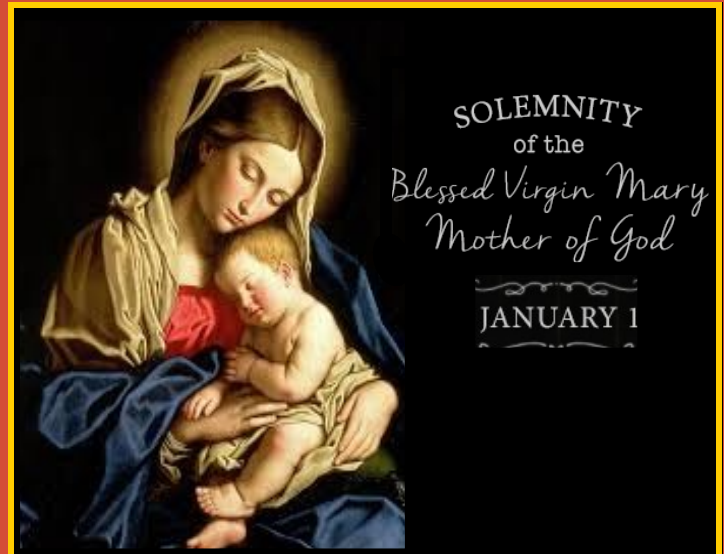


ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 30, 2018
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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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 31 - January 6
Mon: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Tue: Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21
Wed: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Thu: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
Fri: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Sat: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
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. 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. 29	5:30 p.m.	Ralph & Barbara+ Kinderknecht Family (liv/dec)
Sun.	Dec. 30	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon.	Dec. 31	5:30 p.m.	Gay & Mary Henderson+
Tues.	Jan. 1	8:05 a.m.	For those needing strength and drawn closer to Jesus
Wed.	Jan. 2	8:05 a.m.	Otto Berens+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents (liv/dec)
Thurs.	Jan. 3	8:05 a.m.	MaryAnn Fitsgerald+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri.	Jan. 4	8:05 a.m.	Earl & Luella Lambrecht+ and Greg Lambrecht
Sat.	Jan. 5	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun.	Jan. 6	9:00 a.m.	Victor, Josephine, James Werth+ and Joe Bahling+

Ministries Jan. 5 & 6

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Bittel John Zody Andrea Zody Norma Lang Richard Bollig	Charlotte Pfeifer Eldon Pfeifer Marilyn Kroeger Mindy Eck Connie Fink
Lector	Allen Weber	Geri Augustine
Offertory Procession	Dennis & Sharon Bittel	Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Men's Choir	LuAnn Pfeifer Journey Eck
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 & Pam Gnad Family

Other Ministries

Communion to Homebound	Jan. 4 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Jan. 6 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Jan. 5 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Jan. 6 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Connie Fink

Meetings & Events

Mon	Dec. 31	Parish Office is closed Mass celebrated at 5:30pm
Tues.	Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! New Year's Day Mass celebration at 9:00am Parish Office is closed.
Wed.	Jan. 2	Parish Office open regular hours
Thurs.	Jan. 3	NO Eucharistic Adoration
Mon.	Jan. 6	Musician's Meeting @ 10:30am Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **The Parish Office Closed** for the New Year holiday, Monday, Dec. 31st and Tuesday, Jan. 1st.
- **No Eucharistic Adoration** on January 3rd. We will resume on January 10th.
- **Parish Rosary** will be held on Sunday, January 6th.

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 Offering: Weekend of Dec. 22 & 23

Loose: \$883.00 (Budget \$885.00)

Envelope: \$3,907.00 (Budget \$4,808.00)

For this weekend the collection is under by \$1,786.00.

Christmas Offerings 2018

Loose: \$2,283.50

Envelope: \$2,697.00

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.

Note from the Pastor

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

Year-end Gifts. The end of the year is approaching here. Keep the support of our parish in mind as you plan for your end of year giving.

Next Weekend (January 5 & 6). I'll be attending a nephew's wedding next weekend in Kansas City. Fr. Norbert Dlabal will be covering the Masses here. I'll be leaving Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon.


