+
Fri	Apr. 28	8:10 a.m.	Mary & Gay Henderson+
Sat	Apr. 29	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Apr. 30	9:00 a.m.	Tim Kohl+

Ministries Apr. 29 & 30

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Andrea Zody John Zody Terry Zervas Cindy Zervas Perry Mick	Marilyn Kroeger Lucia Bain Shelly Hensley Amy Hudson Gail Brack
Lector	Allen Weber	Becky Metzler
Offertory Procession	Brian & Michelle Frickey Family	Corey & Amy Burton Family
Cantor / Musician	Amy Staab Nancy Cunningham	Emily Mattheyer Alyson Johnson
Servers	Carli Fischer Shaylee Fischer Taegan Shannon	Daniel Crawford Mali Crawford Maya Crawford
Ushers & Greeters	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler Art & Shirley Honas Phyllis LaShell	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Corey & Amy Burton

Other Ministries

Communion to Homebound	Apr. 28 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Apr. 30 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Bev Windholz
Rosary Leaders	Apr. 29 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Apr. 30 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Agneta Kuhn Connie Fink
Children's Liturgy	Apr. 30 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Becky Metzler

Meetings & Events

Sat	Apr. 22	Bittle/Waldschmidt Wedding
Sun	Apr. 23	9 am - First Communion
Thu	Apr. 27	9 am - 6 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	Apr. 29	King/Kingsley Wedding Home Missions Collection
Sun	Apr. 30	Home Missions Collection

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Manny Befort, Shawna LaBarge, Tanner Sullivan, Melba Engel, Emily Siercks, Joe Weber, Lucille Kuhn, Josephine Urban, Star & Sky Dinkel, Lucille Flax, Michael Allen Augustine, Lee Boos, Tom Jabara, Diane Boos, Lila Margreiter, Dean Dinkel, Martin LaBarge, James Newton, Rose Egger, Frank Landess, Debbie LaBarge, Aiden & Ashton Johnson, Ron Donner and the residents of Ellis Good Samaritan Center. If anyone has names they would like added to the list they may call the rectory at 726-4522.

Miscellaneous

- It's about that time to start mowing. Please have all flowers and items removed from the cemetery by April 22nd. Anything not in vases will be removed and thrown away.
- We are in need of volunteers to teach the following CCD grades for 2017-2018 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th. Please call the rectory if you would like to volunteer.
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Final women's bible study for Spring is Wed, April 26th @ 7:00 pm. We will be studying the final chapter (28) of Matthews gospel. We hope to resume in the fall when we will be studying Mark's gospel.
- Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 6th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles can be picked up here at church the weekend of May 6-7th & returned the weekend of June 24-25th. Your contribution supports: Pregnancy Services That Include Emergency Assistance. Counseling Support, Adoption Guidance. All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas - serving those of ALL faiths.

Note from the Pastor

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service is Sunday (April 23) is at 3:00 p.m. Confessions from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sound System Update. For those who were at Mass Easter Sunday, the volume at the pulpit was too low. I noticed it and went back to adjust it. The user interface is digital, i.e., it has a small computer screen. To change the volume you take your finger and move these "sliders" up and down. It is very hard to get them to move and to fine tune; it tends to jump up or down, moving too high (in which you get a lot of feedback) or too low. I decided to leave it alone and deal with it later. It is adjusted better now. I told the company we need a better way to fine tune the volume. They said they could add a "bump up / bump down" button that would allow us to make fine adjustments one value at a time without using sliders.

The system seems to be set fairly well for our church. They will come back and make minor adjustments, if needed. It seems to me that we are getting some minor "S" sounds when a person speaks. Fine tuning the volume may help or it may require a minor adjustment to the system.

There is a software tool they use to make adjustments. The tool is very sophisticated, requiring a programmer type person to use. I told them that I have 20+ years of computer programming experience and might be able to figure it out. They said that the type of interface is extremely different than what I would be accustomed to. However, once the system is fine tuned for our church, there will probably be no need to make those type of adjustments. We can purchase the software tool, if we think we need it and if we can figure out how to use it.

Church Lighting Update. The replacement for the big LED light above the altar came in Thursday, ahead of the time they had told me. Hopefully, the replacement will last the 100,000 hours the light is rated for. As I mentioned before, we are planning on upgrading the lights in the church with LED lights. We looked at a couple of brands that can be used with the ballasts, but they have small fans. We can get LED lights without fans, but they require bypassing the ballasts. Actually, in the long term it would be wise to eliminate the ballasts because they are reaching the end of their life. They are over 16 years old. So we will probably go that route.

