

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent



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Mass Schedule

Monday 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday 8:10 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 22 - Sept. 11

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 4:30 p.m. Wednesday

Baptism

By appointment. Contact the Pastor

Weekly Readings

December 12 - December 18

Mon: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47

Tue: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

Wed: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23

Thu: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

Fri: Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36

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

Sun: Isaiah 7:10-14; Matthew 1:18-24

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Emily Mattheyer
School Principal	Mrs. Patti Park
Pastoral Council President	Mr. John Zody
Liturgy Chairpersons	Ruth Bollig and Alyson Johnson
Finance Council President	Mr. Melvin Augustine
School Council President	Mr. Matt Fondoble
Home & School President	Mrs. Stephanie Johnson
Director of Religious Education	Mrs. Judy Schuler

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 10	5:30 p.m.	Earl & Luella Lambrecht+ and Greg Lambrecht+
Sun	Dec 11	7:00 a.m.	Anna Rita Weber+
Sun	Dec 11	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 12	5:30 p.m.	John M. (anniv) & Clara Augustine+ and Lawrence+ & Norma Lang Families (L/D)
Tues	Dec 13	8:10 a.m.	Ken Riedel+ (anniv)
Wed	Dec 14	8:10 a.m.	JB & Florence Morris+ Family (liv/dec)
EGSC			10:00 a.m. Charlene Flax+
Thurs	Dec 15	8:10 a.m.	Thomas & Bertillie Windholz+ Family (L/D)
Fri	Dec 16	8:10 a.m.	John & Amelia Kuhn+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Dec 17	5:30 p.m.	Joe & Anna Dreiling+, Marion Dorzweiler+ and Leo & Mary Dorzweiler+ Families (L/D)
Sun	Dec 18	7:00 a.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ (anniv) and Harold Bittel+
Sun	Dec 18	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for December 17 & 18

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Ethan & Britny Cox Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Sharon Bittel	Peggy Seibel Josita Dreiling Jackie Flax
Servers	Jaren Frickey	Kia Mader Colton Mader
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Emily Mattheyer Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	James & Sandy Rome Family Eugene Schuster	Mark & Sarah Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Dec. 18 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 16 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 18 (Sun) 10:15a.m.	Josita Dreiling
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 17 (Sat) 5:30p.m. Dec. 18 (Sun) 9:00a.m.	Cindy Zervas Josita Dreiling

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 11	Coffee & Donuts after 7am & 9am Masses Long Term Care Presentation @ 10:30am Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:30am
Thurs	Dec. 15	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm
Sun	Dec. 18	Communal Penance Service @ 2pm Guitar Choir Practice @ 10am
Mon	Dec. 19	Angel Tree Gifts Due

Parish Announcements

- **Coffee & Donuts** this Sunday after 7am and 9am Masses! All are welcome!
- At the time of printing this week's bulletin, I have received only 27 **Time & Talent Stewardship Forms**. The deadline was Dec. 9th! That leaves 300+ parishioners that have not yet returned their sheet. Am I to assume that I may assign the rest of you to any ministries I am lacking persons to fill? I am extending the **deadline until Wednesday, Dec. 14th**. After that I will begin to assign any ministry to those who have failed to return their sheet. Thank you ~ Emily.
- **YDisciples!** Are you ready to spread a little Christmas cheer? Let's meet at Good Samaritan Center this Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30pm for a meal with activities to follow with our dear senior friends!
- **Communal Penance Service** will be on Sunday, December 18 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** There is still time to get your donations in. Please place your donation in a regular envelope marked for this purpose, and drop it in the collection basket or by the Parish Office. If the donation is in memory of a loved one, please mention their name and who it's from. If you would prefer to purchase your own flower, please have it to the church **the weekend of Dec. 17 & 18 (after 9:00am Mass)** with a note to whom it's in memory of and from!

- **Sr. Doris Update:** Thanks to all who are praying for my recovery. I am making progress except with my writing---I still need much practice.

Parish Offering: Weekend of December 3 & 4

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2021-22: \$7,154.49

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,042.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$8,672.20

Total Giving this week.....\$9,714.20.

For this weekend the collection is above by \$2,559.71.

Notes from the Pastor

FYI. A sidewalk on the east side of the addition to the church basement (south side of the church) has been installed, thanks to Eck & Eck Construction. The east side has the wheelchair lift to the basement making the basement handicap accessible. If you intend to use the lift, let us know and we will show you how to use it. It's not too complicated, basically turning a key and pressing a button.

Communal Penance Services (Confessions). Our parish *Communal Penance Service* for Advent is next Sunday, December 18 at 2:00pm.

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. There will be no 7:00am Mass on Christmas Day.

Reminder: FORMED.org - The Catholic Faith on Demand. In addition to the Symbolon series (An Explanation of the Catholic Faith) and "Presence" (a series on the Eucharist), check out the movie night movies. I especially liked the movie "Joan of Arc." There are a number of children movies too. "The Adventures of Ociece Nash" is one I enjoyed.

