

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

February 4, 2024
Fifth 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 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

February 5 - February 11

Mon: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
Tue: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
Wed: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
Thu: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
Fri: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
Sat: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
Sun: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Mark 1:40-45

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	Feb 3	5:30 p.m.	Clarence Dreiling+, and William & Katie Dreiling+ Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 4	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 4	9:00 a.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
Mon	Feb 5	5:30 p.m.	Paul & Stella Augustine+
Tues	Feb 6	8:10 a.m.	James Newton+
Wed	Feb 7	8:10 a.m.	Joe & Thersia Flax,+ Joe & Anna Koester,+ and Delores & Bernard Scheweis+ Families (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Feb 8	8:10 a.m.	Johanna Gnad+
Fri	Feb 9	8:10 a.m.	Oscar Honas+ (anniv)
Sat	Feb 10	5:30 p.m.	Vontz-Davignon Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 11	7:00 a.m.	Ray & Lorine Kohl+
Sun	Feb 11	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for February 10 & 11

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Paula Wasinger
Presentation of Gifts	Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Darin & April Reed Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Barney Boos	Jackie Flax Mindy Eck Sarah Eck
Servers	Caleb, Landon & Mason Shield	Emma Flax Dominic & Isabelle Fondoble
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Nancy Cunningham Brad Deines
Ushers & Greeters	Rick & Nancy Cunningham Eugene Schuster James & Alyssa Rome	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Feb. 11 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	Feb. 9 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	Feb. 11 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	Feb. 10 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Feb. 11 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	February	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Feb. 4	Guitar Choir Practice after 9am Mass First Reconciliation @ 2pm
Thurs	Feb. 8	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm
Sun	Feb. 11	World Marriage Sunday Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass

Parish Announcements

- **First Reconciliation:** Our 2nd graders will be performing their First Reconciliation on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers.
- **YDisciples!** Join us in sharing the *LOVE* with our friends at Good Samaritan as we host a St. Valentine's Carnival complete with cake walk and games on Feb. 7th! Pizza at 6:30pm at Good Sam, followed by FUN!
- **World Marriage Day:** Next Sunday, February 11 is World Marriage Day. This annual event honors and supports married couples and salutes that beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life while faithfully living the Sacrament of Marriage. We also remember those widows and widowers who have given us a beautiful example of married life. Let us also pray for those troubled families that the grace of God will touch them and help them build a family of Christian love. Fr. Dana will be giving a special blessing for married couples at all masses next weekend.
- **Second Sunday: Coffee & Donuts!** Make plans to join us next Sunday, February 11 for coffee, donuts, orange juice, and fellowship in the church basement following 9am Mass!
- **Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024** will kick off next week! It is through this appeal that we can help support the mission of the diocese and help others encounter Christ. More information to come next week! Watch for mailings from the Diocese of Salina and envelopes in the church on ways you can support our parish goal of \$13,500!

Parish Offering: Weekend of January 27 & 28

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,247.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,446.00

Total Giving this week.....\$5,693.00

For this weekend the collection is below by \$1,740.34.

Notes from the Pastor

First Reconciliation. First Reconciliation is this Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2:00pm.

Lent is approaching fast—one week from Wednesday, February 14. *Ash Wednesday Mass* times will be: 7:00am, 8:10am (School Mass) and 7:00pm (will include CCD students).

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

Seven Session Study on "Jesus and the Eucharist". Check out the bulletin insert for an invitation to attend this seven-session study on the Eucharist. Also, included on the insert is some information about the National Eucharistic Revival that the Catholic Church in the United States is now in the midst of. The idea of the revival is to bring awareness, understanding, and desire to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The seven session study is part of this Revival.

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), *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, *Forgiven* (Reconciliation), and *Beloved* (Marriage). *Symbolon* is a great series that explains the Catholic faith.

RCIA Rite of Election & Rite of Sending. *The Rite of Election* for the western part of the diocese is Sunday, February 25 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 25.

Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Class. On Sunday, February 25 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.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting:** Members are invited to a Casserole supper beginning at 6:00pm on Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Knights Hall, followed by our monthly meeting!

Community Announcements

- **Valentine Cookie Grams:** The EHS Cheer Squad are taking orders for Valentine Cookie Grams! Gift your special person or persons with (1) cookie for \$3.00 or (2) cookies for 1 person for \$5.00. Get your order into an EHS Cheerleader or by calling the EJH/EHS Office on or before Friday, February 9. Cookie Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 16. They can deliver to St. Mary's School and Washington Grade School! *This is a fundraiser for the EHS Cheer Squad, cookies made by Kathy's Creations.*
- **Potato Bar at EHS Basketball Game:** The Ellis Softball/Baseball Association is hosting a Baked Potato Bar for dinner during the Ellis vs. Ness City Basketball Games on Tuesday, Feb. 6th beginning at 4:30-7:30pm at the Ellis High School. It's a Free Will Donation! You will receive a large baked potato with a wide variety of toppings, a cookie for dessert and a bottle of water or tea! There will also be a Silent Auction with a variety of items up for bid!
- **St. Mary's School History Wanted:** The EHS Alumni is doing a display on St. Mary's School. If you are an St. Mary's School Alum or know family/friends who were and might have things from "old" St. Mary's school days to add to the display, please contact Syliva in the EHS Alumni Room! You can either donate the times or loan them for the display until after the Annual Banquet in May! They are also looking for information or items from the old country school days.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Murphy Evelyn Erbert**, was baptized here on January 27. Daughter of Cole & Kristie (Whiting) Erbert.

