

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent



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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-thru 2 weeks after Labor Day)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Noon on Wednesday

Baptism

By appointment. Contact the Pastor

Weekly Readings

Dec. 4 - Dec. 10
Mon: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tue: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wed: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thu: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Luke 1:26-38
Sat: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Mark 1:1-8

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Pastoral Associate	Sr. Doris Flax
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Emily Mattheyer
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	Dec 2	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 3	9:00 a.m.	Flora Ricke+ & Carol Schell+
Mon	Dec 4	5:30 p.m.	Oscar & Julie Honas+
Tues	Dec 5	8:10 a.m.	Lee Billinger+
Wed	Dec 6	8:10 a.m.	Marilyn King+ (anniv)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Brian Petr+
Thu	Dec 7	8:10 a.m.	Julius & Dorothy Urban+
Fri	Dec 8	8:10 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Gay & Mary Henderson+ Roy Horton Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Dec 9	5:30 p.m.	Edna Mae Kuhn+ (anniv)
Sun	Dec 10	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 3	D of I Christmas Party @ 12 noon Parish Rosary @ 1:30pm Communal Penance Service @ 2:00pm
Fri.	Dec. 8	Holy Day Mass @ 8:10am & 5:30pm National Night of Prayer 8:00pm-12midnight

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

We invite you to our parish for our
Communal Penance Service for Advent on
Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m.
Parish Rosary will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Ministries Dec. 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Ministry	8:10 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Seibel Josita Dreiling Ken Kohl Diana Kohl Sister Doris	Terry Zervas Cindy Zervas Mike Augustine Linda Augustine Randy Augustine
Lector	School Children	Richard Bollig
Offertory Procession	School Children	Rod & Cristi Werth Family
Cantor / Musician	School Children	Nancy Cunningham Emily Mattheyer
Servers	School Children	Kaleigh Weber Rylee Werth Maverick Gnad
Ushers & Greeters	School Children	Volunteers

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Kelly Beisner, Diane Boos, Lee Boos,
Pam Burgardt, George Crawford, Ron Donner,
JoAnn Hohman, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Lucille Kuhn,
Debbie & Martin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge,
Josephine Urban, Kenny & Kathy Wolf,
and the residents of Ellis Good Samaritan Center.
If any one has names they would like added to the list
they may call the rectory at 726-4522.

Ministries Dec. 9 & 10

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Dave Schuster Karla Schuster Charles Waldschmidt Verlene Waldschmidt Amanda Shannon	Cristi Werth April Pfeifer Sue Ann Tebo Lisa Weber Michelle Brenner
Lector	Sharon Bittel	Mindy Eck
Offertory Procession	Mark & Sarah Eck Family	Monte & Kylie Honas Family
Cantor / Musician	LuAnn Pfeifer Becker Girls	Guitar Choir
Servers	Macy Eberle Cody Eberle Anna Kuhn	Jarret Mader Kia Mader Dakota Metzler
Ushers & Greeters	Clarence Rupp Kathy Sherfick Verla Seibel Darrell Augustine Jake Dreiling	Corey & Amy Burton Family Chris & Brandy Becker Family

Other Ministries

Communion to Homebound	Dec. 8 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 10 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 9 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 10 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zervas Kenny Augustine
Children's Liturgy	Dec. 10 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Becky Metzler

Note from the Pastor

Saturday Night Mass Time Change. The parish council was asked to consider the possibility of moving the 5:30 p.m. Saturday night Mass to 5:00 p.m. because of how dark it gets in the evening during the winter months. An extra half hour of daylight would make it a little easier on the elderly (and others) who come to the evening Mass. It was discussed and voted by the council to do so on a trial basis. The **time change will start Saturday, January 6.** The Council will reconsider the change in the spring to decide whether to make the 5:00 p.m. time change permanent. One thought was to change when daylight savings time changes. Any feedback will be helpful whether to make it permanent or not, or whether to go back to 5:30 and make it permanent.

Word Among Us. The Word Among Us has donated 50 copies of their Advent booklet. They are available in the back of the church. Also, copies of *The Catholic Devotional* booklets are available. Feel free to take copies of these booklets.

2018 Calendars are available. Check the table or bookshelves in the back of the church.

Communal Penance Services (Confessions). Our parish *Communal Penance service* for Advent is this Sunday (December 3) at 2:00 p.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a holyday of obligation. Masses on that day will be at 8:10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Annual National Night of Prayer for Life. As we did last year, we will participate in the *Annual National Night of Prayer for Life*. This is four hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning Friday December 8th at 8:00 p.m. and ending at 12:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion (See bulletin insert).

YDisciple. Our fourth session for our YDisciple high school program will be this Wednesday (December 6) starting at 6:45 with a meal, followed by group sessions at 7:15 in the basement of the newly remodeled rectory basement. I invite and encourage our high school youth (juniors and seniors) to come and check it out.

Year-end Gifts. The end of the year is approaching fast. Keep the support of our parish in mind as you plan for your end of year giving.

Some Upcoming Events to take note of:

December 3 Communal Penance Service
December 8th Immaculate Conception (Holyday of Obligation)
December 8th National Night of Prayer (8:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m.)