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
12/18 (Sun)	Communal Penance Service @ 2:00pm
12/24 (Sat)	Christmas Eve Masses @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm
12/25 (Sun)	Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00am
1/1 (Sun)	Follow regular weekend schedule

Catholic Trivia – The Holy Eucharist

274. What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church?

It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life. *Further reading: CCC 1324-1327, 1407*

275. What are the names for this sacrament? The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: The Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and Holy Communion. *Further reading: CCC 1328-1332*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **This Sunday: Long Term Care Presentation by Knights of Columbus Field Agent, Cody Honas:** Be sure to join Cody this Sunday, Dec. 11th at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall at 10:30am to learn about Long Term Care Insurance. It will be very educational! Food and drinks will be provided.
- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees:** There are a few angels left to choose from on the **Ellis Good Sam Angel Tree** for the residents at the Ellis Good Samaritan Center. Each angel has a wish list for the designated residents, you only need to choose one item from the list. ***Gifts purchased for the Angel tree need to be returned to the Parish Office on or before December 19th.***
- **Knights of Columbus** will have meeting and cards on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7:00pm. There will be no cards on the 28th.
- **Kansas Daughters of Isabella 2023 Scholarship Application:** To be eligible for the Kansas Daughters of Isabella Scholarship you must be a Kansas resident enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college, university, or post-secondary school no later than Sept. 1, 2023, be a Catholic, and be a member, or a daughter/step, granddaughter/step, great granddaughter/step, or niece of a local member in Kansas. *Please contact Margie for more information and an application at 785-726-1280. Applications have to be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2023.*

FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD.
I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF
GREAT JOY. LUKE 2:10

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Gilbert Augustine, Juanita Augustine, Mary Bauer, Janice Collins, Ken Collins, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Sally Flax, David Fox, Sr., Robert Gerhart, Debbie Haas, Joseph Harriman, Edna Hejny, Nathan Hively, Rob Hrabe, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Doug Kingsley, Lucille Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Holly Metzler, Riley Moore, Fernando Naceda, Elizabeth Newton, Jeanna Plante, Megan Ptaschek, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Leonard Schoenberger, Sharon Sommers, Bernette Stadelman, Tonya Sterling, Tanner Sullivan, Charlie Waldschmidt, Kathy Wolf, Brandy Womack, 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

Monday, Dec. 12th

School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

- **Missed the Scrip Card Order? No worries!** There is still time to purchase them online if you wish. You can still earn money for St. Mary's School by doing your normal shopping! Each gift card you order at face value through our scrip program, gives a percentage back to St. Mary's. There are over 750+ top brands available. Register at www.shopwithscrip.com or download the app: "RaiseRight Fundraiser" on your mobile device, join a program, enter enrollment code and get started! You can purchase e-cards that go directly to your computer or phone instantly! **Enroll code is C11F174136577.**
- **Collecting Raffle Items:** The St. Mary's Home & School Association is in the planning stages of the School Carnival happening in February 2023! They are asking for donations for items to be raffled off at the Carnival. If you would like to donate, we ask that all items are brand new. And delivered to the school by January 16th. If you have questions, contact Becky Seibel (785-639-1654) or Annie Bollig (785-259-2774). Thanks for your continued support of St. Mary's School! We can't wait to see you at this year's Carnival!
- **SHOP LOCAL AND SAVE FOR OUR SCHOOL! Every label counts!** The Save-A-Label program helps St. Mary's School raise money. Each label earns \$.03 for our school. Bring your Best Choice UPCs to the School Office and we will turn them in for cash for our students and teachers. All you have to do is clip the UPC symbol from your Best Choice products' label or cartons and turn it into the school! Here is a sample UPC symbol



The Nativity Story

We invite you and your family on our
Advent Journey to Bethlehem.

Each week, you will notice our big bulletin board in the
back of church change ever so slightly as we color in
the newest characters introduced to the story.

We have provided a hand out for you to take home
and read along with us.

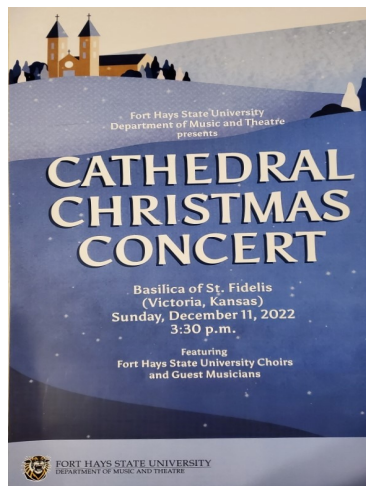
Check back here each week to see who we meet next.

December 9-15

We meet the Donkey.

Guided by the Star of David.

Community Announcements



Cathedral Christmas Concert.

FHSU's Department of Music and Theatre presents their annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3:30pm** in the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria.

This concert is free and open to the public. Featuring FHSU Choirs and Guest Musicians.



Ellis Food Boxes Curbside Pick Up at 210 Madison for Christmas or Food Boxes:

There will be two dates next week for pick up: **Tuesday, Dec. 13 for 1 or 2 person families at the Pantry from 3:00-6:00pm** and **Thursday, Dec. 15 for 3 or more person families at the Pantry from 3:00-6:00pm.** It is our mission to provide free food boxes for those living in USD 388 who want the help that a food box brings. **Merry Christmas to all!**

- The **"Little Town of Bethlehem"** nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent will be open for visitors Sundays Dec. 11, 18, and 25 from 1-5pm. Appointments can also be made at any other time by calling Carol at 785-735-9282. This is the 96th year of the nativity, begun by Fr. Callistus Rectenwald in 1927. Over the years, the nativity has become a worldwide representation of Christmas. Rocks from all 50 states and 105 countries surround the scene, in particular rocks from the Cave of Lourdes and the Sea of Galilee. Infant Jesus is from Spain, and Mary, Joseph and the Three Kings are from Germany. A special section of the nativity is dedicated to our veterans who could not be home for Christmas over the years, featuring rocks from Germany, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Wake Island and Christmas Island to name a few. The nativity has had special lighting effects added the last few years-a color changing rock show and a neon blue-lit sky in the background. Four trickling waterfalls, animals and shepherds dot the scene surrounding the Bethlehem Inn, and the stable made from a nearby pear tree in 1927. St. Boniface Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east.

