

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent



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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 10 - December 16

Mon: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tue: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
Wed: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a; Luke 1:39-47
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: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 3:10-18

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. 8	5:30 p.m.	Ben & Catherine Schoenberger+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec. 9	7:00 a.m.	Catherine Kutina+ Family (liv/dec)
		9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon.	Dec. 10	5:30 p.m.	Jake & Regina Schuster Family (liv/dec)
Tues.	Dec. 11	8:05 a.m.	Kaden Lee Shannon+ (anniv)
Wed	Dec. 12	10:00 a.m.	Julius & Dorothy Urban+
	EGSC	8:05 a.m.	For the Residents (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec. 13	8:05 a.m.	Bill & Viola (anniv) Rohn+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri.	Dec. 14	8:05 a.m.	Tom & Tillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat.	Dec. 15	5:30 p.m.	Paul & Irene Boos+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun.	Dec. 16	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries: December 15 & 16

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Janice Dinkel Sharon Bittel John Zody Andrea Zody Norma Lang	Sue Ann Tebo Michelle Brenner April Pfeifer Gordon Augustine Geri Augustine
Lector	Perry Mick	Diana Kohl
Offertory Procession	Monte & Kylie Honas Family	John & Pam Gnad Family
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Nancy Cunningham Eck Girls
Servers	Journey Eck Polaris Swagerty Olivia Swagerty	Isabella Eck Kylee Pfeifer Rylee Werth
Ushers & Greeters	Dennis & Sharon Bittel Darrell Augustine Monte & Deidre Boydston Family	Alyssa Crawford Family

Other Ministries

Communion to Homebound	Dec. 14 (Fri)	Sr. Doris Flax
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 16 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 15 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 16 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Peggy Seibel

Meetings & Events

Mon.	Dec. 10	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed.	Dec.12	Knights Meeting @ 8pm
Thurs.	Dec. 13	Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00am-5:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **2019 Mass Intentions Book** still has dates available! Mass intentions are given on a first come, first serve basis! Stop by or call the Parish Office to schedule!
- **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

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus** are having a meeting followed by cards on Dec.12 at 8pm at the Hall.
- **New Years Social for Knights and D of I** on Dec 29 starting at 6pm. There will be a meal, cards, and board games. **Please RSVP by Dec. 21st** to Janet Augustine: 726-4259, Charlotte Pfeifer: 785-650-8359, Gordon Augustine 785-259-2194 or Greg Augustine at 726-4259.
- **Daughters of Isabella Scholarships:** The D of I has two scholarship opportunities available—one via the local circle and one through the state organization. To be considered for the local scholarship, the applicant must be a high school senior and be the daughter or granddaughter of a current Ellis D of I member. For the state scholarship, the applicant must be enrolled (or planning to enroll) by Sept. 1, 2019, as a full-time student in an accredited college, university, or post-secondary school, be a Catholic, and be a member, or a daughter, step-daughter, granddaughter, step-granddaughter, great granddaughter, step-great granddaughter, or niece of a local D of I member in Kansas. For more information about these scholarships, please contact Regent, Marian Ptaschek, at 726-3352.

Parish Offering: Weekend of Dec. 1 & 2

Loose: \$427.92 (Budget \$885.00)

Envelope: \$5,896.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)

For this weekend the collection is above \$630.92.

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.

Community Announcements

The School Christmas Concert. The concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30pm. It will be held in the church, since the gym is not finished.

Christmas Masses. Christmas Eve Masses this year will be at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. The 4:00pm. Mass will be the children's Mass. The Christmas morning Mass will be at 9:00am.

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.

Update on Repairs from Storm:

School Gym. Repairs are near completion. They should be finished by Christmas. Insulation is installed and ceiling panels are close to being installed. Lights need to be installed and walls painted. LED fixtures will replace the current fixtures. We are going with LED light fixtures because of less maintenance (assuming 20 hours of usage on an average each week, we shouldn't have to replace bulbs for about 50 years!). Also the LED lights are more energy efficient. The old fixtures (12 of them) will be available for purchase through Stanion Electric.

Stain Glass Windows. Portions of the windows will be removed in the near future. Repairs will be done; windows cleaned and reinstalled. We are looking at an April timeframe for completion.

