

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**December 16, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**



## Phone #s

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## Website

Parish: [www.stmarysofellis.org](http://www.stmarysofellis.org)  
Diocese: <http://salinadiocese.org>

## 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 17 - December 23

Mon: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

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

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

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

Fri: Song of songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

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

Sun: Micah 5:1-4a; Luke 1:39-45

## 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
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. 15	5:30 p.m.	Paul & Irene Boos+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun.	Dec. 16	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon.	Dec. 17	5:30 p.m.	Joe & Anna Dreiling+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues.	Dec. 18	8:05 a.m.	John M (anniv) & Clara Augustine Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec. 19	10:00 a.m.	John M (anniv) & Clara Augustine Family (liv/dec)
	<b>EGSC</b>	8:05 a.m.	For the Residents (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec. 20	8:05 a.m.	Paul Flax+ & Jerome Flax+
Fri.	Dec. 21	8:05 a.m.	Viola Beishine+
Sat.	Dec. 22	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun.	Dec. 23	9:00 a.m.	Margaret Wiesner+ Family (liv/dec)

## Meetings & Events

Sun.	Dec. 16	CYO Chicken Dinner @ K of C Hall 10a-1p
Thurs.	Dec. 20	Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00am-5:00pm

### ***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, 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.

## Ministries Dec. 22 & 23

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Duane Dorzweiler Cindy Zervas Terry Zervas Perry Mick Richard Bollig	Cristi Werth Eldon Pfeifer Charlotte Pfeifer Marilyn Kroeger Cindy Hertel
<b>Lector</b>	Mindy Eck	Cassie Jo Waldschmidt
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Brad & Stacy Frickey Family	Rodney & Cristi Werth Family
<b>Cantor / Musician</b>	LuAnn Pfeifer Kinzie Sunley Alyssa Rome	Guitar Choir
<b>Servers</b>	Braelyn Born Cheyenne Born Baylor Born	Jarret Mader Kia Mader Kaleigh Weber
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Dennis & Sharon Bittel Darrell Augustine Monte & Deidre Boydston Family	Alyssa Crawford Family

## Ministries for Christmas Eve & Day

Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m.	Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m.
John Zody Andrea Zody Amanda Shannon Eldon Pfeifer Charlotte Pfeifer	Barney Boos Sheila Boos Charles Waldschmidt Verlene Waldschmidt Leonard Schoenberger	Marilyn Kroeger Peggy Seibel Josita Dreiling Lisa Weber Curtis Weber
School Children	Richard Bollig	Cassie Jo Waldschmidt
School Children	Jeff & Emily Kohl Family	Pete & Sandy Waldschmidt
April Pfeifer School Children	Guitar Choir	Nancy Cunningham Crawford Siblings
School Children	Landon Dinkel Lucas Dinkel Addison Kohl	Kaleigh Weber Dakota Metzler Colton Metzler
School Children	Dennis & Sharon Bittel Darrell Augustine Monte & Deidre Boydston Family	Alyssa Crawford Family

## Other Ministries

<b>Communion to Homebound</b>	Dec. 21 (Fri)	Rose Dorzweiler
<b>Ellis Good Samaritan</b>	Dec. 23 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Andrea Zody
<b>Rosary Leaders</b>	Dec. 22 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 23 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Allen Weber Agneta Kuhn

### ***Parish Offering: Weekend of Dec. 8 & 9***

Loose: \$461.92 (Budget \$885.00)

Envelope: \$4,821.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)

**For this weekend the collection is under by \$411.00.**

**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.

## Parish Announcements

- **St. Mary's CYO Fried Chicken Dinner is this Sunday, Dec. 16th!!!** You are invited to dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall to enjoy All You Can Eat pan fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert. Doors open at 10:00am until 1:00pm or until sold out. Be sure to arrive early!!! Ages 5-9yrs = \$5.00, 10 & Up = \$10.00.
- **Gift Giving Trees 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: ASAP (gifts will be given out on Monday, the 17th) and Good Sam Angels by Wednesday, Dec. 19th. A Special THANK YOU to our parishioners who helped fulfill the wishes to the Good Sam and Ellis Food Pantry Giving Trees!
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to donate to the St. Mary's poinsettia fund, place your contribution in a regular envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the Parish Office. If you wish to make this donation in memory of someone dear, kindly do so no later than Wednesday, December 19th. If you choose to purchase your own flower, please have it to the church by **Friday, Dec. 21st** with a note to whom it's in memory of and from.
- **For those who signed up for Christmas Food Boxes** a special program of the Ellis Food Pantry, the boxes will be packed and ready on Wednesday, Dec. 19th. Delivery for most who chose this option, will begin at 4:00pm. Those who are picking up their boxes, may head down to the Knights of Columbus Hall between 5:00-6:00pm. *Merry Christmas!*
- **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.

