

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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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 21 - Sept. 10

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

February 20 - February 26

Mon: Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

Tue: Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

Wed: Joel 2:12-18; Matthew 6:1-1, 16-18

Thu: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Fri: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

Sat: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sun: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

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	Feb 18	5:30 p.m.	James Newton+
Sun	Feb 19	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 19	9:00 a.m.	LeRoy Steckline+
Mon	Feb 20	5:30 p.m.	Guy Henderson+
Tues	Feb 21	8:10 a.m.	William Joseph Reiter+ (anniv)
Wed	Feb 22	8:10 a.m.	John Kohlrus+ (anniv)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Joe & Anna Koester+
		7:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Thurs	Feb 23	8:10 a.m.	Irene Steckline+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Feb 24	8:10 a.m.	Joe & Anna Koester+
Sat	Feb 25	5:30 p.m.	Norman Rupp+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 26	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 26	9:00 a.m.	Belinda Shannon+, Kay Plante+, Fred Nurse+, John Brown+ and the Plante/Patten/Kingsley Families (liv/dec)

Ministries for February 25 & 26

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Roberta Augustine Verla Seibel	Austin & Kiedra Hickert Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Peggy Seibel Lacie Haas Mindy Eck
Servers	Kinzie Sunley	Addalyn Haas Jack Reed
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Alyson Johnson	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Rick & Nancy Cunningham Margaret Metzler James & Sandy Rome Family	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Feb. 26 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	Joe Hertel
Communion to Homebound	Feb. 24 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Feb. 26 (Sun) 10:15a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	Feb. 25 (Sat) 5:30p.m. Feb. 26 (Sun) 9:00a.m.	Roberta Augustine Josita Dreiling

Meetings & Events

Sun	Feb. 19	Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:30am First Reconciliation @ 2:00pm
Mon	Feb. 20	NO SCHOOL—Presidents Day
Tues	Feb. 21	SMS Parent-Teacher Conferences SMS Book Fair @ 4-7pm
Wed	Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 7am, 8:10am, 7pm SMS Book Fair @ 4-7pm
Thurs	Feb. 23	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9am-5pm SMS Parent-Teacher Conferences SMS Book Fair @ 4-7pm
Fri	Feb. 24	NO SCHOOL Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm Parish Soup Supper (following Stations)
Mon	Feb. 27	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 22 @ 7:00am, 8:10am, 7:00pm

All Ministries for Ash Wednesday Mass will be Volunteer or covered by School/CCD Students.

Parish Announcements

- **A Note from the Religious Ed Director:** CCD will be going to Mass on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:00pm. Students are asked to sit as a group in the front of Church.
- **Rice Bowls for Lent:** Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl on the back table under the big bulletin board beginning this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice.
- **Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers:** Each Friday during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm. We are also planning to offer meatless soup suppers every other Friday (when the Knights of Columbus are not hosting a Fish Fry) in the church basement following the Stations of the Cross. The schedule is below:
February 24 - Soup Supper
March 3 - K of C Fish Fry
March 10 - Soup Supper
March 17 - K of C Fish Fry
March 24 - Soup Supper
March 31 - K of C Fish Fry
April 7 - No Soup Supper (Good Friday)

Notes from the Pastor

Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday Mass times will be: 7:00am., 8:10am (School Mass) and 7:00pm (will include YDisciple and CCD students).

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers. We will be offering a soup supper in the church basement on the Fridays that the Knights of Columbus doesn't have a fish fry. It will follow the 5:30pm Stations of the Cross. The evening would include fun with some Catholic Trivia.

Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Class. On Sunday, February 26 during the 9:00am Mass, we will be celebrating the Rite of Enrollment for our Confirmation class. This Rite is being celebrated along with the Rite of Sending for our RCIA catechumen and candidates. The two Rites parallel each other in that both groups are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RCIA Rite of Sending & Rite of Election. The Rite of Election for the western part of the diocese is next Sunday, February 26 at 3:00pm at St. Nick's in Hays. The Rite of Election is a special ceremony marking the transition from one RCIA period to the next for those catechumens seeking to enter the Catholic Church. A parallel rite, the Call to Continuing Conversion, is celebrated for the baptized, which brings them closer to their full reception into the Church. The Rite of Sending takes place in the parish in which the parish "sends" the catechumens and candidates to the bishop. This will take place in our parish at the 9:00am Mass Sunday, February 26.

