

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 17, 2017
Third 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. 18 - Dec. 24

Mon: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Tue: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

Wed: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Thu: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

Fri: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

Sat: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Sun: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a 16; Luke 1:26-38

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	Mike Augustine, Eldon Jerauld
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 16	5:30 p.m.	Tom & Tillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 17	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 18	5:30 p.m.	Elaine Bittel+
Tues	Dec 19	8:10 a.m.	John M (anniv) & Clara Augustine+ Fam. (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec 20	8:10 a.m.	Rose Egger Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents (liv/dec)
Thu	Dec 21	8:10 a.m.	Kaden Lee Shannon+ (anniv)
Fri	Dec 22	8:10 a.m.	Margaret Weinser+ (anniv)
Sat	Dec 23	5:30 p.m.	Clara Kuhn+ (anniv)
		9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 24	4:00 p.m.	Eddie & Fidelia Honas+
		6:00 p.m.	Irvin Werth+
Mon	Dec 25	9:00 a.m.	George & Elizabeth Amrein+

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 17	CYO Chicken Dinner 10:30am – 1pm Musician's Meeting @ 10:30am - Rectory SMS Christmas Concert @ 2pm
Mon	Dec. 18	Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 20	Finance Council Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thurs	Dec. 21	NO Eucharistic Adoration
Sun	Dec. 24	Regular Sunday morning Mass @ 9:00am Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Mon	Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! Christmas Day Mass celebration at 9:00am Rectory is Closed.



Ministries Dec. 23 & 24

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Cindy Zerfas Terry Zerfas Danice Dinkel Duane Dorzweiler Richard Bollig	Cristi werth April Pfeifer Sue Ann Tebo Lisa Weber Michelle Brenner
Lector	Barney Boos	Joe Hertel
Offertory Procession	Allen & Kim Weber & Kinzie	Jim & Becky Metzler Family
Cantor / Musician	LuAnn Pfeifer Sandy & Grace Beinser	Nancy Cunningham Crawford Siblings
Servers	Grace Redtzke Sidney Redetke Megan Zweifel	Daniel Crawford Mali Crawford Maya Crawford
Ushers & Greeters	Clarence Rupp Kathy Sherfick Verla Seibel Darrell Augustine Jake Dreiling	Corey & Amy Burton Family Chris & Brandy Becker Family

Ministries for Christmas Eve & Day

Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m.	Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m.
Curtis Weber Sue Ann Tebo Lisa Weber Michelle Brenner Cristi Werth	John Zody Andrea Zody David Schuster Karla Schuster Sue Ann Tebo	Michelle Brenner Josita Dreiling Marilyn Kroeger Randy Augustine Shelly Hensley
Cassie Waldschmidt	Sharon Bittel	Gail Brack
School Children	LaVerne & Janice Dinkel	Jim & Becky Metzler Family
School Children	LuAnn Pfeifer Anna Kuhn	Nancy Cunningham Crawford Siblings
School Children	Lacy Windholz Aaron Windholz Anna Kuhn	Michelle Gottschalk Mason Gottschalk Madison Gottschalk
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Other Ministries

Communion to Homebound	Dec. 22 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 24 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Andrea Zody
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 23 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 24 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Connie Fink
Children's Liturgy	Dec. 24 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	No Children's Liturgy

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Phyllis Rupp, Kelly Beisner, George Crawford, Lee Boos, Pam Burgardt, Ron Donner, Lucille Kuhn, Manny Befort, Danny Schoenberger, JoAnn Hohman, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Diane Boos, Debbie & Martin LaBarge, Josephine Urban, Shawna LaBarge, 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 Announcements

- **CCD Request:** A volunteer is needed to watch 1-2 small children on Wednesday evenings from about 6:45p to 8:15pm for a parishioner who teaches CCD. If interested, please contact 785-726-1353. Thank You!
- **NO Eucharistic Adoration** on Dec. 21 or 28. We will resume Jan. 4th.
- 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.
- **Gift Giving Trees:** A Special THANKS to our parishioners on filling all the fits for the Good Sam and Ellis Food Pantry Giving Trees! Faith in action as we make Christmas brighter for others! REMINDER: If you picked an angel or gold heart off of the giving trees, please return the gifts to the back of church under the tree by these dates: Gold Warming Heart by Monday, Dec. 18th and Good Samaritan Angels by Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.
- Christmas is just 8 days away! Needing a stocking stuffer for a loved one? We have the perfect gift for them! Give a ticket to the **St. Mary's Valentine's Dance** featuring *Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations*, held on Feb. 10, 2018! Tickets are for sale at \$25.00 each (includes dinner and dance). Attendees must be 21 & older to attend. There are also Valentine's Day 50/50 Raffle tickets available for an additional price of (2) - \$5.00 or (6) - \$10.00. Call or Stop by the Parish Office to purchase tickets today!