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Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Janice Collins, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Nathan Hively, Jeannie Keller, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Doug Kingsley, Agneta Kuhn, Lucille Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Holly Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Maddux Pfeifer, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, Skylar Wands, 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.*

# Catholic Schools Week Highlights

## School Announcements

**Monday, Feb. 5:** Ellis Co. Spelling Bee at FHSU

**Thursday, Feb. 8:** Birthday Mass & Lunch

**Monday, Feb. 12:** School Council Meeting @ 7pm



**THANK YOU...** We would like to thank the parishioners, our parents, grandparents and community members who supported our annual School Carnival and Soup Luncheon, whether it was through donations or attend! Community involvement made our Catholic Schools Week a huge success!

-St. Mary's Home & School Association



St. Mary's invites you to **Kindergarten & Preschool Round Up** on Thursday, Feb. 29th. Preschool students will be able to visit the classroom in the morning at 8am-10am and Kindergarten students will be

able to visit at 1pm-3pm! An informational meeting for parents and guardians will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 6:00pm in the Kindergarten classroom! For more information or to RSVP, please contact the School Office at 785-726-3185!



**St. Mary's School Scholarship Application:** We are opening the opportunity to any former St. Mary's School graduation that is now graduating from high school who will further their education by means of higher education to a \$500 Scholarship from St. Mary's Home & School Association. Applications are available by contact the School Office or Mrs. Park at [ppark@stmarysofellis.org](mailto:ppark@stmarysofellis.org)! **Applications are due by April 2, 2024!**

- St. Mary's "SOUPer Bowl" Challenge:** St. Mary's School is collecting soup for the food pantry. Students who bring a can of soup or dry soup mix (or any sort of non-perishable food item) to school during the week of Feb. 5-9 will be given a "souper bowl" ticket. Any student who has a ticket will be able to wear their favorite sports teams' shirt or jersey on Friday, Feb. 9th!





## SECOND SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUTS

JOIN US FOR DONUTS, COFFEE,  
ORANGE JUICE & FELLOWSHIP

St. Mary's Parish Church Basement  
After 9:00am Mass ONLY

**February 11, 2024**



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

### *Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival*

#### **Dear Parishioners:**

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival initiative, our parish will be hosting a 7-session study called "Jesus and the Eucharist." This is a small group study. Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This will be a great opportunity for us, through prayer and study, to increase our knowledge and understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and to help others to become aware of this great gift.

Each session includes two lessons. A lesson includes a video presentation, followed by a table discussion. There is a handout guide for each session with discussion questions. The discussion is led by a table facilitator, who also participates in the discussion.

Place: Church Basement.

Time: Sunday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dates: Feb 18, 25, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, Apr 14 (Skipping Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday)

#### **Overview of each session:**

**Session 1: What's Our Story?** The Bible is the story of God's love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

**Session 2: Who Is Jesus?** Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

**Session 3: Am I Saved?** Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our "yes."

**Session 4: Why a Church?** Jesus didn't simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

**Session 5: God Is With Us.** God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

**Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist.** The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

**Session 7: Bread for the Journey.** The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.



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The Church (the Body of Christ, the People of God) has been infected with a number of cultural and societal diseases that has weakened the Body of Christ. The movement of our culture and society is largely a movement away from God, away from the very source of our strength, Jesus Christ. It is believed that the Eucharist, the greatest gift Christ has given to us, is the medicine that will help heal and strengthen the Body, to revive the Body.

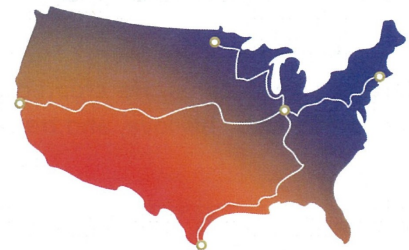
The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement sponsored by the United States bishops, to restore understanding and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. The movement is our prayer to God asking for his help and his graces.

The Revival is a three-year initiative.

- Year one (Year of Diocesan Revival, June 2022-June 2023) involved revival at the diocesan level.
- Year two (Year of the Parish Revival, June 2023-June 2024) involves fostering Eucharistic understanding and devotion at the parish level and then spreading that understanding and devotion to others.
- Year three (Year of the National Eucharistic Congress and Missionary Sending, June 2024-June 2025), involves a pilgrimage to Indianapolis, IN, concluding with a National Eucharistic Congress (July 17-21, 2024) and a sending forth of the faithful to be "eucharistic missionaries."

### Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage involves accompanying Jesus in the Eucharist. Four routes are planned, from the north, south, east, and west edges of our country. It will begin in May and end in July, 60 days on the road! The Pilgrimage will involve Jesus Christ, a small dedicated group who will make the full journey to Indianapolis and those who meet up with the Pilgrimage and walk for a portion of the four routes.



### Eucharistic Congress

A Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of clergy, religious and laity to bear witness to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is held over several days and includes Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, and other devotional ceremonies. Individuals, groups, and families can attend the Congress by registering and purchasing a pass for the event.

**For information about the Revival, the National Eucharistic Congress and the pilgrimage to Indianapolis, go to <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>**