Lenten Faith Sharing Group. I will be leading faith sharing session this Lent. The topic will be "*Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well*" – a new video series from the Augustine Institute on FORMED that addresses the large-scale questions about death from a Catholic perspective. It will be a four-week series. See bulletin insert for more details. The schedule for the small group program will be the following four Tuesdays of Lent at 7:00pm, March 7, 21, 28 and April 4. *We will meet in the church basement.*

Other opportunities for Lent: The FORMED website has a number of video series that a person or small group can watch and discuss on the Sacraments: Reborn (Baptism), Presence (Eucharist), Forgiven (Reconciliation), and Beloved (Marriage). *Symbolon* is a great series that explains the Catholic faith.

The Ascension Lenten Companion is another Lenten program from Ascension Press. It includes an inspirational journal and weekly prayer videos with Fr. Mark Touns. *The Ascension Lenten Companion* will help you walk with Christ more closely than you ever have before. I have ordered a few of the books. Check out the table in the back of the church and take a copy, if wish to use this as your Lenten devotion.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus Card Night:** All are welcome to come to the Knights Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd beginning after Ash Wednesday Mass.
- **Daughters of Isabella Bunco Social:** Everyone is invited to come for an evening of fun, laughter, and good company at the D of I Social on Thursday, Feb. 23rd beginning at 6:00pm at the Knights Hall!

Community Announcements

- **Appreciation Reception for Althea Groff!** We, the Ellis Food Box & Pantry, invite you all to come wish Althea a happy retirement from the Pantry on Sunday, February 19th, 1:30-3:00pm at the Ellis Alliance Building, 820 Washington! A plaque presentation will be at 2:00pm. *Thank You, Althea, for sharing your talents and dedication to the Ellis Community for so many years!*
- **Ellis Food Boxes Curbside Pick Up** at 210 Madison is on **Monday, February 27**, from 3 to 6 p.m. **This will be for March Distribution!** 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-thru.
- **EHS Forensics Meet Judges Needed:** We are looking for judges for our home forensics meet on Saturday, March 4th! Please contact Mrs. Downing if you would be willing to help us out by calling the High School at 785-726-3151 or emailing sdowning@usd388.com.

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations, Reinhardt Alexander Gregorie,
who was baptized here on February 11th.
Son of Ryan & Laura (Augustine) Gregorie.

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Gilbert Augustine, Gini Augustine, Juanita Augustine,
Ken Collins, Janice Collins, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax,
Sally Flax, David Fox, Sr., Robert Gerhart, Debbie Haas,
Edna Henjy, Nathan Hively, Rob Hrabe, Gilbert Kinderknecht,
Doug Kingsley, Lucille Kuhn, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton,
Jeanna Plante, Megan Ptaschek, Roger Schuster,
Bernette Stadelman, Tonya Sterling, 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.*

Parish Offering: Weekend of February 11 & 12

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2022-23: \$8,374.05

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,050.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,666.00

Total Giving this week.....\$6,716.00.

For this weekend the collection is below by \$1,658.05.

School Announcements

Monday, February 20
NO SCHOOL—Diocesan In-Service

Tuesday, February 21
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Scholastic Book Fair Open from 4-8pm

Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:10am
Scholastic Book Fair Open from 4-8pm

Thursday, February 23
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Scholastic Book Fair Open from 4-8pm

Friday, February 24
NO SCHOOL—State Wrestling



Our Book Fair Opens This Week: St. Mary's School is having our first ever Scholastic Book Fair! You and your family are welcome to come shop the collections on Tuesday, Feb. 21 and Thursday, Feb. 23 from 4:00-7:00pm each night and Wednesday, Feb. 22nd from 4:00-7:00pm. We invite everyone to come purchase books and cool items. You don't have to have a child at St. Mary's to come shop the collections! The more we sell, the more books we get for our school library!



Show your school some EXTRA love in February: Shop, Snap & Give Back!!! We have TWO ways to win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops! For the entire month of February: Scan your receipts for a chance to win for St. Mary's School! There is a chance you could be one of the 5 lucky winners to receive 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for our school or help us be one of the 100 schools to win \$500 in Box Tops!



St. Mary's Pre-K & Kindergarten Roundup is Scheduled: Mark your calendars to attend the Parent Information Night on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:00pm in the Kindergarten Room! Student Visitation will be Thursday, March 2nd! We encourage you to RSVP to either of the days or get more information by calling the school office at 785-726-3185!

Help Others By:

Pray for:

Fast by:

**For Lent
I will...**

Give Alms By:

For Lent I will...

The 3 pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. We invite you to participate in helping us create a cross of crosses during Lent on our church bulletin board by filling out this Lenten Resolutions Cross.

