

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



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Diocese: <http://salinadiocese.org>

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 19 - February 25

Mon: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

Tue: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Wed: Jonah 3:10; Luke 11:29-32

Thu: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Fri: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

Sat: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

Sun: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Mark 9:2-10

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 17	5:30 p.m.	Ralph & Rosie Berens+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 18	7:00 a.m.	Albert & Jenny Pfeifer+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 18	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Feb 19	5:30 p.m.	Bramdon Augustine+
Tues	Feb 20	8:10 a.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
Wed	Feb 21	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy Steckline+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Feb 22	8:10 a.m.	Joe & Anna Dreiling+ and Marion Dorzweiler Families (liv/dec)
Fri	Feb 23	8:10 a.m.	Paul & Stella Augustine+
Sat	Feb 24	5:30 p.m.	Thomas Boos+
Sun	Feb 25	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 25	9:00 a.m.	Lucille Kuhn

Ministries for February 24 & 25

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zervas	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Austin & Kiedra Hickert Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Richard Bollig	Peggy Seibel Lacie Haas Mindy Eck
Servers	Kinzie Sunley	Addalyn & Ainsley Haas
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	<i>Need Volunteers or Silent Mass</i>
Ushers & Greeters	Rick & Nancy Cunningham Eugene Schuster James & Alyssa Rome	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Feb. 25 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	Feb. 23 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Feb. 25 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Feb. 24 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Feb. 25 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	February	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Feb. 18	Eucharistic Revival Session #1 @ 2:00pm
Mon	Feb. 19	President's Day No School
Tues	Feb. 20	SMS Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thurs	Feb. 22	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm SMS Parent/Teacher Conferences
Fri	Feb. 23	No School Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm Ellis K of C Fish Fry 5:00-7:00pm
Sun	Feb. 25	Eucharistic Revival Session #2 @ 2:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **“Jesus and the Eucharistic”:** Our parish is hosting a 7-session study on the Eucharist during the Lenten Season. Our first session is this Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2:00pm in the church basement! We invite you to join us! As part of the National Eucharistic Revival initiative, each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individuals bishops across the country. The idea of the Revival is to bring awareness, understanding, and desire to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. This study will be held in our Church Basement on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00pm.
- **A Season for Reflection:** During this holy time, we are called to pause and pray closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the entrances of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.
- **YDisciples!** This Wednesday, Feb. 21, come and discuss how we can experience God in our daily prayer. He truly listens to us and wants to say something to us in return! Meal begins at 6:30pm with group to follow!
- **YDisciples & Confirmation Students Lenten Retreat:** Please plan to join us for our upcoming Lenten Retreat on Wednesday, Feb. 28 beginning promptly at 6:30pm with a meal of typical foods eaten in Jesus' day in church basement followed by retreat in the church. Any High School students are invited to attend.
- **Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024:** Please see the bulletin insert for more information about the Annual Appeal! Next weekend, Feb. 24 & 25 is in-pew weekend! Pledge cards will be available at all masses in pews and in the back of church. You can complete the pledge card and return it to the collection basket or give online at any time. Our parish goal for this year is \$13,500. Your gift-regardless of size-helps reach our goal and further the mission of our parish and diocese. Thank you for your support!

Notes from the Pastor

Seven Session Study on “Jesus and the Eucharist”. This 7-session study on the Eucharist begins this Sunday, February 18 at 2:00pm in the basement of the church. Session 1 is titled “What’s Our Story?” It talks about how the Bible is the story of God’s love for us: God created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross next Friday at 5:30pm. The Ellis Knights will be hosting a fish fry as well.

RCIA Rite of Election & Rite of Sending. *The Rite of Election* for the western part of the diocese is next Sunday, February 25 at 3:00pm at St. Nick’s in Hays. *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 next Sunday at the 9:00am Mass.

Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Class. On Sunday, February 25 during the 9:00am Mass we will also be celebrating the *Rite of Enrollment* for our Confirmation class.