Feast of Epiphany – Chalking the Door. Next Sunday, January 6, is the feast of Epiphany. We will have available containers of holy water with a piece of chalk taped to it. It is for each family to take home to bless their homes. 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 + 19. 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 2019. Holy Water can then be used to sprinkle door and rooms in the home.

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Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Community Announcements

- **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 7:00pm.** 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. 
- **EHS 5th Quarter on January 4th** after the basketball games until 11:59pm at the Ellis Methodist Church. All Ellis High School Students are welcome to attend. Enjoy Good Food! Win Prizes! Play Air Hockey, Foosball, Ping Pong, Wii Games and more!
- **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-12Noon 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.
- **Seeking a Leader:** The Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home seeks a well-connected leader as a Board member who is passionate about providing services to young, unwed mothers and their children, and can leverage his or her networks and resources in support of the efforts to positively impact the policy and environment in which MEMH does its import work. Prior nonprofit board members experience is not required, but the ideal candidate should have a track record of supporting the Home's mission and strong connections to the Hays or Western Kansas areas. The Board of Directors meet once a month. If you are interested in filling this volunteer advocacy position, please contact Christin at christen@maryelizabeth.net, or call 785-625-6800.



Christmas Flowers in Memory of...

Lawrence Lang by Norma Lang & Family
Theresa Rupp Family by Theresa's Family

Mark Honas and John & Frances Honas by Norbert & Donna Honas

John & Rosie Gaschler, Ed & Agnes Honas, Oscar Honas, and Julie Honas by Betty Honas
Daughters of Isabella

Laurian Leiker by Janice Leiker & Family

Earl & Luella Lambrecht and Greg Lambrecht, and Martha & Fritz Dreiling by Dave & Gail Dreiling

Phillip Flax by Anna Flax & Family

Albert & Jennie Pfeifer by Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer

Paul & Irene Boos and Mike & Seraphine Younger by their families

Fred & Theresa Weimer by Donna Hays

Leslie Dorzweiler, Marion Dorzweiler, Harold Bittel by Dennis & Sharon Bittel Family

David Seibel, Mark Seibel and Edwin & Anna Seibel by Verla Seibel and Family

Anna & Alex Riedel Family by Alex Riedel

Marcellus & Agnes Pfannenstiel, Pete & MaryAnn Karlin, and Ralph & Julie Honas by Mark & Bernice Karlin

Gary Lynn, John, Marge and Larry Luea by Gary & Shyrl Luea

Nichole Diane Kuhn, Kaden Lee Shannon, Clarence & Alice Honas,

John F. Kuhn and David F. Kuhn by Pat & Diana Kuhn Family

Marion Dozweiler, Leslie Dorzweiler, Joe & Ann Dreiling, Les & Mary Dorzweiler by Rose Dorzweiler

Isidore, Dorothy, and Francis Augustine, Alvin Sr., Dorothy, and Donald Herl by Charles & Jeannette Augustine

Jennifer Simpkins, Jim & Agnes Wannamaker, Doris Shubert, and Rosalie Shubert by Bruce & Jackie Shubert

SAVE THE DATE!

January 27 - St. Mary's School Carnival

February 23 - SMC Valentine's Dance
with Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations

March 30 - St. Mary's Church Auction

April 28 - First Communion

June 2 - Confirmation

June 16-21 - Totus Tuus

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The Meaning of the 
Snowflake

*Every new snowflake comes to the earth
As a picture of our Savior's birth,
Because they are sent from up above
And remind us of God's care and love.* 

*Each one is so intricate and small
Because Christmas sees the details of us all,
And just as two are never the same
The Lord knows and calls us each by name.* 

*Snowflakes gently cover the world in white
And hide what's unlovely from our sight,
Showing us how He covers our sin
And gives us His grace when we come to Him.* 

*So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind
And in every bit of white may you find
A reason to celebrate anew
And a reminder of His love for you.* 

~Holley Gerth 