

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 10, 2017
Second 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. 11 - Dec. 17

Mon: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

Tue: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47

Wed: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thu: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

Fri: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Sat: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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 9	5:30 p.m.	Edna Mae Kuhn+ (anniv)
Sun	Dec 10	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 11	5:30 p.m.	Jake & Regina Schuster+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Dec 12	8:10 a.m.	Nichole Diane Kuhn+
Wed	Dec 13	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy & Lois Aschenbrenner Fam. (liv/dec)
		EGSC	10:00 a.m. For the residents (liv/dec)
Thu	Dec 14	8:10 a.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ (anniv) Fam. (liv/dec)
Fri	Dec 15	8:10 a.m.	Joe & Anna Dreiling+ and Marion Dorzweiler+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Dec 16	5:30 p.m.	Tom & Tillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 17	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries Dec. 16 & 17

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Randy Augustine Sharon Bittel John Zody Andrea Zody Norma Lang	Linda Augustine Michael Augustine Geri Augustine Gordon Augustine Curtis Weber
Lector	Richard Bollig	Diana Kohl
Offertory Procession	Brad & Stacy Frickey Family	George & Alyssa Crawford Family
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Emily Mattheyer Eck Girls
Servers	Carli Jo Fischer Shaylee Fischer Kinzie Sunley	Cassie Waldschmidt Kaleigh Weber Rylee Werth
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. 15 (Fri)	Rose Dorzweiler
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 17 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 16 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 17 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Craig Seibel
Children's Liturgy	Dec. 17 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Becky Seibel

Meetings & Events

Mon	Dec. 11	School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 14	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9am-6pm
Sun	Dec. 17	CYO Chicken Dinner 10:30am – 1pm Musician's Meeting @ 10:30am - Rectory SMS Christmas Concert @ 2pm

Parish Announcements

- If you would like to donate to the St. Mary's poinsettia fund, place your contribution in a regular envelop marked for this purpose, and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the rectory. If you want to make this donation in memory of someone dear, kindly do so **no later than Wed. December 20th at Noon.**
- **Warming Heart Tree:** There is still time to pick a special heart from the Giving Tree in the back of church! The *Warming Heart Tree* displaying gold hearts are wishes from our very own Ellis community members you are needing new warm clothing items this holiday season. For more information and the date to return gifts, please refer to the back of this bulletin!
- **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.

Prayer List

Congratulations to

Shelby Gottschalk & Aaron Herl

who were united in marriage here on Dec. 2nd!

Please Remember in Prayer

Kelly Beisner, George Crawford, Diane Boos, Lee Boos, Pam Burgardt, Ron Donner, Manny Befort, 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.

Parish Offering: Dec. 2 & 3

Loose \$650.00 (Budget \$885.00)

Envelope \$6,342.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)

For this weekend the collection was above (\$1,299.00)

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.

Note from the Pastor

Diocesan Administrator Elected. As you know our now former bishop, Edward Weisenburger, is now the Bishop in Tucson, Arizona. Fr. Frank Coady was elected as administrator of the diocese. He will take care of any administrative type of work. My guess is that it will be 4 months to a year before we have a new bishop. Pray for the selection committee in their discernment process for selecting a bishop. Note that during the Eucharistic Prayer, where we normally would say the bishop's name, no bishop's name is mentioned.

The School Christmas Program. The program is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Masses. Christmas Eve Masses this year will at 4:00p.m. and 6:00p.m. The 4:00p.m. Mass will be the Children's Mass. The Christmas morning Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

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 reconsidered 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.

Word Among Us. The Word Among Us has donated 50 copies of the 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.

YDisciple. Our fifth session for our YDisciple high school program will be this Wednesday (December 13) 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.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Ellis Knights of Columbus** will have a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 8:00pm., afterwards, we'll play cards. Please make an effort to attend. It is your organization. Let your voice be heard!
- **St. Mary's CYO Fried Chicken Dinner** will be on Sunday, Dec. 17th, beginning 10:00 until 1:00pm (or until sold out) at Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall. Pan fried chicken dinner includes: mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert. All you can eat for a price of \$5.00 for ages 5-9 yrs, \$10.00 for ages 10 yrs & over.
- The **Good Hope Quilters** are at it again! We will soon be sending quilts and personal items for the ladies and children at the Samaritan house homeless shelter in Denver. We would be very appreciative if you could donate ANY of the following items: *woven cotton fabric* (any size, but larger pieces would be great!), *small personal care items* (such as travel-size toiletries, nail-care items, chap-stick, Band-Aids, etc.), *small utility items* (like the little \$1 flashlights or rain ponchos), *non-perishable snack items*, *little (New Testament) Bibles*. Also if you want to help make quilts or donate to this cause, that would be wonderful. For more info, please contact Geri Augustine @ 785-656-2466, Juliet Honas @ 785-623-0783, or Gini Augustine @ 785-726-1257.
- **Scholarship Available:** The D of I are 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.*



School Announcements

Monday, Dec. 11

11:00am - DARE graduation
1:45pm - 6th grade to Good Sam
7:00pm - School Council

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Birthday Mass & Lunch

Friday, Dec. 15

7:35am - Dominic Savio Hot Chocolate
AR points due
Food Pantry Collection Ends



Sunday, Dec. 17

2:00pm - School Christmas Concert

- **Holiday Food Collection for Ellis Food Pantry:** *We need 130 MORE items to meet our goal of 400!* Last day to drop off non-perishable food items is Dec. 15th!



We've collected 2,729 out of 3,000 for our **BoxTop Challenge** of Free Dress or Free Recess! Please clip those BoxTops for our school!!!

Community Announcements

- **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.
- **EHS 5th Quarter** is this Friday after the HS Basketball games at Ellis Methodist Church until 11:45pm. FREE to all High School students. Come enjoy Good Food! Win Prizes! Play air hockey, foosball, Xbox, Wii games, and so much more!
- **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.



PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

Heavenly Father, you have blessed our diocese time and again with good and holy bishops who have led us ever closer to you. Aware of your profound love for us, we ask you to bless us once again. Send us a good and holy man to become our next bishop. Inspire us, the clergy, religious, and laity of the diocese to work generously with him so that we might grow together in your love and continue the good work you have begun in us for the sake of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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 in 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.

REMINDER: The **Angel Tree** for the residents of the Ellis Good Samaritan Center, gifts need to be returned to the Church or taken to the Good Sam and left under the tree at the front lobby by **December 22nd.**
Please attach the angel to your gift.



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent: December 10

Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Quotation: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Steps toward hope:

- ◆ *Embrace the Communion of Saints.*
- ◆ *Be the face of Christ to others by offering hope through our charity.*
- ◆ *Pray for those who face persecution for their faith.*
(from www.osv.com)