School Announcements

Sunday, Dec. 17... 2:00pm - School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, Dec. 19... Birthday Party for Jesus

Dec. 20-Jan 2... No School - Christmas Break

- **THANK YOU** to ALL who helped us collect food items for our Holiday Food Collection for Ellis Food Pantry. We were able to donate 388 items! **AND THANK YOU** to everyone who continues to clip BoxTops for our school. We are just shy of reaching our goal!

We appreciate your Support!

Note from the Pastor

Merry Christmas. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Also thank you for your many thoughtful cards and gifts. They are greatly appreciated.

The School Christmas Program. The program is this Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 pm

Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas. You have two obligations to meet this weekend: Sunday and Christmas. On the 4th Sunday of Advent, Masses will be at the normal times (Saturday 5:30pm and Sunday 9:00am) For the Christmas Masses there will be two Christmas Eve Masses (4:00pm & 6:00pm) and one Christmas day Mass (9:00am). *This means that for some you may be going to two Masses on Sunday to fulfill the obligations.*

January 1st (the Solemnity of Mary). Because the Solemnity of Mary falls on Monday this year, it is *not*, a holy day of obligation. However, it is still a holy day that we can celebrate. Consequently, I will offer a Mass on Monday morning at 9:00am and the regular evening Mass at 5:30pm. There will be no New Year Eve's Mass on Sunday.

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

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.

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

It's all about the Baby.
It's all about the One.
It's all about the Father
Who sent to Earth His Son.
It's not about the Christmas trees
Or presents by the score.
It's not about the parties
Or the snow piled high once more.
It's all about the Glory
-- God sent to-earth that day --
A baby, Christ our Savior,
Who sleeps upon the hay.
It's not about the season;
It's all about the Son.
Let's bow and give Him honor,
Jesus Christ, God's precious Son.

Mary Ann Jameson

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **St. Mary's CYO Fried Chicken Dinner** is THIS 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.
- **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.*

Community Announcements

- **You're Invited!** The Little Town of Bethlehem Nativity display at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent, KS will be open to visitors from 1:00-5:00pm on the following days: Sunday, Dec. 17; Saturday, Dec. 23; Sunday, Dec. 24; and Christmas Day. St. Boniface is a country church in southeastern Ellis County and is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and 2 miles east. Catholic Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Christmas Day Mass will also be at 8:45 a.m.



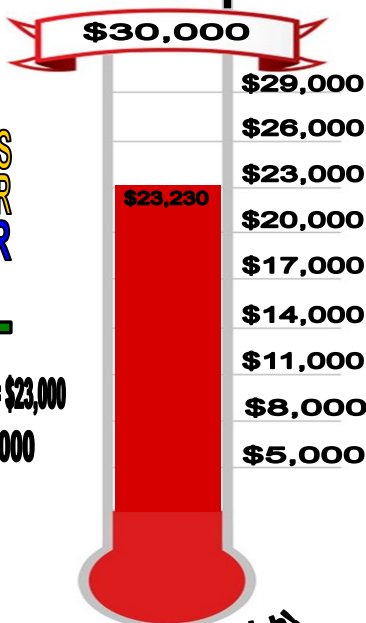
PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

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.

FALL FUND DRIVE update



IT TAKES ALL OF US
WORKING TOGETHER
TO REACH OUR
GOAL

- 2017-18 Budget Amount = \$23,000
- 2017-18 Goal = \$30,000

Thank You for Supporting Our Parish!

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent: December 17

Reading: Mark 1:1-8 & John 1:6-8, 19-28

Quotation: "A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light."

Steps toward hope:

- ◆ Spend time with the Gospels to better comprehend the source of all hope.
- ◆ Attempt to understand the joy of being fully in the presence of God in heaven.
- ◆ In your own way, offer hope by evangelizing to those who do not know Christ. (from www.osv.com)

