

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 31, 2017
**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**



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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday 8:10 a.m.
Monday 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (EGSC)
Saturday 5:00 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

Jan. 1 - Jan. 7
Mon: Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21
Tue: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Wed: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
Thu: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Fri: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
Sat: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38
Sun: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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 30	5:30 p.m.	A.A. & Clara Herman+ Fam (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 31	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Jan 1	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners For vocations from our parish
Tues	Jan 2	8:10 a.m.	Otto Berens+ (anniv) Family
Wed	Jan 3	8:10 a.m.	Viola Beishine+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the residents: living and deceased
Thu	Jan 4	8:10 a.m.	D of I Members (liv/dec)
Fri	Jan 5	8:10 a.m.	Andrew & Clara Kuhn+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Jan 6	5:00 p.m.	Josephine & Adaire Ptascheck+ Family
Sun	Jan 7	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries Jan. 6 & 7

Ministry	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Bittel John Zody Andrea Zody Norma Lang Richard Bollig	Charlotte Pfeifer Eldon Pfeifer Marilyn Kroeger Cindy Hertel Connie Fink
Lector	Allen Weber	Geri Augustine
Offertory Procession	Dennis & Sharon Bittel	Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Eck Girls
Servers	Kinzie Sunley Anna Kuhn Taegan Shannon	Tyler Bongartz Tracyn Bollig Easton Burton
Ushers & Greeters	Dennis & Sharon Bittel Jamison & Amy Miller Phyllis LaShell	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning John & Pamela Gnad Family

Other Ministries

Communion to Homebound	Jan. 5 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Jan. 7 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Mindy Eck
Rosary Leaders	Jan. 6 (Sat) 5:00 p.m. Jan. 7 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Peggy Seibel
Children's Liturgy	Jan. 7 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	No Children's Liturgy

Meetings & Events

Mon	Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! New Year's Mass celebration at 9:00am & 5:30pm Rectory is Closed.
Thurs	Jan. 4	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am - 6:00pm
Sat	Jan. 6	*NEW* Saturday Mass time @ 5:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **NEW SATURDAY MASS TIME** will begin next weekend, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm.
- **Parish Rosary** will be held Jan. 7th @ 2:00pm
- **Mass Intentions for 2018:** There are still some dates available for 2018. Call or stop in the Rectory to schedule.
- **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!
- Mark Your Calendars for **St. Mary's Valentine's Dance** featuring *Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations*, held on Feb. 10, 2018! Tickets are on sale now 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!

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Manny Befort, Kelly Beisner, Diane Boos, Lee Boos, Pam Burgardt, George Crawford, Ron Donner, JoAnn Hohman, Lucille Kuhn, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Debbie & Martin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Phyllis Rupp, Danny Schoenberger, 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. 23 & 24

Loose - Dec. 24: \$592.50 (Budget \$885.00)
Envelope - Dec. 24: \$3,809.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)
Christmas Loose: \$1,457.00
Christmas Envelope: \$4,242.00

For this weekend the collection is ahead (\$4,410.50)

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

Saturday Night Mass Change from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Starting next Saturday (January 6), Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. for the rest of the winter months.

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.

Epiphany House Blessing January 7. As we have traditionally done in the past on the Feast of the Epiphany, we will have containers of holy water and a piece of chalk available for blessing of your home. The blessing of homes, as part of the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, is a custom that many people have adopted. The family gathers together to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this blessing is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 18. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words that means: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and the two numbers the year 2018. Holy Water can then be used to sprinkle the door and rooms in the home.

Priest Renewal Days. Our annual priest's Days of Renewal this year is scheduled for Monday, January 22 thru Thursday 25. Consequently, there will be no Masses that week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (January 23 thru January 25). The Mass on Monday January 22 will be at 8:10 a.m. instead of 5:30 p.m., as I need to be in Wichita by 4:00 p.m.

Liturgy Trivia - Mary the Mother of God



January 1 is New Year's Day in our secular life, but in our liturgical life, it is the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

In the year 431, the Council of Ephesus declared that the Virgin Mary was Mother of God; in Greek, *Theotokos*, "God-bearer."

Mary was celebrated under this title on the first of January until about the eighth century when the day was changed to mark the circumcision of the Lord.

