



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 31, 2023

**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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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 19 - Sept. 8, 2024

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

January 1– January 7

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

Tue: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Wed: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Thu: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Fri: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Sat: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

Sun: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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 30	5:30 p.m.	Mary Wasinger+
Sun	Dec 31	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 31	9:00 a.m.	Frank+ & Juanita Augustine, Henry & Mary Weigel+, and Brenda Gabel+ Families (l/d)
Mon	Jan 1	5:30 p.m.	Delores Begler+ (anniv)
Tues	Jan 2	8:10 a.m.	Otto & Philomene Berens+ Family and Cathy Katina+
Wed	Jan 3	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Jan 4	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Fri	Jan 5	8:10 a.m.	John (anniv) & Agnes Befort+ Family (L/D)
Sat	Jan 6	5:30 p.m.	Oscar Honas+ & Julie Honas+
Sun	Jan 7	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jan 7	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Gervase Degendhardt+ and Ken & Diana Kohl Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for January 6 & 7, 2024

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Verla Seibel Gary Luea	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Barney Boos	Jackie Flax Mindy Eck Curtis Weber
Servers	Dayson & Ryalin Moeder	Jocelyn & Olivia Eck
Cantor / Musician	Rylan Aschenbrenner Emily Mattheyer	Brad Deines Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson Gary Luea Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Jan. 7 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	Jan. 5 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Jan. 7 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	Jan. 6 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Jan. 7 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zerfas Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	January	Janice Dinkel Nitz Vontz

Meetings & Events

Mon	Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! <i>The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</i> Mass at 5:30pm
Wed	Jan. 3	No Religious Education Classes
Thurs	Jan. 4	SMS School Resumes (full day) No Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	Jan. 5	Epiphany
Mon	Jan. 8	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> Mass at 5:30pm

Parish Announcements

- **The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** is January 1, 2024. It is not a holy day of obligation. We invite you to come celebrate with us at 5:30pm on Monday, January 1.
- **Parish Office will be Closed** on January 1, 2024. We wish you a Happy New Year!
- **No Eucharistic Adoration:** We will be taking a short break during the holidays. No Adoration on January 4. We will resume on January 11.
- **Year-End Gifts:** The end of the year is approaching fast. Keep the support of our parish (church & school) in mind as you plan for your end of the year giving.
- **Set a Reminder for Coffee & Donuts:** We will gather after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, January 14.
- **Mass Intentions Open for January 2024:** We have (7) days open in the month of January and would like help filling them. If you would like to have a mass intention said for a loved one(s), please stop by or call the parish office. Masses scheduled on a *first come, first serve basis*.

Parish Offering: Weekend of December 23 & 24

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,152.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$2,970.00

Total Giving this week.....\$4,122.00

For this weekend the collection is below by \$3,311.34.

Christmas Collection 2023-24:

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$2,665.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,793.00

Total Giving.....\$7,458.00

Notes from the Pastor

Thank You. A special thanks to the Arts and Environment Committee for decorating the Church for Christmas and setting up the Nativity Scene in front of the church! You are greatly appreciated!

Feasts of the Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord. The Feast of the Epiphany this year is Sunday, January 7, 2024. The Baptism of the Lord is, generally, celebrated the first Sunday after January 6. But since the Feast of the Epiphany is on that Sunday, 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 8, 2024.

Feast of Epiphany—Chalking the Door. We will have containers of holy water with a piece of chalk taped to it available. It is for each family to take 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 for 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 + 24. 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 2024. Holy Water can then be used to sprinkle door and rooms in the home.

Priest Renewal Days. Our Annual Priest's Days of Renewal this year is scheduled for Monday, January 15 thru Thursday, January 18. Consequently, there will be no Masses that week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (January 16-18). The Mass on Monday, January 15 will be at 8:10am instead of 5:30pm, as I need to be in Wichita by 4:00pm.

Catholic Trivia

349. What is the attitude of the Church toward those people who are divorced and then remarried? The Church, since she is faithful to her Lord, cannot recognize the union of people who are civilly divorced and remarried. "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery" (Mark 10:11-12). The Church manifests an attentive solicitude toward such people and encourages them to a life of faith, prayer, works of charity and the Christian education of their children. However, they cannot receive sacramental absolution, take Holy Communion, or exercise certain ecclesial responsibilities as long as their situation, which objectively contravenes God's law, persists. *Further reading: CCC 1650-1651, 1665*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Community Announcements

- **Ellis Food Boxes** will have Curbside Pickup at 210 Madison on Monday, January 8, 2024 from 3-6pm. Free regular food boxes for those living in USD 388. No income restrictions, No walking or carrying food boxes. Just come to our convenient drive-thru.
- **Ellis Community Blood Drive:** The American Red Cross will be in Ellis on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 between 1:00-6:00pm at the Ellis K of C Hall for a Blood Drive! *Give blood. Help save lives.* To schedule your appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Ellis or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- **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!

