

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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

March 18 - March 24

Mon: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11
Tue: 2 Sam. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wed: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
Thu: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sun: Isaiah 50:4-7; Mark 14:1-15:47

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	Mar 16	5:30 p.m.	Thomas & Tillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 17	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 17	9:00 a.m.	The Clark Family (liv/dec)
Mon	Mar 18	5:30 p.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
Tues	Mar 19	5:30 p.m.	LaVerne Dinkel & David Dinkel+
Wed	Mar 20	8:10 a.m.	Elizabeth & Ignatz Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Mar 21	8:10 a.m.	Willam & Rose Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+
Fri	Mar 22	8:10 a.m.	George (anniv) & Elizabeth Amrein+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Mar 23	5:30 p.m.	Doug Egger+ (anniv)
Sun	Mar 24	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 24	9:00 a.m.	Armellia Reiter+

Ministries for March 23 & 24

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Perry Mick Cindy Zervas	Mindy Eck Sharon Bittel
Presentation of Gifts	Roberta Augustine Gary Luea	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Eldon & Stephan Jerauld Sharon Bittel
Servers	Jaren Frickey NEED (2) Volunteers	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft
Cantor / Musician	Cristi Werth Nancy Cunningham	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler Clarence Rupp Bob & Margie Mickelson	Mark & Sarah Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	March 24 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	March 22 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	March 24 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	March 23 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. March 24 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Roberta Augustine Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	March	Janice Dinkel Helen Fisher

Meetings & Events

Sun	March 17	St. Patrick's Day Eucharistic Revival Session #5 @ 2:00pm
Tue	March 19	Happy Spring! Bishop Vincke visits St. Mary'sMass at 5:30pmSupper at 6:00pm (church basement)
Wed	March 20	SMS Spring Pictures CCD/YDisciples Resume
Thurs	March 21	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm Chrism Mass @ 11:30am (Cathedral-Salina)
Fri	March 22	SMS Musical Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm K of C Fish Fry 5-7pm
S/S	Mar. 23/24	Palm Sunday
Mon	March 25	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Asher Banks Honas** who was baptized here on March 9th. Son of Keegan Honas and Hannah Pletcher.

Congratulations! **Wade Ryan Bergling** who was baptized here on March 9th.

Son of Blake & Hayley (Pletcher) Bergling.

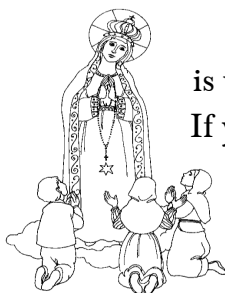
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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of: **Rose Marie Blasing**, who passed away on March 2nd, and **Noah Christian Browning**, who passed away on March 7th. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Janice Collins, Rose Egger, Clarence Denning, Sister Doris Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Nathan Hively, Ken Honas, Jeannie Keller, Brynlee Kingsley, Doug Kingsley, Agnetta Kuhn, Donald Kuhn, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Lucille Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna 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.



Our Lady of Fatima

is visiting Ellis for a little while.

If you would like to stop by and

pray the rosary,

give Leonard S. a call at

785-726-1278.

Parish Announcements

- **Bishop Vincke Visits this Tuesday!** Bishop Vincke will be visiting our parish on Tuesday, March 19 to celebrate the Year of Mercy with the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish. The day's schedule is below! We hope that you will make plans to join us in the evening for special time with the Bishop, sharing how blessed we are to be a part of St. Mary's! There is still time to RSVP, but not required to attend, we'd love to have you just show up!

8:10am....Mass with School Students

10:00am....Mass with residents of the Good Sam

11:15am....Lunch with Students

12-2:00pm....Visiting the Classrooms

5:00pm....Confessions

5:30pm....Mass for Parishioners & Families

6:00pm....Spaghetti Supper in Church Basement

(Evening will conclude around 8:00pm)

- **Religious Education (CCD) & YDisciples Resume** on Wednesday, March 20th! CCD students will meet for classes at 7:00pm. The 3rd through 7th Grade students will be having Lenten Confessions. YDisciples, will gather together for a third and final discussion about going deeper in prayer and our relationship with God. Meal at 6:30pm meal with group to follow!!!
- **Mass Intentions for April:** I still have a few dates open in April that we wish to fill. If you have someone you would like to have a mass said for, please call the Parish Office. Masses will be scheduled on a first come, first service basis.
- **Palm Sunday:** We will gather in the school gym for the blessing of the palms before Saturday and 9:00am Sunday Masses.
- **Volunteers for Feet Washing:** We are needing for volunteers to have their feet washed for Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm. Please call the Parish Office.
- **Holy Saturday Choir Members Needed:** We invite any voices who would like to sing for the Easter Vigil to a practice on Sunday, March 24 at 4:00pm at the church. If you have questions, please contact Nancy at 785-726-1096.
- **Lent Reflection:** If you haven't already picked up a Rice Bowl from one of the entrances of church, be sure to do so. Join our faith community in a transformative journey to give people from around the world who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Let us work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive.
- **Easter Lilies:** We invite you to make a minimal donation to the parish for Easter Lilies. If you wish to have flowers "in memory" of loved ones, please include their name(s) with your donation. Put into the collection basket or drop by the Parish Office. Please note *EASTER FLOWERS* on envelope. If you wish to purchase your own flowers, we ask that you deliver them close too, but no later than Saturday, March 30 at 9:00am.

Notes from the Pastor

Seven Session Study on "Jesus and the Eucharist". Our fifth session study of the Eucharist continues this Sunday, 2:00pm in the church basement. The topic for this session is: "God is with Us."