Bulletin Announcement from the Bishop. Bishop Weisenburger will celebrate a special Mass for mothers of the Salina Diocese who have experienced the death of a child. The Mass will be offered on Friday, May 12th, at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Any mothers interested in attending are asked to RSVP by May 5 to Michelle Martin, our Director of Catholic Charities, at mmartin@ccnks.org or 785-825-0208. One or two photos (digital format preferred) of their deceased son or daughter can be submitted to jeff.easter@salinadiocese.org by May 1 to be included in a special video presentation to be shared at the reception.

Reminders.

Symbolo Class continues Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- Knights of Columbus pinochle dates are April 26th all are at 8 pm at the Knights Hall.
- The D of I Birthday Social will be held Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Bingo will be played. All D of I members are welcome.
- The May D of I Meeting will be held Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti will be served at 6:30 p.m.
- CYO Chicken Dinner on April 23, 2017. Pan Fried Chicken Dinner includes: Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, vegetable, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls and Dessert. 10 am until 1:00 pm or until sold out. Ellis Knights of Columbus hall, 1013 Washington St, Ellis, KS 67637. Ages 5 through 9 \$5.00. Ages 10 and over \$10.00. Sponsored by Ellis St Mary CYO

Miscellaneous

- Dear friends of St. Mary Parish in Ellis. I wanted to let you know that I will be celebrating my 25th anniversary of priesthood on Sun., May 28, 2017. Mass at 3 pm at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish, 230 E Cloud in Salina. This will be followed by a come and go reception with hors d'oeuvres from 4 pm - 6 pm in our parish hall. If you plan to attend please RSVP to Kathy Gasper at Kathy@stmsalina.org by Fri. May 12th simply so we can plan for the food. Peace & Prayers, Fr. Kevin
- The next Education meeting will be Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30 pm.
- Salina Diocese Men's Conference, Register Online The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Diocesan Men's Conference, "Men on a Mission" on Saturday, August 12 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Please attend and bring your sons who are high school age and up. To register online or for more information go to www.salinadiocese.org/family-life or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 17.

Parish Offering: Apr. 15 & 16

Loose \$1,420.00 (Budget \$885.00)

Envelope \$4,005.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)

For this weekend the collection was short \$(268.00)

School News

Wed., Apr. 26: 2:30 pm - Famous Figures
Thurs. Apr. 27: 4th Grade Book Lunch
Fri., Apr. 28: Spirit Shirt Day
Sun. Apr. 30: 1 pm - Creative Writing Awards

Garage Sale: Friday, April 28th from 12 pm - 5 pm and Saturday, April 29th from 9 am - 2 pm at Wiesner's Antique building downtown Ellis. This sale will benefit St. Mary's School. For donations either bring items to Wiesner's on Monday the 24th, Tuesday the 25th or Wednesday the 26th from 1 pm - 4 pm or call Lillian at 726-3319 or 726-1319.



Graduation Mass
will be Sunday, May 7th at 9 am.
Please wear your cap and gown
and meet in the entrance
of church.

Holy Humor

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -- Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."

The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you."

The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?" "Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said.

The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?"

Miscellaneous

- The bishops of the United States have approved a special one time collection to take place in parishes across the nation on May 14, 2017. This collection will support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If you wish to contribute to this collection, please place your donation in a special envelope and mark the envelope "Trinity Dome" then place the donation in the collection basket on Sunday, May 14. Thank you for your generosity.
- Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: Women and men of abortion, weep no more. Jesus is calling you to follow Him. Give yourself the gift of a retreat weekend. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. Next retreat: June 23-25 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org Confidential

Don't Conform, Transform

Tune in to Divine Mercy Radio May 2-5 for
KVDM's Spring Care-a-Thon.

*Chance to win prizes play Catholic Trivia, hear
from
local guests *

Here are guests of interest particularly for
St. Mary, Ellis

For a complete schedule go to dvmercy.com

May 2

10 a.m. – April Pfeifer & 6th grade students

May 3

2 p.m. – Deacon Ryan McCandless

5 p.m. – Leonard Schoenberger & Secular
Franciscans

May 4

10 a.m. – Fr. Dana Clark

Noon – Fr. Richard Daise

May 5

2 p.m. – Deacon Justin Palmer

4 to 6 pm – Ask Fr. Fred

(Time to call in and ask any question about the
Catholic Faith. Call-in number: 785.621.5061.)

Please pray for this evangelization mission.
Thank you.