From the Diocese: College Scholarships. Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina! Here's a summary of the 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 at these links by **March 1, 2024**.

Diocese of Salina Scholarships:

<https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/scholarship2024>

Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship

Applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. This scholarship is approx. \$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:

<https://salinadiocese.typeform.com/CFscholarship24>

Susie Deges Scholarship: This scholarship is specifically for high school seniors in the diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization).

This scholarship is \$1,000.

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
02/18 (Sun)	Session 1 – Study on Eucharist @ 2:00pm
03/24 (Sun)	Communal Penance Service @ 1:00pm
03/30 (Sat)	Easter Vigil. (Tentative Time: 8:30pm)
03/29-04/06	Divine Mercy 9 Day Novena
04/07 (Sun)	First Communion during 9:00am Mass
04/07 (Sun)	Divine Mercy Prayer Service @ 3:00pm
05/01 (Wed)	Confirmation Mass @ 7:00pm

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **D of I Ladies Night Out** is set for Thursday, Feb. 22, at the K of C Hall. This evening event is a Come & Go, beginning at 6:00pm with plenty of snacks, drinks, and various games. If you're looking for a fun get-away to socialize, this is for you! You're welcome to bring your mother, daughter, or a friend. We would love to see old acquaintances and maybe meet some new ones! You do not need to be a D of I member to attend! All are invited.
- **It's Fish Fry Season!** The Ellis Knights of Columbus will have their first Fish Fry of the Lenten season, on Friday, Feb. 23, beginning at 5:00-7:00pm at the Ellis Knights Hall! Come and enjoy baked or fried fish, scalloped potatoes, noodles & beans, coleslaw and drinks! It's \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for 6-12 years.
- **Groundhog Supper at St. John Lutheran:** We're a little later than Groundhog Day, but it will be same GREAT food and fellowship! We invite everyone to join us on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 5-7pm at St. John Lutheran Church, North of Ellis on the blacktop road, for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and milk! Free Will Donation! Can't wait to see you there! Sponsored by the women of St. John Lutheran Church!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Janice Collins, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Nathan Hively, Ken Honas, 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, Tanner Sullivan, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, 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.

Parish Offering: Weekend of February 3 & 4

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,205.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,947.00

Total Giving this week.....\$6,152.00

For this weekend the collection is below by \$1,281.34.

Parish Offering: Weekend of February 17 & 18

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,459.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,517.00

Total Giving this week.....\$5,976.00

For this weekend the collection is below by \$1,457.34.

School Announcements

Monday, Feb. 19: NO SCHOOL
Friday, Feb. 23: NO SCHOOL

- **Don't forget!!!** Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up is Feb. 29th with Parent Meeting on Feb. 28th. Call the School Office to reserve your child/ren's seat!!
- **St. Mary's School Scholarship Application:** We are opening the opportunity to any former St. Mary's School graduate 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 Assn. **Applications are due by April 2, 2024!** Applications are available by calling the School Office or emailing Mrs. Park at ppark@stmarysofellis.org!

Around the Diocese of Salina

- **Freedom in Christ Retreat:** The Colby Sacred Heart CYO invites you to the Freedom in Christ Youth Retreat, scheduled for Sunday, March 3rd, from 9:00am-5:30pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. The day will include Sunday Mass, Lunch, guest speakers, talks, Adoration & Confession, a lot of fun and fellowship! The cost is \$15.00/person, which covers lunch & supplies. This retreat is geared towards all High School youth and of course their adult chaperones. Please Register by Thursday, Feb. 29. Registration begins at 8:45am-9:00am in the Sacred Heart School (SHS) Gym and will kick off with introductions at 9:15am. To Register for the event, visit: <https://forms.gle/E28FtwyE5HuoBkrm9>.
- **The Power of the Eucharist:** The Catholic Daughters Annual Lenten Retreat is set for Saturday, March 2nd at St. Mary's Queen of the Universe, Salina, beginning at 9:00am-3:00pm. This retreat is open to men and women, high school age or older! Presenters are the FHSU Retreat Team! Cost is \$25/person which includes a meal (*discounts available for couples and students*). Please register by Wednesday, Feb. 28 by contacting Marlene at 785-342-0130 or by email at salinacda@gmail.com.

