

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

O Holy Night

December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord



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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 26 - January 1, 2023

Mon: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Tue: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a & 2-8

Wed: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Thu: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Fri: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Sat: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Sun: Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21

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 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)
Mon	Dec 26	5:30 p.m.	Andrew & Clara Kuhn+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Dec 27	8:10 a.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec 28	8:10 a.m.	Rita Kuhn+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Clarence & Alice Honas+ Family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec 29	8:10 a.m.	Al Weber+
Fri	Dec 30	8:10 a.m.	Frank+ & Juanita Augustine+, Henry & Mary Weigel+, and Brenda Gabel+ Families (liv/dec)
Sat	Dec 31	4:00 p.m.	Ted & Delores (anniv) Begler+
Sun	Jan 1	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jan 1	9:00 a.m.	Frank & Gladys Kirkham+ Family (liv/dec)

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 25	Merry Christmas! Mass @ 9:00am
Mon	Dec. 26	Parish Office Closed
Thurs	Dec. 29	NO Eucharistic Adoration
Fri	Dec. 30	Parish Office Closes @ 12:30pm
Sat	Dec. 31	<i>The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</i> Mass at 5:30pm
Sun	Jan. 1	Happy New Year! Mass at 7:00am & 9:00am
Mon	Jan. 2	Parish Office Closed
Wed	Jan. 4	School is back in Session CCD @ 7:00pm No YDisciple

Ministries for December 31 & January 1

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Chris & Amanda Browning	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Terry Zerfas	Jackie Flax Mindy Eck Curtis Weber
Servers	Kinzie Sunley	Isabella & Jocelyn Eck
Cantor / Musician	Haas Girls	Eck Girls
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Gary Luea Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Jan. 1 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 30 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Jan. 1 (Sun) 10:15a.m.	<i>No Communion</i>
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 31 (Sat) 5:30p.m. Jan. 1 (Sun) 9:00a.m.	<i>No Rosary</i>

- **Parish Office will be Closed** for the Christmas holiday on Monday, Dec. 26th. Along with Friday, Dec. 30th at 12:30pm through January 2, 2023. We wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!
- **THANK YOU...**to all who dropped off goodies shared Christmas Cheer and New Year Wishes to the Parish Office. I admire your kindness and thoughtfulness! I pray each of you have a blessed Christmas season and the New Year brings many blessings! -Emily M.
- **2023 Calendars are still available!** There are some at each of the entrances of the church!
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you donated to the flower und and/or provided your own poinsettia, names of your loved ones will be showcased in next week's bulletin, after the Christmas celebration, to make sure we don't miss anyone.
- **2023 Ministry Schedules Ready:** The 2023 ministry schedules have been completed and an email sent 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
- **No Adoration until January 5, 2023.**
- **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.

Parish Announcements

Notes from the Pastor

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Again, thanks for your many thoughtful cards, gifts and goodies! They are greatly appreciated.

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Next Sunday, January 1st is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule: 5:30pm on Saturday, December 31st and Sunday, January 1 at 7:00am and 9:00am.

Feasts of the Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord. Although traditionally the Feast of the Epiphany is January 6 (12 days after Christmas), it is celebrated in the "Lain-Rite" church on the Sunday after January 1, which is January 8 this year. The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the first Sunday after January 6. But in the year when the Epiphany (a Sunday) falls on January 7 or 8, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday the next day. *For Roman Catholics, the Feast of the Baptism of Lord marks the end of the liturgical Christmas season, which is January 9 this year.*

Feast of Epiphany – Chalking the Door. 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 home. 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 + 23. 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 2023. Holy Water can then be used to sprinkle door and rooms in the home.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **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.

Community Announcements

- **Ellis Food Boxes** will have curbside pick up at 210 Madison on Monday, January 9, from 3:00 to 6:00pm. Free food boxes for those living in USD 388 who feel the need! No sign up. No income restrictions. No walking or carrying food boxes. Just come to our convenient drive-through. Have a **Happy New Year!**
- **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.



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 Ptasek, 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.

Hot Cocoa, Cookies & Carols



The St. Mary's YDisciples group met at the Ellis Good Samaritan before starting their Christmas Break to pray the rosary, have hot chocolate & sugar cookies and sing Christmas carols! There were 22 residents, 10 students and 3 mentors enjoying the fun-filled evening.



The St. Mary's 6th Grade Class have been hosting Free Dress Fridays in November and December to raise funds to purchase Christmas gifts for the Ellis Good Sam residents. For \$1.00, students and staff could choose to wear something other than their school uniform on Fridays. The 6th graders shopped at Walmart and purchased gifts for ten residents. They also went to the Hays Humane Society to make a donation from Savio Mart.

The Nativity Story

Thank You for joining us on the Journey to Bethlehem. We hope you followed along with us and have completed your picture with all the characters colored in.

December 23-25

The Shepherd arrives at the stable with his Lamb.

On Christmas Day we meet Jesus.



Written in the Stars

Tonight, I look up at the stars in the sky
And remember another star, from days long gone by
That shone oh so brightly, to show men the way
To a small baby laid in a manger of hay.

This baby was sweet, all shiny and new,
But he means so much more to me and to you
We know him as Jesus Christ, or Emmanuel
And his story is one we have long loved to tell

Because it is a story of the best of man
Of mercy and sacrifice and God's all-knowing plan
It is a story of love beyond measure
Of a father who gave us His most precious treasure

I think of all this, as I look at the stars
I think about the love of his God of ours
And I close my eyes and cross myself,
and I pray
That I will remember this love every day.

