

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 23, 2018
Fourth 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 24 - December 30

Mon: Isaiah 62:1-5; Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Tue: Isaiah 52:7-10; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Wed: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
Thu: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8
Fri: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Sat: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Sun: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Luke 2:41-52

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. 22	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun.	Dec. 23	9:00 a.m.	Margaret Wiesner+ Family (liv/dec)
Mon.	Dec. 24	4:00 p.m.	Eddie & Fidela Honas+
		6:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Tues.	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	Clara Kuhn+ (anniv)
Wed	Dec. 26	10:00 a.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	8:05 a.m.	For the Resdients (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec. 27	8:05 a.m.	Alice V. Honas+ (anniv)
Fri.	Dec. 28	8:05 a.m.	Rita Kuhn+ (anniv)
Sat.	Dec. 29	5:30 p.m.	Ralph & Barbara+ Kinderknecht Family (liv/dec)
Sun.	Dec. 30	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Meetings & Events

Mon	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Tues.	Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! Christmas Day Mass celebration at 9:00am Parish Office is closed.
Wed.	Dec. 26	Parish Office is closed.
Thurs.	Dec. 27	NO Eucharistic Adoration Parish Office Open regular hours
Fri.	Dec. 28	Parish Office Open 8:30am-3:30pm

Ministries Dec. 29 & 30

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sheila Boos Barney Boos Amanda Shannon Mike Augustine Linda Augustine	Connie Fink Shelly Hensley Eldon Jerauld Stephanie Jerauld Peggy Seibel
Lector	Cindy Zervas	Eldon Pfeifer
Offertory Procession	James & Sandy Rome & Alyssa	Corey & Amy Burton Family
Cantor / Musician	LuAnn Pfeifer Alyson Johnson	Emily Mattheyer
Servers	Jaren Frickey Macy Kohl Alyssa Rome	Brendon Seibel Taylor Seibel Cassie Jo Waldschmidt
Ushers & Greeters	Dennis & Sharon Bittel Darrell Augustine Monte & Deidre Boydston Family	Alyssa Crawford Family

Ministries Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy mother of God

Dec. 31 - 5:30 p.m.	Jan. 1—9:00 a.m.
Duane Dorzweiler Amanda Shannon Dave Schuster Karla Schuster Leonard Schoenberger	Ken Kohl Diana Kohl Curtis Weber Eldon Pfeifer Charlotte Pfeifer
Mike Augustine	Becky Metzler
Pat, Diane & Anna Kuhn	Mark & Bernice Karlin
Clyde & Cheryl Lang	Mindi & Kia Mader
Grace Redetzke Sidney Redetzke Taegan Shannon	Cody Eberle Macy Eberle Tracy Bollig
Dennis & Sharon Bittel Darrell Augustine Monte & Deidre Boydston Family	Alyssa Crawford Family

Other Ministries

Communion to Homebound	Dec. 28 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 30 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Mindy Eck
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 29 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 30 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rose Dorzweiler Josita Dreiling

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Mayella Allemang, Eric Augustine, Kenny Augustine, Manny Befort, Norma Brack, Corey Burton, Ron Donner, Shirley Gerhardt, 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.

Parish Announcements

- **Parish Office Closed** on Monday, Dec. 24 though Wednesday, Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holidays. The office will also be closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 for the New Years holidays. We wish all of our parishioners and their families a Blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year!
- **No Eucharistic Adoration** on December 27th and January 3rd. We will resume on January 10th.
- **CYO Chicken Dinner Gift Certificates Available:** St. Mary's CYO is offering Chicken Dinner Gift Certificates for those who are needing a last minute Christmas gift. Please contact Karla at 785-259-3992 to get yours today!
- **Bulletin Deadline:** If you have an announcement or information you would like to include in next week's bulletin, please call or email Emily at the Rectory your with information by 3:30pm on Thursday, Dec. 27th.
- **Thank You** to everyone who supported our garage sales in December. We were able to donate \$970 to the church and school. Without your donations this could not be possible. Thanks to my crew: Barbara King, Donna Honas, Becky Seibel, and George Bongartz. Donations accepted anytime by calling Lillian Bongartz at 785-726-3319 (h) or 726-1319 ©. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless! ~ Lillian

Dear Parishioners,

It brought me a lot of joy to visit your parish. Thank you for your warm hospitality and kindness towards me. I want to extend my Christmas wishes and prayers to all of you. Thank you for your faith. At any family event, the baby usually gets the most attention. The baby Jesus deserves our utmost attention. The birth of Jesus tells us that we have a Savior who loves to save us. He desires to redeem us and to be in eternal communion with every one of us. He came as a baby so we won't be afraid of him. He was born in a smelly, dingy manger. Because of this, there is no place in our life that he is afraid to go—even the messiest parts of our lives. He wants to enter into our life and redeem every situation. He came to conquer the world, not with weapons, but with His love and mercy. May you experience His Presence of peace and joy in your life.