The reforms of the Vatican II returned the day to Mary, Mother of God but kept the Gospel reading which refers to Jesus' circumcision.

This bulletin insert was written by Marian Eagen.

Have a good week! *Fr. Dana*

Parish Organizations

- **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.*
- **D of I Meeting** on Thursday, Jan. 11th. A soup supper will begin the evening at 6:30pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend!

Community Announcements

Single and Beyond group out of Hays invites single people, never married, divorced, and/or widowed, to their social group, **Food & Fellowship at Billy Sims BBQ**, 4320 Vine St, Suite 90, Hays @ **6:00pm on January 3, 17 & 31!** They are also hosting **Game Night** held on **Jan. 13 @ 7:30pm at Nancy's house**, 1402 E. 25th, Hays. (Directions: At 27th & Indian Trail 4-way stop, go south 2 blocks & turn right.) **Bring** finger food snacks and favorite beverage! Our mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact Nancy @ 785-432-0533 or singleandbeyond@gmail.com.

January 1

The life of Jesus begins with Mary.

*Therefore, it is appropriate
to that we begin the New Year*

*with a Feast of Mary,
the Mother of God.*

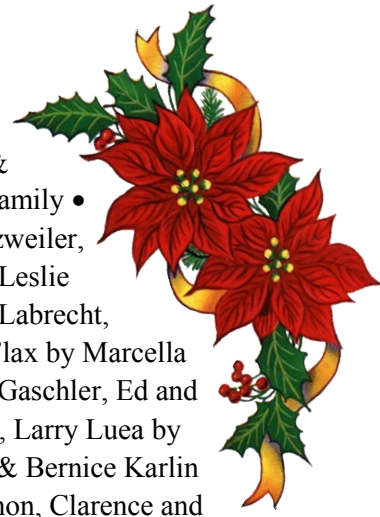
*Since Mary is the
Mother of God,*

she is the mother of joy,

Joy to the World.



Christmas Flowers in Memory of...



Isidore, Dorothy, and Francis Augustine, Alvin Sr., Dorothy, and Donald Herl by Charles & Jeannette Augustine • Harold Bittel, Leslie Dorzweiler, Marion Dorzweiler by Dennis Bittel Family • Paul and Irene Boos by their Family • Daughters of Isabella (living & deceased) • Marion Dorzweiler, Tom and Tillie Windholz, Leslie Dorzweiler by Duane & Karen Dorzweiler • Marion and Leslie Dorzweiler, Joe and Anna Dreiling, Leo and Mary Dorzweiler by Rose Dorzweiler • Greg Labrecht, Earl Lambrecht, Fritz and Martha Dreiling by Dave & Gail Dreiling • Paul Flax and Jerome Flax by Marcella Flax • Fred and Theresa Weimer by Donna Hays • Oscar Honas, Julie Honas, John and Rosie Gaschler, Ed and Agnes Honas by Betty Honas • Mark Honas, John and Frances Honas, John and Marge Luea, Larry Luea by Norbert & Donna Honas • Mark and Agnes Pfannenstiel, Pete and Mary Ann Karlin by Mark & Bernice Karlin • Ralph and Julie Honas by Mark & Bernice Karlin • Nichole Diane Kuhn, Kaden Lee Shannon, Clarence and Alice Honas, John F. Kuhn, and David F. Kuhn by Pat & Diane Kuhn family • Earl Lambrecht, Greg Lambrecht, Jacob and Lydia Begler by Luella Lambrecht • Lawrence Lang by Norma Lang and family • Laurian Leiker by Janice Leiker & Family • Gary Lynn, John, Marge and Larry Luea by Gary & Shyrl Luea • Albert and Jennie Pfeifer by Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer • Phillip Flax by Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer and Anna Flax • Anna and Alex Riedel Family by Alex Riedel • Theresa Rupp and Arlene Rupp by her Family • David, Mark, Anna, and Edwin Seibel by Verla Seibel & family • Jim and Agnes Wannamaker, Jennifer Simpkins, Doris Shubert, and Rosalie Shubert by their Family • A.A. Herman Family (living & deceased) by Nitzi Vontz

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.

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