



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 17, 2023
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 21 - Sept. 10, 2023

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 18 - December 24

Mon: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

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

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

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

Sun: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:26-38

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. Jenni Bongartz
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 16	5:30 p.m.	John & Amelia Kuhn+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 17	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 17	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Waldschmidt+
Mon	Dec 18	5:30 p.m.	Pat & Diane Kuhn Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Dec 19	8:10 a.m.	John M (anniv) & Clara Augustine+ and Bill & Viola (anniv) Rohn+ Families (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec 20	8:10 a.m.	John M (anniv) & Clara Augustine+ and Lawrence+ & Norma Lang Families (L/D)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	John Kohlrus+
Thurs	Dec 21	8:10 a.m.	O'Rourke Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Dec 22	8:10 a.m.	Kyle Urban+
Sat	Dec 23	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 24	7:00 a.m.	Margaret Wiesner+
Sun	Dec 24	9:00 a.m.	Henry Haas+ (anniv)

Meetings & Events

Mon	Dec. 18	Angel Tree Gifts DUE
Wed	Dec. 20	SMS "The Nativity" presentation at 9:00 SMS Early Dismiss at 12:40pm
Thurs	Dec. 21	Winter begins No School—Christmas Break begins
Sun	Dec. 24	Sunday Masses at 7:00am & 9:00am Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00p & 6:00p
Mon	Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! Christmas Day Mass at 9:00am

Parish Offering: Weekend of December 9 & 10

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$7,433.34

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,271.20

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,470.38

Total Giving this week.....\$6,741.58

For this weekend the collection is below by \$691.76.

Ministries for December 23 & 24 and for Christmas Eve & Day

Ministry	Dec. 23 - 5:30 p.m.	Dec. 24 - 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m.	Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Geri Augustine	Andrea Zody	Barney Boos	Sharon Bittel
Presentation of Gifts	Pat & Diane Kuhn	Ernie & Connie Fink	Cody & Megan Honas Family	James & Sandy Rome Family	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Curtis Weber Geri Augustine Paula Wasinger	John & Andrea Zody Richard Bollig	Terry & Cindy Zervas Barney Boos	Sharon Bittel Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Alyssa Rome	Dominic & Isabelle Fondoble	Hunter & Breckyn, Brielle Honas	Dayson & Ryalin Moeder <i>Volunteer (1)</i>	Addalyn Haas Dominic & Isabelle Fondoble
Cantor / Musician	Amy Staab <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Haas Girls	Alyson Johnson Kinzie Sunley	Amy Staab Nancy Cunningham	Amy Staab and Friends
Ushers & Greeters	James & Sandy Rome Family Gary Luaa Bob & Margie Mickelson	Mark & Sarah Eck Family	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Dean Augustine, Gilbert Augustine, Juanita Augustine, Mark Boos, Janice Collins, Patty Dreiling, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Nathan Hively, Rob Hrabe, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Doug Kingsley, Clifford Kreutzer, Agneta Kuhn, Lucille Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Holly Metzler, Bob Mickelson, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Maddux Pfeifer, Jeanna Plante, Megan Ptascheck, Doug Rohr, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Toyona Sterling, Tanner Sullivan, Marlene Tribble, 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. 24 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 22 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 24 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	<i>No Communion</i>
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 23 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 24 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Craig Seibel

Parish Announcements

- **Advent Communal Penance Service** is this Sunday, December 17 at 2:00pm. All are welcome!
- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees** Reminder that the **Ellis Good Sam Angel Tree** gifts need to be returned back under the tree or to the Parish Office on or before Monday, December 18th.
- **No Eucharistic Adoration:** We will be taking a short break during the holidays. No Adoration on Dec. 21, 28 or Jan. 4. We will resume on January 11.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to donate to the St. Mary's Poinsettia Fund, 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. 23 & 24 (after 9:00am Mass)** with a note to whom it's in memory of and from! Names will be printed in the last bulletin of the year (after Christmas).
- **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 Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26th for the holiday season.
- **Time to take a pause.** . . We wish our students and their families a blessed Christmas with your family and friends! **CCD Students** we will resume classes on January 10, 2024 and **YDisciples** - See you Jan. 17!

Notes from the Pastor

Communal Penance Services (Confessions). Our parish *Communal Penance service* for Advent is this Sunday, December 17 at 2:00pm.