May we all respond to God as Mary did—by saying “yes!”

May God bless you and
all your families.

~ Bishop Vincke



Note from the Pastor

Communal Penance Service at 4:00pm. 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 offering another Communal Penance Service THIS 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 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.

Thank You. A special thanks to the Arts and Environment Committee for decorating the Church for Christmas! You are greatly appreciated!

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 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Tuesday January 1st (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 holy day 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, click on Register, create your FREE account by entering your Parish Code and email address. Our Parish Code is: WM6YPG.

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.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Offering: Weekend of Dec. 15 & 16

Loose: \$511.50 (Budget \$885.00)

Envelope: \$4,297.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)

For this weekend the collection is under by \$884.50.

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.

School Announcements

Merry Christmas from St. Mary's School
Staff and Students!
Christmas Break—Dec. 22 through Jan. 6

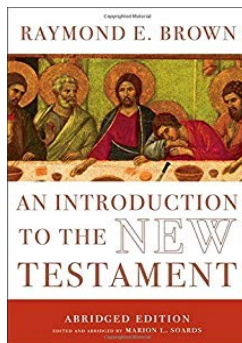


Don't Forget those BoxTops!!! As you prep for the upcoming holiday cooking and baking, be sure to save the BoxTops! This is a great way to help our school buy things for the school. Each box top is worth \$.10 unless it's a bonus box top.

Accepting Donations for School Carnival: 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!

Community Announcements

Scripture Course on the New Testament & Other Course: Along with other courses, you are invited to participate in a course that Fr. Reggie Urban, a semi-retired priest of the Dodge City Diocese living in Hays, will be teaching about the 27 books of the New Testament. The 9 classes will take place on Saturday mornings from 8:30am-12 Noon beginning January 19th and going through March 16th at 17 different interactive TV sites. Fr. Reggie will be presenting from St. Nicholas in Hays. You can take this course for 3 hours of college credit (\$150) or for enrichment (\$75). The cost does not include the textbook, An Introduction To The New Testament by Father Raymond Brown (\$25 for the abridged version and \$50 for the complete book). Brochures with an included sign-up form are available in the church entrance. **Sign-up needs to take place by Monday Jan. 7th.** Call Father Reggie (620-617-1403) in Hays or Colleen Stein (620-227-1538) at the Chancery in Dodge City, if you have any questions or concerns. This course is only taught every 4 years.



Catholic Christian Concert @ IHM Church: The Newman Singers, a liturgical and concert group from the Newman Catholic Student Center in Iowa City, will be presenting an uplifting concert at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Thursday, January 3 at 7:00 pm. The Newman Singers perform contemporary liturgical and inspirational music. The event is free to the public, but a free will offering will be collected at the concert.



On behalf of our Religious Education Teachers, Students and DRE, we would like to wish our Parish a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year full of God's gifts of Faith, Hope and Love. We pray you have a safe Holiday Season!

Can't believe how fast the school year for Religious Education is going! 2018-almost in the past! 2019 is upon us! We want to thank all our CCD parents for sharing your child/ren with us on Wednesday night.

Enjoy this special time with your children, family and friends! Hope to see you all at the Christmas Mass as well as January 1st for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Blessed Virgin Mary! Let us continue to grow in our Faith-God's special gift to us.
Merry Christmas!



M&M Christmas Story

As you hold these candies in your hand and turn them, you will see....

The M becomes a W, an E, and then a 3.
They tell the Christmas story it's one I m sure you know.
It took place in a stable a long, long time ago.

W The E is for the East where the star shone oh so bright.

M The M is for the Manger where the baby Jesus slept that night.

3 The 3 is for the Wisemen bearing gifts, they say they came.

W W is for Worship, Hallelujah Praise to His name.

So as you eat these candies or share them with a friend, remember the Spirit of Christmas and never let it end!
Merry Christmas