## Note from the Pastor

**The School Christmas Concert.** The concert is scheduled for this Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30pm. It will be held in the church.

**Another Communal Penance Service - December 23rd.** We had our communal penance service December 2. Apparently, there was a lot of other things happening that day because attendance was very low (only about 7 when normally we have about 30 or more). I'm offering another communal penance service on Sunday, December 23 at 4:00pm for those who still wish to go to confession before Christmas.

**Christmas Masses.** Christmas Eve Masses this year will 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.

**The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,, Mother of God.** Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup> (also the Octave of Christmas) is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation this year. Masses for this holyday will be Monday at 5:30pm. and Tuesday at 9:00am.

**FORMED.org: The Catholic Faith on Demand.** Just a reminder that our parish pays for a subscription to this website. If you haven't done so, you may wish to check it out! It has all the best Catholic content in one place. Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular ebooks— all just a click away! It's easy to get started: go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), click on Register, create your FREE account by entering your Parish Code and email address. Our Parish Code is: WM6YPG.

### *Liturgy Trivia - The Nativity of the Lord*

In comparison to the celebration of Easter which dates back to the second century, the celebration of Christmas is of late origin, dating back only to the fourth century. No claim is made for December 25 being the actual date of Jesus' birth, but it is probably no accident that this celebration of the coming of the true light falls at a time of increasing daylight. Expanding that symbolism, four separate, carefully chosen and crafted sets of readings and prayers are prescribed for the various times of celebration of this solemnity: vigil, midnight, dawn, and day. The images contained in these readings and prayers journey from early hope to radiant fulfillment.

*This bulletin insert was written by Marion Eagen.*

*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*



## School Announcements

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

*Mrs. Claus's Cupboard will be open with all sorts of sweet treats before and after the concert.*

**Friday, Dec. 21st...Happy Birthday Jesus Party from 9:00-11:00am. AR reward Movie at Noon and Classroom Christmas Parities at 2:30pm**

- **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.

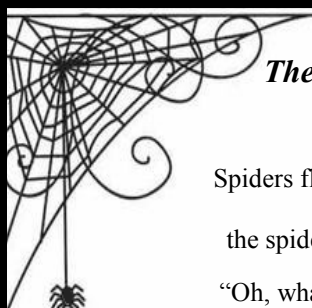
## Community Announcements

- **Good Hope Quilters** are still accepting donations to "wrap up" in their blessing bags which they include with their quilts for the Samaritan House in Denver. They are planning to finalize the bags early next week. If you have backpacks and/or any small items to put into the blessing bags (small flashlights, rain ponchos, hand warmers, gift cards, personal care items, individually-wrapped food items, to name a few), or winter clothing items you would like to donate, please contact: Gini Augustine at 785-726-4257 or 1257 or Geri Augustine at 785-656-2466, or the parish office. **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.

- **\*NEW!\* A Community Caring Tree** will be located at Ellis City Hall. This tree is designated to help families unable to purchase gifts for their families this time of year. Here's how you can help: Purchase a gift (Toy or warm clothing) for a boy or girl (do not wrap) and bring to City Hall. We will coordinate with those that are in need to be able to be a blessing to their children this year! But here is a twist, many times, kids are not able to give something to their mom or dad, if you can purchase a gift card and place it in the donation box; we will coordinate with the kids to be able to give something to their parents. This may be a little late notice, but there is not a limit on giving. Thank you ahead of time for your kindness. Gifts will be collected until Dec. 23rd and delivered on the Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th.



## ADVENT SEASON 2018



***The Legend of the Spider Web***

A long time ago in Germany, a mother was cleaning for Christmas. Spiders fled up to the attic to escape the broom. When the house became quite, the spiders slowly crept downstairs for a peek.

"Oh, what a beautiful tree!"

In their excitement, they scurried up the trunk and out along each branch. They were filled with happiness as they climbed amongst the glittering beauty.

But alas! By the time they were through climbing, the tree was shrouded in their dust grey webs.

When Santa came with gifts for the children and saw the tree covered with spider webs, he smiled as he saw how happy the spiders were, but knew how heartbroken the mother would be if she saw it covered in dusty webs.

So he turned the webs to silver and gold. The tree sparkled and shimmered and was even more beautiful than before.

That's why we have tinsel on our trees and every tree should have a Christmas Spider in it's branches.

**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](https://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!