Christmas Masses. Christmas Eve Masses this year will at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. The 4:00pm Mass will have a special homily for the children. The Christmas morning Mass will be at 9:00am. There will be no 7:00am Mass Christmas Day.

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.

2024 Calendars are available. Check the tables in the back of the church.

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Monday, January 1st (also the Octave of Christmas) is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Because it falls on a Monday, it is not a holyday of obligation. We, of course, will celebrate the Solemnity at the 5:30 daily Mass on Monday. I hope to see many people there!

Liturgy Trivia – 3rd Sunday of Advent

The traditional name for the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from *Gaudete in Domino semper*, Latin for "Rejoice in the Lord always."

Because one of Advent's tasks is to prepare us for Christ's return at the end of time, this season once had a penitential quality similar to that of Lent. Gaudete Sunday with its rose vestments and relaxation of austerities softened the period and gave a glimpse of its fulfillment just as its counterpart, Laetare Sunday, did at the midpoint of Lent.

Viewed now as a season of devout and joyful expectation, Advent retains very little of its old penitential focus, but we still have the option of using the liturgical color of rose today as we rejoice that Christmas is near, and Christ's second coming is nearer than it was yesterday.

This bulletin insert was written by Marion Eagen,

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Community Announcements

- **Snow Removal Services Available:** We have a few community members who are willing to assist our elderly (65+ and/or homebound) by shoveling your driveway and/or sidewalks when Old Man Winter comes! Call Leonard at 785-726-1278 to get on the list!
- **Donate to the Ellis Food Pantry:** The Ellis Food Pantry has received a \$20,000 matching grant!!! Every dollar given between now and January 15 will be matched \$1 for \$1 up to \$20,000. With the need growing, would you consider giving toward a local ministry that helps those in Ellis? Make checks out to: Ellis Food Pantry and send them to the Alliance, 810 Washington St., Ellis, KS 67637!

School Announcements

December 18—5th Grade DARE Graduation

December 20—"The Nativity Story" presentation

Christmas Classroom Parties @ 11:45am

Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm

December 21 thru January 3—Christmas Break



Be a Monarch for a Day! Thomas-Moore Prep in Hays invites students in the 5th-8th grades to come visit their school to learn what TMP-M has to offer on Friday, January 5th from 8:00am-12:00 (noon). Lunch will be served!

Transportation is available upon request. Please register by contacting Mrs. Melissa Schoepf at schoepfm@tmpmarian.org or 785-625-6577. By attending "Monarch for a Day, students will get free admission and popcorn to the TMP-M vs. Sacred Heart Basketball game that evening beginning at 4:30pm.

- **Accepting Donations for St. Mary's Carnival 2024:** We are beginning to collect donations (items and/or monetary) for the Raffle and Prize Central! If you would like to donate, we ask that all items be brand new. Please deliver to the school by January 15. If you have questions, please contact Becky Seibel (785-639-1654), Kiedra Hickert (785-259-2628), or Bailey Dinkel (785-259-1858). Watch the bulletin for more ways to help in the weeks ahead! We appreciate your support you give St. Mary's School!

You are Invited!

The Nativity Story

Presented by: St. Mary's Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Wednesday, December 20th

9:00am

St. Mary's School Gym



Photos L-R: This past Monday, **Sister Rose Mary** visited our classrooms. We all learned a lot about her discernment, how she became a nun, and "a day in the life." She comes from the Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita, some of which are now living at a convent new IHM in Hays and working at Holy Family and TMP! On Tuesday, the 6th Graders helped us to understand and celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, when our Lady appeared to a poor, indigenous Mexican man, Juan Diego, as a native woman dressed like an Aztec princess. She sent Juan to the bishop of Mexico to ask for a chapel in her honor. The bishop wanted a sign from God, so she provided roses for him to take back in his cloak. When Juan released the rose in front of the bishop, the cloak had an image of Mary that wasn't there before. The bishop still had doubts, Juan Diego did not give up. His faith became a light for a whole nation of believers. We each carry a flame of faith that we are called to share and spread until the light of Christmas shines in everyone!

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families
800-922-5330 | KBI Crime Hotline: 800-572-7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, the diocese provides a confidential Hotline: 866-752-8855 ext. 1067

Website: reportandprotect.com | Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org

Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior currently or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Services provides a confidential Hotline: 800-276-1562 | Website: reportbisopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities investigating reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including but not limited to Church Personnel.



Questions regarding reporting should be directed the Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina: 785-827-8746

"God is light; and in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another." 1 John 1:5-7