

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany
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 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 8– January 14

Mon: Isaiah 55:1-11; Mark 1:7-11

Tue: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

Thu: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

Sun: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; John 1:35-42

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	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)
Mon	Jan 8	5:30 p.m.	Margaret Wiesner+
Tues	Jan 9	8:10 a.m.	Henry Zody+
Wed	Jan 10	8:10 a.m.	John & Alice Gabel+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Jan 11	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy & Lois Aschenbrenner Family (L/D)
Fri	Jan 12	8:10 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. John W. Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Jan 13	5:30 p.m.	Vontz-Davignon Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Jan 14	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jan 14	9:00 a.m.	Christian Morris+

Ministries for January 13 & 14

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Nicole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Jordan & Emily Mattheyer Family	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Sharon Bittel	Sarah Eck Paula Wasinger Peggy Seibel
Servers	Aiden & Rylan Aschenbrenner	Domini & Isabelle Fondoble
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Kinzie Sunley	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson Gary Luea Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Jan. 14 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	Jan. 12 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Jan. 14 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	Jan. 13 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Allen Weber Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	January	Janice Dinkel Helen Fischer
Coffee & Donut Host	January 14	Emily Mattheyer

Meetings & Events

S/S	Jan. 6-7	<i>Blessing of the Homes 20+C+M+B+24</i>
Mon	Jan. 8	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> Mass at 5:30pm
Thurs	Jan. 11	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm
Sun	Jan. 14	Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass Guitar Choir Practice after 9am Mass
Mon	Jan. 15	Daily Mass at 8:10am...No Mass at 5:30pm No School—Teacher In-Service Parish Office Closed
M-Th	Jan. 15-18	Priest Renewal Days

Parish Announcements

- **Epiphany Blessing of Your Home:** Containers of holy water and a piece of chalk are available for you to take and bless your home. Sprinkle holy water around your home, in each room, and write 20+C+M+B+24 above your entrance door. The CMB means “May Christ bless the house,” the “+” signifies the cross, and the number for the year 2024.
- **Religious Education Classes Resume:** We will begin CCD Classes on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00pm. Please have students meet their teachers in the school cafeteria! The *YDisciples* will return on Jan. 17th—Let’s usher in the new year with a nice, fun, friendly game of Catholic Trivia beginning at 6:30pm with meal, competition to follow...and Prizes!
- **Eucharistic Adoration will resume on January 11.**
- **Second Sunday, Coffee & Donuts:** All are welcome to join us in the church basement after 9:00am Mass on **Sunday, January 14** for an assortment of Daylight Donuts, coffee and orange juice!
- **Parish Office will be Closed** on January 15 in observance to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **First Reconciliation Parents & Student Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 21 at 2:00pm. Watch bulletin for more details.
- **Parish Prayer List:** We will be refreshing our list after January 21. Please notify the parish office to keep or add your loved one’s name to it.
- **Year-End Parish Tithe Reports** for the 2023 year will be provided upon request from parishioners. If you would like a copy of your yearly report, call or email the Parish Office. We are able to print, mail and/or email it to you! Review the information and let us know if your records do not agree.

Notes from the Pastor

Feast of Epiphany – Chalking the Door. Containers of holy water are being blessed during each Mass this weekend. You can pick up a container after the Masses. Extra containers will be at each of the entrances of the church. Instructions are included on each container.

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.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are Scheduled. We have scheduled First Reconciliation for February 4 at 2:00pm and First Communion on Sunday, April 7 (Sunday after Easter) during the 9:00am Mass.

Catholic Trivia

351. What are the sacramental's? These are the sacred signs instituted by the Church to sanctify different circumstances of life. They include a prayer accompanied by the sign of the cross and other signs. Among the sacramental's which occupy an important place are: blessings, which are the praise of God and a prayer to obtain his gifts, the consecration of persons and the dedication of things for the worship of God. Further reading: CCC 1667-1672, 1677-1678

352. What is an exorcism? When the church asks with its authority in the name of Jesus that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called an exorcism. This is done in ordinary form in the rite of Baptism. A solemn exorcism, called a major exorcism, can be performed only a priest authorized by the bishop. Further reading: CCC 1673

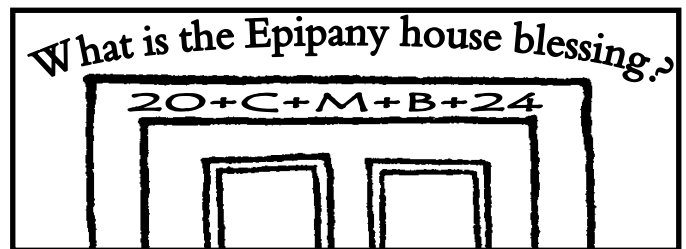
353. What forms of popular piety accompany the sacramental life of the Church? The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in the various forms of piety which accompany the sacramental life of the Church such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross and the rosary. The Church sheds the light of faith upon and fosters authentic forms of popular piety. Further reading: CCC 1674-1676, 1679