Community Announcements



Senior Citizens & Friends: We invite you to enjoy lunch at the **Ellis Nutrition Center (Mealsite)**: The Ellis Nutrition Center (Mealsite) offers home cooked, well-balanced meals every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:30am for a price of \$3.75 per meal for guests over 60 years of age! Guests under 60 are welcome too, though you must pay the full cost of a meal, which is \$6.75. Can't beat those prices for a delicious meal!!! We offer Carry Out and Delivery services as well! Carry out meals are ready to pick up by 10:45am each day of business! We ask that you kindly call to give us a notice that you'd like a meal a day ahead of time, whether its Dine-In, Carry Out, or Delivery by calling Donna Huff, our new cook at the Nutrition Center, at 785-726-3388 during business hours 7:30am-12:30pm or leave a message! What's on the menu for the week? Check out the *Ellis Review* or ask for a monthly menu at the Mealsite!



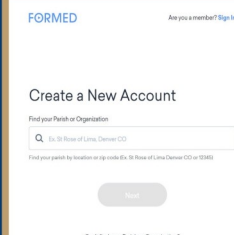
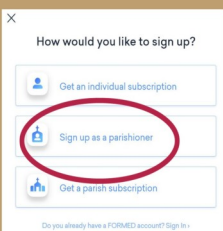
March Distribution set at the Ellis Food Box: Mark your calendars for Monday, February 26th. This will be our MARCH distribution.

GETTING SIGNED UP FOR FORMED.ORG

Go to www.formed.org

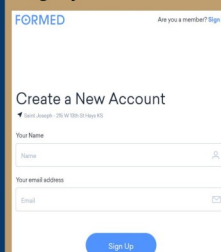
1) If you have signed in before and have an account, you can sign in and start watching.

2) If you are new, you will need to click "Sign Up A Parishioner"



3) Search for your parish. You may need to search for the lead parish in your parish cluster. (Example Cawker City, Mankato, and Esbon all are under Beloit)

4) Follow the directions to get your new account..

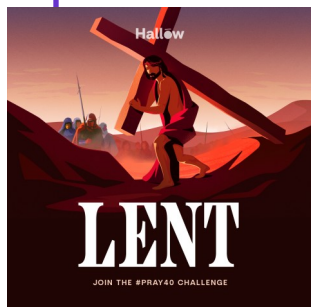


5) Enjoy all the quality content available on Formed.org!

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE



St. Mary's Parish has partnered with **Hallow** to encourage all parishioners to surrender and trust in the Lord in a new, deeper way throughout Lent. Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps you strengthen our relationship with God through a habit of daily prayer.

This Lent, as a part of the Hallow **Pray40 Challenge**, we'll walk through the life-changing, spiritual classic *He Leadeth Me*, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter, a Jesuit priest and missionary, was imprisoned for over 20 years in the Soviet Union, first in solitary confinement and then in a Siberian worker camp. Amidst some of the most brutal conditions imaginable, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. Inspired by Fr. Walter's writing, we'll spend time each day prayerfully seeking a refreshed humility and hope in Christ, who laid down His life for us, as we journey through Lent.

In order to have full access to Hallow, including the **Lent Pray40 Challenge**, you can scan the QR code on the banner in the back of church or pew card or by visiting the church website or our Facebook page!

WHATEVER YOU DO,
do everything
FOR THE GLORY OF
God.
1 COR. 10:31



Bishop Jerry Vincke

The mission of our diocese is to be disciples of Jesus on mission, and we do this by glorifying God in everything we do. Below are a few members from the Chancery staff, sharing how their work combined with your generosity glorifies God.