Once complete, cut it out and either pin it to the bulletin board or return to the Parish Office by putting it in the collection basket or mail.

No need to put your name on it. Have each member in your family fill one out! Discuss as a family what each pillar means and how you can help each other during the Lenten Journey.

Blank crosses are available on the back table under the bulletin board.

DEATH IS AN END, BUT IT'S NOT *the* END.

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? The Augustine Institute invites you to *Eternal Rest*, a four-part film series exploring the mystery of death and the promise of everlasting life.

WEEK ONE The Story of Death

Tuesday, March 7

WEEK TWO The Afterlife

Tuesday, March 21

WEEK THREE The Hour of Our Death

Tuesday, March 28

WEEK FOUR The Faithful Departed

Tuesday, April 4

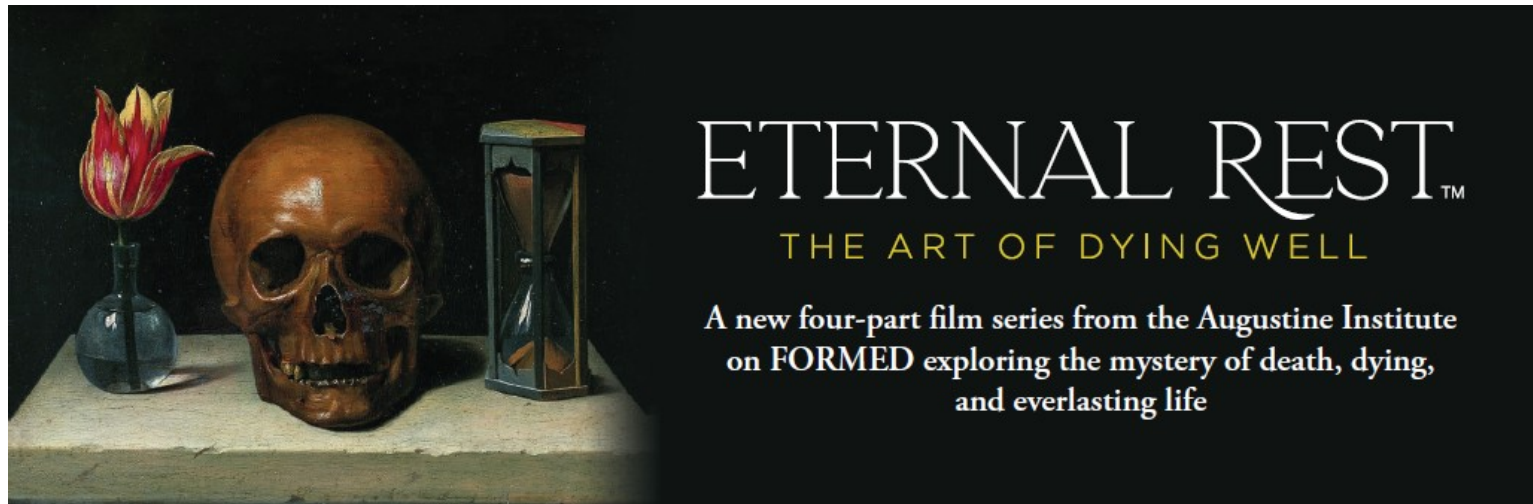
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Death is an end, but it's not *the* end.

- We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come?
- Eternal Rest is a four-part film series and comprehensive website that examines death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life.
- Each 30-minute episode—available exclusively on FORMED—approaches the subject from a Catholic perspective, leading viewers from the origin of death to Jesus Christ's final victory at the Cross and Resurrection.

**“Christ turns the grave from a hole into a door. Death is no longer a pit,
but a door into eternal life.”**

Episode Synopses:

Episode 1: The Story of Death

- Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else?
- In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

Episode 2: The Afterlife

- What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? What is the difference between the particular judgment and the general judgment?
- This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.

Episode 3: The Hour of Our Death

- The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. But whom exactly is this sacrament for? What are its effects?
- In this session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, in the final stages of our temporal life, and at the hour of our death.

Episode 4: The Faithful Departed

- What is left for the living to do after someone dies?
- In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead.
- We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.

Fun facts about *Eternal Rest*:

- **EternalRest.org** has 60+ videos of experts answering common practical questions about end-of-life medical care, funerals, legal documents, grief, and more.
- Features Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology professors, including Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Brant Pitre, Dr. Michael Barber, and others
- Produced by the award-winning Augustine Institute Studios