

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**December 2, 2018**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



## Phone #s

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## Website

Parish: [www.stmarysofellis.org](http://www.stmarysofellis.org)  
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## Mass Schedule

Monday 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday-Friday 8:05 a.m.  
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (EGSC)  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00 a.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Cedar Bluff, May 20 thru Sept. 16)

## 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. - 5:00 p.m.

## Bulletin Deadline

By 3:30 pm Wednesday

## Baptism

By appointment. Contact the Pastor

## Weekly Readings

December 3 - December 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: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Sat: Isaiah 61:10; Luke 1:26-38

Sun: Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 3:1-6

## 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. Mark Weber
Liturgy Chairperson	Mrs. Donna Honas
Education Chairperson	Mr. Darin Reed
Building & Maintenance	Mr. Mike Augustine
Finance Council President	Mr. Melvin Augustine
School Council President	Mrs. Amanda Shannon
Home & School President	Mrs. Jenni Bongartz
Director of Religious Education	Mrs. Sheila Boos

## 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. 1	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun.	Dec. 2	9:00 a.m.	Albert & Jennie Pfeifer+
Mon.	Dec. 3	5:30 p.m.	Lee Billinger+
Tues.	Dec. 4	8:05 a.m.	Ignatz & Elizabeth Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec. 5	10:00 a.m.	Marilyn King+ (annv)
	<b>EGSC</b>	8:05 a.m.	For the Residents (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec. 6	8:05 a.m.	Leonard Weber+
Fri.	Dec. 7	8:05 a.m.	Lorian+ & Janice Leiker Family (liv/dec)
Sat.	Dec. 8	5:30 p.m.	Ben & Catherine Schoenberger+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun.	Dec. 9	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

## Ministries: December 7 & 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Randy Augustine John Zody Andrea Zody Charles Waldschmidt Verlene Waldschmidt	Peggy Seibel Ken Kohl Diana Kohl Josita Dreiling Marilyn Kroeger
<b>Lector</b>	Cindy Zervas	Diana Kohl
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Margaret Metzler Clarence Rupp	Ernie & Connie Fink
<b>Cantor / Musician</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Servers</b>	Taegan Shannon Lucas Dinkel Jaren Frickey	Tyler Bongartz Adam Bongartz Addison Kohl
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Dennis & Sharon Bittel Darrell Augustine Monte & Deidre Boydston Family	Alyssa Crawford Family

### Prayer List

#### *Please Remember in Prayer*

Mayella Allemang, Eric Augustine, Kenny Augustine, Manny Befort, Norma Brack, Corey Burton, Ron Donner, Shirley Gerhardt, Carol Hansen, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Kenny Klaus, Lucille Kuhn, Debbie & Martin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Cheryl Noles, James & Elizabeth Newton, Joel Rivera, Laura Schoenberger, Cathy Sherfick, Bernette Stadleman, Bob Stein, Tanner Sullivan, and the residents of EGSC.

If any one has names they would like added to the list, they may call the rectory at 726-4522.

## Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 2	<b>Communal Penance Services @ 2pm</b> (No Parish Rosary)
Mon.	Dec. 3	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Thurs.	Dec. 6	Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri.	Dec. 7	Hot Chocolate Sales at School until 7:50am <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Holy Day Mass at 5:30pm
Sat.	Dec. 8	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Mass at 8:05am <b>Mass of Healing w/Bishop Vincke @ 5:30p</b>

## Ministries: December 8 & 9

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Verlene Waldschmidt Charlie Waldschmidt Randy Augustine David Schuster Karla Schuster	Lisa Weber Wade King Ken Kohl Diane Kohl Josita Dreiling
<b>Lector</b>	Barney Boos	Nicole Carroll
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	John & Andrea Zody	Lance & Michelle Brenner
<b>Cantor / Musician</b>	Amy Staab Emily Mattheyer	Guitar Choir
<b>Servers</b>	Jake Eck Daniel Eck William Eck	Grace Eck Emily Eck Jocelyn Eck
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Dennis & Sharon Bittel Darrell Augustine Monte & Deidre Boydston Family	Alyssa Crawford Family

## Other Ministries

<b>Communion to Homebound</b>	Dec. 7 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
<b>Ellis Good Samaritan</b>	Dec. 9 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
<b>Rosary Leaders</b>	Dec. 8 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Ken Kohl

### Parish Offering: Weekend of Nov. 24 & 25

Loose: \$249.00 (Budget \$885.00)

Envelope: \$2,051.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)

**For this weekend the collection is under \$3,393.00.**

## Note from the Pastor

From the Office of the Bishop: Retirement Religious Collection. Next weekend (December 8-9) is a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund benefits over 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please be generous to this special collection. See bishop's letter inserted in this bulletin.

Communal Penance Services (Confessions). Our parish Communal Penance Service for Advent is this Sunday, December 2 at 2:00pm.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses for this holy day will be Friday at 5:30pm and Saturday at 8:00am.

Mass of Healing. Bishop Vincke will be here on Saturday, December 8 to celebrate a Mass of Healing. It will be at our regular 5:30pm Mass. The Bishop is celebrating a Mass of Healing in all of the parishes in the diocese. We will have a Q & A session with the bishop after Mass for those who would be interested in staying. This Mass has to do with the abuse scandal that was recently in the news concerning the Grand Jury finding in Pennsylvania.

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.

### *Liturgy Trivia - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Today is the First Sunday of Advent,  
the first day of the new liturgical year.