Church Roof. The damaged tiles and gutter will be repaired in the near future, depending on favorable weather conditions. High Plains Roofing in Hays is doing the work.

Rectory Roof. Temporary fixes will be made (essentially the old "boiler" vents will be removed and any damaged areas patched so it doesn't leak). Once the temporary fixes are made, the old boiler room ceiling and the small bathroom ceiling can be fixed (i.e., insulation and sheetrock installed). The metal roof will be removed and replaced with a roofing system similar to what was installed on the school roof. Work won't begin until spring. Most of the cost of repair (around 80% I believe) will be paid by insurance.

Rectory Windows. Windows are being worked on, I believe. We don't have a estimated time of completion. Originally, it was November / December timeframe.

Rectory Steps (Rail and awning). Proposals for an estimated cost of repair are being solicited. Timeframe of repair is not known at this time.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Community Announcements

- **LAST CHANCE to Sign up for Ellis Food Panty Christmas Food Boxes!!! Need to reserve by Monday, 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!

- **Good Hope Quilters:** The quilts going out from the Good Hope Quilters are nearly finished; they should all be done within about a week. Joy!

Donations Needed: Now, we would totally appreciate your donations of backpacks AND/OR the small items to put into the blessing bags that we include with each quilt. If you have any of the following items or other things you think would work well, please contact Gini Augustine at 785-726-4257 or 1257 or Geri Augustine at 785-656-2466, or the parish office.

Most Needed Items - small flashlights with good batteries and/or disposable plastic rain ponchos, little New Testament Bibles (approx. 3 X 5" or a similar), rosaries, little hand warmer packs, gift cards to Walmart, Target, McDonalds, etc., backpacks (these don't need to be new, just in good condition), **NEW** personal care items such as Chapstick, small tubes of lotion, cough drops, purse-pack Kleenexes, etc, individually-wrapped food items such as gum, granola bars, hard candies, etc. would be wonderful additions. **Other Items** - Winter clothing items such as hats and gloves, winter scarves, earmuffs, socks, etc. will also be much appreciated. **Please have any/all items ready by Dec. 19th!** We will be sending these items out with the quilts for the family unit around December 20th.

Prayer List

Congratulations to...Addison Lucy Nilhas, daughter of Tyrel & Breanne Nilhas, who was baptized here on Dec. 1, 2018.

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, 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.

School Announcements



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS...
St. Mary's School Christmas Concert
on Dec. 18th @ 6:30pm
in St. Mary's Church

- **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.
- **Fundraising Made Easy with SchoolMall:** We are still participating in the SchoolMall program. Ordering magazines isn't the only way our school makes money. Go to www.schoolmall.com/order and search for St. Mary's School. There are over 350 merchants listed from which to order, such as Walmart and Kohl's, and SchoolMall donates a percentage of orders back to us. Over the past 18 years, SchoolMall has helped schools like ours raise more than \$31 million dollars. SchoolMall is safe with no door-to-door selling or collection of money, an easy way to raise money for our students, teachers, and school, all funds raised are used towards the tools our students and teachers need to succeed, and there are multiple opportunities to win great prizes.
- **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

HOLIDAY SHOPPING is here...


Help the Parish while you shop!

As the major holiday shopping season is among us, we first want to encourage you to shop local. If you can't find "it", just ask the business owner as they probably have access to most things you are needing.

But for those items you just can't get here,

let us encourage you to shop **AmazonSmile**.


AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you already know, but with a twist. You choose your favorite charity to be supported with each purchase you make. To support the St. Mary's Parish, enter smile.amazon.com, then shop 'til you drop. Each purchase made creates a donation from Amazon to St. Mary's Parish.

* If you are having trouble setting up the Parish as your charity of choice, please 
call the Parish Office for assistance.

THANK YOU for shopping, and helping the St. Mary's Parish!


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.



It's Christmas time at our house
and we are putting up the tree.
I wish I could find one simple
way
to remember Christ's gift to me.

Some little sign or symbol
to show friends stopping by.
The little baby was born one day,
But He really came to die.

Some symbol of His nail pierced hands,
the blood He shed for you & me...
What if I hung a simple nail
upon my Christmas tree?

A crimson bow tied 'round the nail
as His blood flowed down so free
to save each person from their sin
and redeem us for all eternity.

I know it was His love for us
that held Him to that tree,
but when I see this simple nail
I know He died for me