Working with all the great young people, families, catechists, youth ministers, directors of religious education, and priests of the Salina Diocese is an incredible honor and privilege. My favorite part of this job is watching people's lives be transformed through their conversion of heart toward Christ. We watch joy and peace replace fear and stress as they learn to grow deeper in their faith. You can see the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit flowing through them and actively working in their lives. It is amazing to see them join the church's mission and go into their schools, workplaces, and communities, bringing the gospel message to others and sharing God's love with all that they meet. They bring the light of Christ into a dark world and share hope with the hopeless.

-Bill Meagher | Director of the Offices of Youth Ministry, Religious Education, and Family Life



My favorite part of my job is sharing the stories of people who have lived a life in honor of God - both through photos, videos, and written word. Sharing these stories of faith in times of hardship, joy in the face of sadness and hope when all seems lost is one of my favorite ways to show how so many beautiful souls in our diocese are glorifying God through the lives they lead. When we share the Good News across the four corners of our diocese, we are evangelizing and helping others encounter Christ. In our world today, we can be overwhelmed with the noise of all that is wrong with the world. Our hope with our communications and publications is to help bring light to the darkness.

-Matea Gregg | Interim Communications Director

I see our students, faculty and staff glorifying God in their success in the classrooms, athletic fields, and communities. I think one of my favorite parts of being a superintendent is going to our 11 grade schools and five high schools and seeing young faces in love with God and their faith. It is a beautiful thing, and the virtues, education, and skills these kids are developing are going to help springboard them into being on-fire adults who love the faith and glorify God in every aspect of their lives.

-Geoff Andrews | Superintendent of Catholic Schools for our Diocese



I think it's pretty safe to say that some of the best examples we have of people who have lived a life glorifying God are our clergy. Our seminarians, deacons and priests who have given their lives to serving God and the faithful through the sacraments and more are true testaments of what it means to glorify God. As Catholics, each of us has been impacted by a priest in some way. They have provided us with the sacraments, celebrated with us in good times, and consoled us in our grief. We could always rely on our clergy to serve us, and this is our opportunity to serve them.

-Jennifer Hood | Controller for the Diocese of Salina

In my travels across the diocese, I have encountered so many people who have glorified God in the way they live their lives. And I want to say thank you. Your example of imitating Christ is one of the best ways to help others encounter Jesus. When we glorify God by our lives, we help bring Christ to the fringes and help others to know him.

I have been a priest for 24 years, and one of my favorite parts of being a priest is being invited into the lives of so many people: from being a part of the joyful moments of baptisms, weddings, and conversion stories to the hard moments of death, loss, and tragedy.

But one of the best things I have witnessed is the joy that comes from a life of saying 'yes' to God. When we say 'yes' to the little things and the big things God asks of us, we bring glory to His name.

Take a moment and ask yourself, "How do I say 'yes' to God?"

Our diocesan mission is to help others encounter the saving, merciful, and abiding love of Christ. Indeed, we are disciples of Jesus on mission, that is who we are. We need your help and your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share to do so.



Bishop Jerry Vincke



Above are some wonderful examples of different ways the Diocese of Salina strives to glorify God in whatever we do.

I think we all try to lead lives of saying "yes" to God. One tangible way I invite you to say "yes" is through a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. This appeal funds the mission of our diocese to help others encounter Jesus. What greater way is there to glorify God than to bring others to him?

I hope you consider joining us in this mission. In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter from Bishop Vincke with more information about the appeal support and how to make a gift.

The appeal is the primary way our diocesan mission is funded. The success of the appeal determines how we can continue to grow and expand our mission to help all people in our diocese encounter Christ.

-Katie Platten | CEO of the Catholic Foundation

I sincerely hope you take a few moments to prayerfully consider making a gift to support the work of our diocese. We can't do it without you. Thank you for your consideration. Your example shows other Catholics how to further the mission by glorifying God through their lives.

And for that, I am deeply grateful.



Bishop Jerry Vincke

TO MAKE A GIFT:

visit
appeal.salinadiocese.org
or scan the QR code.



HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call us at 785-827-8746 or email us
at development@salinadiocese.org