Advent, which always begins on the Sunday closest to November 30, dates back to the fourth century. It is a four-week period of devout and joyful preparation for the celebration of Christmas and for Christ's second coming at the end of time.

Early in Advent, the liturgy focuses our attention on the second coming. After December 16, it shifts our attention to the events surrounding the nativity.

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*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*

## Parish Announcements

- **THANK YOU** to all who generously donated to our #iGiveCatholic campaign! Your donation will help in continued repairs to our school and expand our Catholic education to our parish's youth.
- **Retirement Fund Religious Collection** will be next weekend, on Dec. 8-9.
- **Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party on Sun., Dec. 2nd.** A business meeting will start at 12:00pm, with an appetizer luncheon and Christmas merriment to follow. An optional gift exchange (\$10 limit) will be held. All members are encouraged to attend!
- **NO Parish Rosary** on Dec. 2nd due to the **Communal Penance Service taking place at 2:00pm.**
- **Attention Parents:** We are in desperate need of servers for the 5:30 Saturday Mass next year. Thanks to the 10 servers who have volunteered so far. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help out. ~Sr. Doris
- **Good Hope Quilters:** The Good Hope Quilters are still working on making quilts and gathering items for blessing bags for the women and families at the Samaritan House in Denver. If you can spare an hour or two to either sew or just lend a helping hand, it would be greatly appreciated. For more info, contact either Geri Augustine at 785-656-2466 or Gini Augustine at 785-726-1257.

## Community Announcements

- **THIS Sunday-Cathedral Christmas Concert** at St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria, beginning @ 3:30pm. The concert is FREE to the public. The choirs of FHSU-Fort Hays Singers and Concert Choir, will be joined by the Smoky Hill Chorale and Hays HS Chamber Singers! Others also will be a part of the festive concert including FHSU music faculty, Ivalah Allen, Joseph Perniciaro, Kay Werth and Brad & Renetta Dawson, FHSU's Brass Choir, Brass Quartet, String Quartet, and organist Tom Meagher. Get there early to claim your seat - this concert is very popular across the plains!
- **Sign up for Ellis Food Panty Christmas Food Boxes by Dec. 10th:** Christmas food boxes are available to those in need during the holidays. •Free Food Box •Kids Gifts & Clothing •Self Pick-up Available. All Christmas Boxes will be delivered or ready for pick by Dec. 19th at 3:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. To sign up for a box, call: Leonard @ 785-726-1278, Wendy @ 785-623-1754, or Althea @ 785-656-1375!

## School Announcements

**Dec. 4th—Scrip Card Orders DUE!!!**

**Dec. 7th—Hot Chocolate Sales in the Cafeteria  
—Pick up Scrip Cards**

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS...**

St. Mary's School Christmas Concert  
on Dec. 18th @ 6:30pm in St. Mary's Church

- **Christmas Shop with Scrip Cards:** Looking for ways to do your holiday shopping and help St. Mary's School earn money? Buy a scrip card!!! A scrip card is our fancy name for gift cards to different venues! Every scrip card you purchase earns a set percentage for our school. An order form can be found on the School website under "Forms". There are more gift options on [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Drop off your scrip form at the school office or call Becky Seibel at 785-639-1654 **BY TUESDAY, DEC. 4TH!!!** They will be ready for pick up by Dec. 7th!



- **Don't Forget those BoxTops!!!** As you prep for the upcoming holiday cooking and baking, be sure to save the BoxTops! This is a great way to help our school buy things for the school. Each box top is worth \$.10 unless it's a bonus box top.
- **School Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to help play either the piano or organ at school Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call the school office if you'd like to share your talent.
- **Accepting Donations for School Carnival:** It is that time of year again!! The St. Mary's Home and School is beginning to look for raffle items for the St. Mary's School Carnival. If you would like to donate a new item towards this year's raffle—please contact Becky Seibel at 785-369-1654 or Annie Bollig at 785-259-2774. Thank you for your continued support! School carnival is scheduled for Jan. 27, 2019!

### **Special Note**



Everyone is invited to join the  
Dominic Savio Club for hot chocolate  
on Friday, Dec. 7.

The sixth graders will be selling a cup of hot chocolate for \$.50 on Friday morning from 7:30 to 7:55 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the Good Samaritan residents whose names will be on the tree at the back of the church. We will also donate birthday box items to the Ellis Food Pantry.

## 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. 14th.**

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. 19th.**

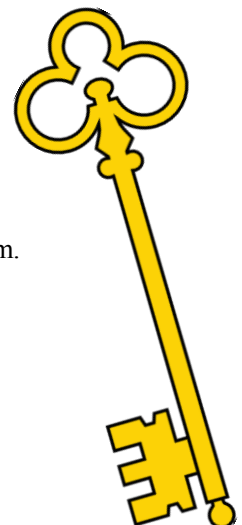
## ADVENT SEASON 2018

Throughout this Advent Season, we hope to share with you a few of the many symbols of Christmas through stories and poems. Each week will be a new symbol.

### Symbol of the *Innkeepers Key*

#### A Prayer For December

Dearest God,  
Please never let me  
Crowd my life  
Full to the brim.  
So like the keeper  
Of Bethlehem's Inn,  
I find I have no room for Him.  
Instead, let my heart's door  
Be ever open,  
Ready to welcome  
The newborn King,  
Let me offer the best I have  
To Him  
Who gives me everything.  
~author unknown



"Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides  
if there is room for Jesus."  
-Neal A. Maxwell