

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 18, 2022

Fourth 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 19 - December 25

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

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

Wed: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

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

Fri: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Sat: Isaiah 62:1-5; Matthew 1:1-25

Sun: Isaiah 62:11-12; Luke 2:15-20

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 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
Mon	Dec 19	5:30 p.m.	John M. (anniv) & Clara Augustine+ and Bill & Viola (anniv) Rohn+ Families (liv/dec)
Tues	Dec 20	8:10 a.m.	Richard & Charleen Flax+
Wed	Dec 21	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy & Lois Aschenbrenner Family (L/D)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Jane Wiesner+
Thurs	Dec 22	8:10 a.m.	Margaret Wiesner+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Dec 23	8:10 a.m.	Joe & Lillian Locker+, Pam McMahon+ and Patricia Luea+
Sat	Dec 24	4:00 p.m.	Victor, Josephine, James Werth+ and Joseph Vahlings+
Sun	Dec 24	6:00 p.m.	Janet Augustine+
Sun	Dec 25	9:00 a.m.	Roberta & Rosita Augustine+ and Emanuel Befort+ Families (liv/dec)

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 18	Communal Penance Service @ 2pm Guitar Choir Practice @ 10am
Mon	Dec. 19	Angel Tree Gifts Due
Thurs	Dec. 22	NO Eucharistic Adoration Decorating the Church @ 6:30pm
Fri	Dec. 23	Parish Office Closes @ 12:30pm
Sat	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass @ 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass @ 6:00pm
Sun	Dec. 25	Merry Christmas! Mass @ 9:00am
Mon	Dec. 26	Parish Office Closed

Parish Offering: Weekend of December 10 & 11

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$906.25

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,774.00

Total Giving this week.....\$6,680.25.

For this weekend the collection is below by \$474.24.

Ministries for December 24 & 25: Christmas Eve & Day

Ministry	Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m.	Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m.
Lector	Eldon Pfeifer	Barney Boos	Sharon Bittel
Presentation of Gifts	Mark & Lisa Weber Family	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Charlotte Pfeifer Lisa Weber	Terry & Cindy Zervas Barney Boos	Sharon Bittel Connie Fink Jackie Flax
Servers	Brooklyn Petz Hunter Honas Brecklyn Honas	Dayson Moeder Ryalin Moeder	Addalyn Haas <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Cantor / Musician	SMC Musicians	Guitar Choir	Kelsi Broadway Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer
Congratulations! **Briggs Lee Bittel**, who was baptized here on Dec. 11. Son of Logan & Courtney (Waldschmidt) Bittel.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Mary Lou Schoenberger**, who passed away Dec. 1. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, Roger Schuster, 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.

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Dec. 25 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	<i>No Mass</i>
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 23 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 25 (Sun) 10:15a.m.	No Communion
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 24 (Sat) 4:00/6:00p.m. Dec. 25 (Sun) 9:00a.m.	<i>No Rosary</i>

Notes from the Pastor

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

Christmas Masses. We will be following the Christmas Mass schedule: Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00pm and 6:00pm, and Christmas Morning Mass at 9:00am. There will not be a 7:00am Mass. The 4:00pm Mass will be the Children's Mass.

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. Sunday, January 1st (also the Octave of Christmas) is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule: 5:30pm on the December 31st; 7:00am and 9:00am on January 1st.

Reminder: FORMED.org: The Catholic Faith on Demand. The series "Who Am I to Judge" is an excellence series (eight sessions) dealing with the topic of "Relativism" in our world today and how to respond to it. Plan into your schedule a little time each week to sit down with your spouse or friends and watch each session and discuss them together.

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

276. Where does the Eucharist fit in the divine plan of salvation? The Eucharist was foreshadowed in the Old Covenant above all in the annual Passover meal celebrated every year by the Jews with unleavened bread to commemorate their hasty, liberating departure from Egypt. Jesus foretold it in his teaching and he instituted it when he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles in a Passover meal. The Church, faithful to the command of her Lord, "Do this in memory of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24), has always celebrated the Eucharist, especially on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection of Jesus. *Further reading: CCC 1333-1344*

277. How is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist carried out? The Eucharist unfolds in two great parts which together form one, single act of worship. The Liturgy of the Word involves proclaiming and listening to the Word of God. The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the presentation of the bread and wine, the prayer or the anaphora containing the words of consecration, and communion. *Further reading: CCC 1345-1355, 1408*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Announcements

- **Communal Penance Service** will be this Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend.
- It's been a great semester, **YDisciples!** We look forward to beginning a new year with all of you beginning **January 11th, 2023**. Enjoy your break and Merry Christmas!!
- **No Adoration** on Thursdays, Dec. 22 and 29. We will resume on January 5, 2023.
- **Needing Volunteers Christmas Eve/Day:** We are in need of volunteers to cover ministries for Christmas Eve masses and Christmas Day. If you or your family would be willing to help, we greatly appreciate you stepping in! ~Thank you!
- **Parish Office will be Closed** for the Christmas holiday on Friday, Dec. 23rd at 12:30pm through Dec. 26th. We wish you a blessed Christmas!
- **2023 Ministry Schedules Ready:** The 2023 ministry schedules have been completed. I will be emailing them out early next week to those who have been assigned ministries. Hard copies are available by request at the parish office. Thank You for volunteering your time and talents. ~Emily

Community Announcements

- **Hospice Volunteer Training:** Hospice utilizes volunteers in a variety of roles. We invite you to come learn about the history and philosophy of Hospice advance directives, care of the dying person, spirituality and the role of the volunteer at our Hospice Volunteer Training on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 8:30am-4:30pm in the Hospice office at Hays Med. Please register by January 6th. Contact Hospices of Hays Med at 785-623-6200 or 1-800-248-0073 for further information. Our Hospice serves Ellis, Rush, Russell, and Rooks Counties.

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School Announcements

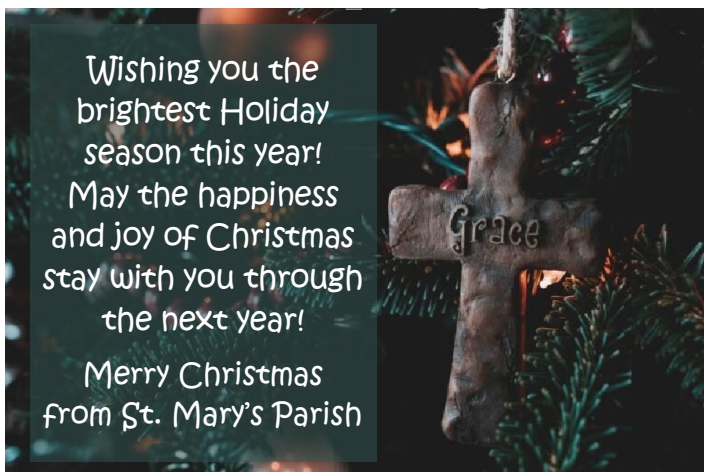
Tuesday, Dec. 20th

AR Reward Movie
Classroom Christmas Parties

Wednesday, Dec. 21st - Jan. 3rd

NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break

- **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!



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 16-22

Wiseman #1, #2, and #3

arrive at the stable bringing their gifts.

Community Announcements

- 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.



One Stitch at a time



A few of the **Good Home Quilters** pose with their finished quilts to send to the Samaritan House in Denver, CO. The group was able to complete 31 quilts for the family floor for parents with their children, along with sending care packages. **THANK YOU** to all who donated items, monetary gifts, or give a helping hand in creating these gifts.