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **FREE POINSETTIAS!** It's that time again where the Decorating Committee offers their annual special on the Christmas Poinsettias! THIS SUNDAY AFTER 9:00am MASS, the flowers will be available for to anyone who would like to take one/two home, first come, first serve!
- **Knights of Columbus Member Meeting** is set for Wednesday, January 10, 2024 beginning at 7:00pm, followed by cards. All are welcome to attend!
- **Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting:** Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00pm we will meet for a soup supper and our monthly business meeting!



Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Jameson Lane Livingston**, son of Andrew & Chelsey (Smith) Livingston and **Rhiannon Rose Roberts**, daughter of Logan & Annie (McPherson) Roberts, who were baptized here on December 23, 2023.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Barbara Wolf**, who passed away December 31, 2023. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, Doug Kingsley, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Clifford Kreutzer, Agneta Kuhn, Lucille Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Holly Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Maddux Pfeifer, Jeanna Plante, Megan Ptascheck, Doug Rohr, Toyna Sterling, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, 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.

Parish Offering: Weekend of December 30 & 31

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$833.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$2,290.00

Total Giving this week.....\$3,123.00

For this weekend the collection is below by \$4,310.34.

School Announcements



Monday, Jan. 8—Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm

School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

Thursday, Jan. 11—Birthday Mass & Lunch

Friday, Jan. 12—School Spelling Bee @ 2:00pm

Monday, Jan. 15—NO SCHOOL

- **St. Mary's Home & School Assn. Meeting—Jan. 8:** Parents/Guardians of St. Mary's students are members of this association! You are encouraged to attend on Monday evening at 6:00pm to help us plan one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, our school carnival!
- **St. Mary's School Spelling Bee:** You are invited to attend our school's spelling bee on Friday, Jan. 12 at 2:00pm in the school gym!

**CARNIVAL
PRIZES
NEEDED**

St. Mary's School Carnival is This Month and *We are needing a little help!* We are needing

items for the carnival games such as pop and cakes, in addition to prizes! Anything big, small, or in between will work great for the Prize Store, where participants can "cash in tickets" for prizes! Cash donations are welcome as well and will be used to purchase items for the Prize Store. We are also accepting donations for the Raffle (items and/or monetary)! We ask that all items donated for the Prize Store and/or Raffle be *new*. You may send donations 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), Kristen Gaschler (785-259-2576), Becky Seibel (785-639-1654), or Kiedra Hickert (785-259-2628). Thanks for your support!

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!

Diocese of Salina Announcements



From Catholic Charities: Join Catholic Charities for a special event, **"Before the Build: Breakfast and Preview"** on **January 26th**, along with Bishop Vincke and the Hays Chamber staff. You will have an opportunity to explore the new space and view the renderings that showcase our vision for the future of the Hays-area! Be part of the journey with our fundraising updates and learn about the impact your support has on the surrounding Hays community. Get an exclusive sneak peek at the plans for the space as we unveil our vision for a brighter, more connected community. This event goes beyond bricks and mortar; it's about supporting ALL of Western Kansas. Together, we're making a difference in the lives of families throughout 31 counties in Northern Kansas. Your presence and support make it possible for us to partner with other parishes and communities, extending our reach to even more people in need.

- **Social Event:** We are excited to offer our first Young Adult Ministry event on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 7:00-11:00pm. This is the first Young Adult Ministry event for the Diocese of Salina! Young adults (ages 18-35) are welcome to attend and meet new people from around the Diocese at The Sullivan at United Capital Plaza, 227 N. Santa Fe Ave, in Salina! This will be a social event with refreshments, dancing and games! Cash Bar/Venmo for drinks! Dance attire is recommended! Visit the Salina Diocese website to RSVP!

- **Three Scholarship Available for Students:** Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina! There are three scholarships available for the 2024-2025 school year. The application process for these scholarships has transitioned to an online format. Students are encouraged to apply online by **March 1st, 2024** by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/diocesescholarships2024. If you have any questions, contact Torrie Gregg at torrie.gregg@salinadiocese.org.



Diocese of Salina Scholarships:

- **Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship** - Applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships are approximately \$500.
- **Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship** - Applicant must be attending an accredited Catholic College as a full-time student and an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships vary but ranged from \$1,000-\$3,000.

Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina Scholarship:

- **Susie Deges Scholarship** - This scholarship is specifically for graduating high school seniors in the diocese who are active in their local Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). This scholarship is \$1,000.