Bishop's Year of Mercy Visit (Tuesday, March 19). The Bishop's Year of Mercy visit is this Tuesday. He will be offering the Mass at 8:10am with the school children. Everyone is welcome to attend. He will then offer a Mass at Good Samaritan at 10:00am for the residents there. Followed by lunch with our St. Mary's students and visiting the classrooms! He will have a break until time for confessions at 5:00pm, with Mass at 5:30pm Mass and supper with the parish afterwards. If you wish to attend the supper, be sure to let us know so we can set up enough seats for everyone.

Chrism Mass is on Thursday, March 21 beginning at 11:30am. Following Mass there will be a luncheon at the Hall of Bishop. It is open to everyone.

Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross next Friday at 5:30pm. The Ellis Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Fish Fry from 5:00-7:00pm at the Knights Hall.

Lenten Communal Penance Service. Our parish will have the opportunity for confession next Sunday, March 24, at 1:00pm.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7:00pm.

Good Friday Service will be at 3:00pm.

Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30pm.

Easter Sunday Masses will be at 7:00am and 9:00am.

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
03/17 (Sun)	Session 5 – Study on Eucharist @ 2:00pm
03/19 (Tue)	Bishop's Year of Mercy visit
03/21 (Thu)	Chrism Mass 11:30am Salina (Cathedral)
03/24 (Sun)	Communal Penance Service @ 1:00pm Session 6 – Study on Eucharist @ 2:00pm
03/30 (Sat)	Easter Vigil @ 8:30pm
03/29-04/06	Divine Mercy 9 Day Novena
04/07 (Sun)	First Communion during 9:00am Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Service @ 3:00pm

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Offering: Weekend of March 9 & 10

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$952.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$2,847.00

Total Giving this week.....\$3,799.00

For this weekend the collection is below by \$3,634.34.

Parish Organizations

- **Last Fish Fry of the Season, March 22** will begin at 5:00 til 7:00pm or they run out! All-You-Can-Eat Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Noodles & Beans, Coleslaw and Drinks! Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for 6-12yrs and Free for 5 and Under! Be sure to stop by and support the Ellis Knights of Columbus!



\$200 Scholarship Available: The Ellis Daughters of Isabella, Circle 323, is accepting applications to award a \$200 scholarship! Applicants must be a member of D of I, a daughter, granddaughter, or a niece (of member). Applicants must be a senior in high school or attending an accredited college. For more information or an application form, please contact Lisa Morton at 785-726-1090. **Applications due by April 15.**

- **We Have Exciting News!** After months of hard work, Fr. Dana has our new parish library room completed and ready to fill with wonderful resources for all to use. We currently have some Bibles and some good Catholic books to place on the shelves. We will be purchasing a number of children's books, saint books, books on the Catholic faith and Christian living, and so much more. If you wish to make a donation for this new venture--any amount, big or small, will be appreciated to help purchase the new books. Please place your donation in an envelope and mark it "Church Library" and place it in the collection basket. Also, if you have Catholic/Christian books in **good** condition that you might want to donate, please bring them to the parish office for Father Dana's consideration. Thank you for any help you can give for this worthwhile project!

School Announcements

Monday, March 18—School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wednesday, March 20—Spring Pictures Day

Tuesday, March 19—Bishop Vincke Visits
Friday, March 22—6th Gr. Musical Stations

- **March Madness Mondays:** Bring a dollar for each Monday students and staff would like to participate by wearing your favorite basketball team shirt and jeans or warm-up type pants, and help the 4th Grade raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital!

- **Bishop Visits on Tuesday:** We are excited to have Bishop Vincke visit our school on Tuesday, March 19th. We hope our school families will join him in the evening for Mass at 5:30pm, followed by Supper in the church basement at 6:00pm.



Musical Stations of the Cross: We invite you to join us at 2:30 on Friday, March 22nd, led by the 6th Grade Class for what has shown to be, an unforgettable and emotional Stations. The Class will also be praying the Musical Stations on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00pm.

- **Discount Cards:** Students and Staff are selling discount cards for \$20.00 each to raise money to install new basketball goals on the playground and purchase other PE equipment! These cards can be used over and over at all the locations until June 2025! Call the School Office to place your order—this is a great way to support St. Mary's School and save money while you are at it!



- **Race for Education 2024:** We have gearing up for our Race for Education 2024 in April! Donations are being accepted now up to Race Day for a new walking trail around the school playground/church grounds! More information coming next week!
- **Graduating Seniors!!! We have a Scholarship For You:** If you are a former St. Mary's School graduate that is graduating from high school and plan to further their education by means of higher education, then you are eligible to apply for a \$500 Scholarship from St. Mary's Home & School Association. Applications are available by calling the School Office or emailing Mrs. Park at ppark@stmarysofellis.org! **Applications are due by April 2, 2024!**

Community Announcements

- **Spring 5th Quarter for EHS Students:** Back by popular demand, we'll be offering this **free** event on **Friday, March 22** to celebrate all of the high school students! Come join us at Ellis United Methodist Church basement, beginning at 7:30pm for food, games, door prizes and time together! The evening will close down at 10:00pm! Thank You to all of the students and volunteers who make 5th Quarter a success each year!



Sybil Luea Scholarship Announced: The Community Foundation of Ellis is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2024-25 school year. The Sybil Luea Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Ellis High School senior and/or to an EHS Alumni attending any postsecondary education, in Kansas, pursuing a degree in an agricultural field. Scholarship amounts vary depending on the degree/program the recipient is seeking and continues as long as the recipient pursues an agriculture degree program. **Application deadline is March 31.** For more info and/or an application, please visit the EHS counselor's office, download at www.ellisfoundation.net or visit the Alliance Office.