There are **23 cardinals** within the Christmas decorations around the church to be reminders of the cardinal's message: that **hope, love, and joy** are ever-present, even in the midst of winter's chill.

The cardinal's vivid presence serves as a beacon of light, guiding us towards a season filled with warmth, togetherness, and the renewal of our spirits.

Can you find them all?



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 Hrobe, 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, Toyna 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.

School Announcements

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.



St. Mary's School Carnival is One Month Away: As many of you remember, the St. Mary's Home & School Association puts on a school carnival every year, paired with a soup luncheon, to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year the carnival and soup luncheon will be together, January 28, 2024, from 10:00am - 2:00pm!!! The carnival is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year and helps provide our school with the funds that are used to purchase many things for our kids, including computers, computer software, books and many classroom items. ***We are needing a little help:*** We will need items for the carnival games such as pop and cakes, in addition to prizes! Some ideas of prizes would include fruit snacks, bracelets, army figurines, books, little stuffed animals, bubbles, snoball coupons, art sets, outdoor games, etc. Anything big, small, or in between will work great for the Prize Store! Cash donations are welcome as well and will be used to purchase items for the Prize Store. We ask that all items donated be *new*. You may send prizes to school or drop off at the school office, no later than January 19, 2024. If you have questions, please reach out to Bailey Dinkel (785-259-1858) or Kristen Gaschler (785-259-2576) directly with any questions or donations. We are also accepting donations for the Raffle (items and/or monetary)! We ask those items be new as well! If you have questions about Raffle donations, please contact Becky Seibel (785-639-1654), Kiedra Hickert (785-259-2628). Watch the bulletin for more ways to help in the weeks ahead! We appreciate your support you give St. Mary's School!



The residents of Ellis Good Samaritan Center would like to sincerely thank all who took the time and resources to provide meaningful Christmas gifts for them. They are grateful for the thoughtfulness of each and every one of you!

Christmas Flowers in Loving Memory..

Leonard & Tillie Augustine and Jacob Wildeman by Mike & Linda Augustine *
Paul & Stella Augustine by Melvin & Gini Augustine * Andrew & Clara Herman Family
by Their Family * Gay & Mary Henderson by Paula Lerch * Daughters of Isabella *
Leslie Dorzweiler, Marion Dorzweiler, Harold Bittel by Dennis Bittel Family * David Seibel,
Mark Seibel, Edwin & Anna Seibel by Verla Seibel * Francis Flax, Marjorie Flax, and Jonathan Flax
by Their Families * Scott & Irene Niernberger by Jolene Niernberger * Marion Dorzweiler,
Leslie Dorzweiler, Leo & Mary Dorzweiler, and Joe & Anna Dreiling by Rose Dorzweiler
* Al Weber by Vicki Weber * Mark Honas and John & Frances Honas by Norbert & Donna Honas
* Ralph & Rosie Berens by Ron & JoAnn Berens Family * Jim & Agnes Wannamaker,
Jennifer Simpkins, Rosalie Shubert and Adair & Doris Shubert by Bruce & Jackie Shubert
* Ralph & Julie Honas, Pete & Mary Ann Karlin, Mark & Agnes Pfannenstiel by
Mark & Bernice Karlin * Nichole Diane Kuhn, Kaden Lee Shannon, Clarence & Alice Honas,
John & Bernadine Kuhn, and David F. Kuhn by Pat & Diane Kuhn family * Anna & Phillip Flax by
their Daughters & Families * Don R. Younger by the Rita Younger Family * Paul & Irene Boos,
Thomas L. Boos and Gerald Boos by Their Family * David Dreiling, Earl & Luella Lambrecht,
Greg Lambrecht, and Martha & Fritz Dreiling by Gail Dreiling * Laurian Leiker by
Janice Leiker Family * Norman Rupp and Marcella & John Weber by the Phyllis Rupp Family
* Gary Lynn, John Marge, Larry & Sybil Luea and Mildred Jinks by Gary & Sheryl Luea
* Marion Dorzweiler and Tom & Tillie Windholz by Duane & Karen Dorzweiler
* Albert & Jenny Pfeifer by Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer
* Plante-Patten-Nurse Family by Jody Patten * Theresa Rupp and
Arlene Rupp by John Rupp Family * Rudy & Agnes Waldschmidt,
Richard Waldschmidt, Ronnie & Diane Waldschmidt,
Ernest & Muriel Fink, and Rick Fink by Ernie & Connie Fink
* The Schoenberger Families (liv/dec) by Leonard Schoenberger
Irvin L. Werth by Dave & LuAnn Pfeifer Family
* LaVerne Dinkel and David Dinkel by Janice Dinkel & Family.