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Announcements

- **Today's Liturgy:** Beginning in 2018, the Penitential Act, Gloria, Nicene Creed and Invitation to Communion prayers will appear on the inside cover of the Heritage missal. The daily mass proper's section will still be indentified by a gray bar, directly after the Sunday readings.
- **Annual National Night of Prayer for Life.** We, as a parish, will participate in the *Annual National Night of Prayer for Life* on Friday, Dec. 8 beginning at 8:00pm and ending at 12:00a.m. Saturday morning. This is a four hour Eucharistic Adoration. The prayer service will consist of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy Rosary, prayers, hymns, and time for silent prayer.
- **Retirement Fund Religious Collection** will be the weekend of Dec. 9-10. This annual appeal benefits some 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.
- **SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:** Daughters of Isabella are now accepting scholarship applications for the Kansas Daughters of Isabella 2018 Scholarship! Those eligible are to be a graduating senior who is a Kansas citizen enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary school, credited college, university no later than Sept. 1, 2018. Must be a Catholic and be a member, or a daughter, step-daughter, granddaughter, step-granddaughter, or great granddaughter, or step-great granddaughter, or niece of a local member in Kansas. Please contact Marion Ptaschek for an application @ 726-3352. *Deadline to return application back to Marion is Jan. 8, 2018.*



Parish Offering: Nov. 25 & 26

Loose \$495.00 (Budget \$885.00)

Envelope \$3,424.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)

For this weekend the collection was short (\$1,774.00)

Did you know if you attend Mass at any church of the Heartland Parishes: Hays, WaKeeney, Victoria and you put your SMC envelope in their collection it will be sent to SMC? In the future, if you find yourself attending Mass at another parish in the area, it would be safe to say your tithing envelope will make it back to SMC during the week via the mail or hand delivery.

School Announcements

Wednesday, Dec. 6th -- 6:45pm Home & School Meeting
Friday, Dec. 8- - NO Dominic Savio hot chocolate (due to Holy Day Mass)

- **BoxTop Challenge Report:** We have collected **2,525** box tops thus far. Help us reach our goal of 3,000 for an Extra Recess or Free Dress Day! Keep a watch for those BoxTops!!! We appreciate your support!
- **Holiday Food Box Collection:** We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Ellis Food Pantry until Christmas break. We currently have 250! Our goal is 400 items! Help us make a difference in our community!

Community Announcements

- **32nd Annual Cathedral Concert** at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria, is THIS Sunday @ 3:30pm. The Dept. of Music & Theatre at FHSU will feature the Fort Hays Singers, Fort Hays Concert Choir, Smoky hill Chorale, Hays HS Chamber Singers and the Hays High Plains Barbershop Chorus, along with professors of the music and theatre. FHSU's brass choir, brass quartet, string quartet, flute ensemble and double reed consort will also perform. The concert is FREE and open to the public. Get there early to claim your seat!



- **LAST WEEK to SIGN UP** for the Ellis Food Pantry Christmas Boxes! Sign up for your Christmas box by Dec. 9th. You may stop by on open pantry nights OR call Leonard @ 726-1278. This is for all families in the USD 388 School district, in Ellis. Christmas Boxes will be delivered Dec. 20th.

- **CROSSROADS Gospel Chorus** of Hays invites you to our final *Christmas Vespers Concert* on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:00pm at the First United Methodist Church in Hays. This is FREE to the public and will be our last concert together after 20 years of singing together as a music ministry.
- **Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers!** They are looking for energetic individuals to assist in the Hays Office with tasks including shopping for outreach items, assembling outreach kids, and sorting donations, starting at the beginning of 2018. Volunteers are needed during normal business hours (8-5 M-Th and 8-2:30 F). Volunteers may commit to weekly or monthly assignments. If interested, please visit www.ccnks.org>>How to Help>>Volunteer OR call 785-625-2644.



St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees

Gift Giving Trees are in the entrance of the church.

The **Warming Heart Tree** is for Ellis community members who are in need of clothing this holiday season. There will be the age and gender of whom is need. Please use your best judgment to gift them **BRAND NEW** clothing, such as hats, gloves, mittens, coats, socks, or even blankets for smaller children. No Used Clothing will be accepted! You may take your gift to the Ellis Food Pantry or leave them in the entrance of Church and we will deliver them. Monetary gifts are also welcome, please contact Leonard S. @ 726-1278.

*Please attach the gold heart to your gift.
Deadline to return gift(s) is Dec. 15th.*

The **Angel Tree** is for the residents of the Ellis Good Samaritan Center as a gift from parishioners on Christmas Day. There may be many items on the list, but you only need to choose one. You may take your gift to the Good Sam or leave them in the entrance of Church and we will take them there.

*Please attach the angel to your gift.
Deadline to turn in gift(s) is Dec. 22nd.*



FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent: December 3

Reading: Mark 13:33-37

Quotation: "You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming. ...May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Steps toward hope:

- ♦ *See the trails in our lives as opportunities to grow in virtue.*
- ♦ *Do not despair, but realize that all hope resides in trusting in Christ.*
- ♦ *Appreciate that all gifts—material and otherwise—come from God.*

(from www.osv.com)

