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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

April 22 - April 28

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thu: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

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	April 20	5:30 p.m.	Otto & Philomene Berens+ Family (liv/dec) and Cathy Kutina+
Sun	April 21	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	April 21	9:00 a.m.	Fred Taylor+
Mon	April 22	5:30 p.m.	Harold Wiesner+
Tues	April 23	8:10 a.m.	Bob Koerner+
Wed	April 24	8:10 a.m.	John & Margie Luea+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	April 25	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy+ & Jackie Steckline
Fri	April 26	8:10 a.m.	Ruelene Rospray+
Sat	April 27	5:30 p.m.	Armellia Reiter+
Sun	April 28	7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	April 28	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for April 27 & 28

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Brandon & Jordan Gabel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Richard Bollig	Paula Wasinger Jackie Flax Mindy Eck
Servers	Caleb, Landon, & Mason Schield	Jack Reed Emma Flax
Cantor / Musician	Cristi Werth Nancy Cunningham	Isabella Eck Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	James & Alyssa Rome Roberta Augustine Pat & Diane Kuhn	Cody & Megan Honas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	April 28 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	April 26 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	April 28 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	April 27 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. April 28 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	April	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	April 21	Musicians Meeting @ 10am in Rectory
Mon	April 22	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	April 24	SMS Spring Music Concert @ 6pm Last day of Religious Education (CCD) Confirmation Rehearsal @ 7:00pm
Thurs	April 25	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9am-5pm

Parish Announcements

- **FREE EASTER LILIES:** The Decorating Committee has kept the lilies looking as beautiful as they could, but now it's time to share with you! THIS SUNDAY after 9:00am Mass, the lilies will be available for any one to take home; first come, first serve—you will find them in the flower room in the north side sacristy!
- **Musician's Meeting Sunday, April 21:** A reminder to all musicians and cantors, we will have a meeting this Sunday, April 21st at 10:00am in the Rectory. Please bring your calendar as we plan to schedule through the summer months.
- **Religious Education Classes Meet One Last Time:** Our last CCD class will be Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend!
- **Confirmation Rehearsal for Students & Sponsors:** We will have a walk-thru of Confirmation this Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00pm in the church. We ask for a parent and/or sponsor come with the student.
- **Confirmation Mass** is Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00pm with Bishop Vincke! You are invited to attend!
- **2024 High School Senior Graduation Mass:** We invited any EHS Senior and their family to a special Senior Sending Forth ceremony on Sunday, May 5th at 9:00am Mass. We ask that you please wear your graduation cap and gown! If you would like to attend, please call or email Emily to let us know by Friday, May 3rd: 785-726-4522 or stmary@gbta.net.

THANK YOU!

We would like to say Thank You to Midwest Energy for a recent grant approval to our Parish! St. Mary's Parish is proud to be recipient of a \$1,000 grant! This grant will help pay for and install an AED Machine inside the sanctuary of the church. We sincerely thank you for your support!



**Midwest
Energy, Inc.**

Notes from the Pastor

Confirmation. Confirmation for our 8th Grade Class is Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00pm with Bishop Vincke. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Senior Graduation Mass. Our High School Graduation Mass is Sunday, May 5. We will be honoring our seniors at the 9:00am Mass. Graduation is Saturday, May 12.

6th Grade Promotion Mass. This special Mass for our 6th Grade students will be a on Tuesday, May 14 at 8:10am.

The Feast of St. Isidore. The feast of St. Isidore is Wednesday May 15. We will celebrate it at our 8:10am Mass. The celebration will include: a blessing of water that will be used to bless seeds to be planted (or a sampling of seeds to be planted) and any soil that is brought in; a blessing of a container of potting soil from which you can take some home to add to your field, garden or yard; praying the litany of Saint Isidore. *We will have a table setup for anyone to bring seed to be blessed. Some blessed water will be available to take home. You don't have to attend Mass, just bring your seed sometime before Wednesday Mass and place it on the table and then pick it up later.*

Catechism Trivia

460. What are the duties of parents toward their children? Parents, in virtue of their participation in the fatherhood of God, have the first responsibility for the education of their children and they are the first heralds of the faith for them. They have the duty to love and respect their children as persons and as children of God and to provide, as far as is possible, for their physical and spiritual needs. They should select for them a suitable school and help them with prudent counsel in the choice of their profession and their state of life. In particular they have the mission of educating their children in the Christian faith. *Further reading: CCC 2221-2231*

461. How are parents to educate their children in the Christian faith? Parents do this mainly by example, prayer, family catechesis and participation in the life of the Church. *Further reading: CCC 2252-2253*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
05/01 (Wed)	Confirmation Mass @ 7:00pm
05/05 (Sun)	Senior Graduation Mass @ 9:00am
05/14 (Tues)	6 th Grade Promotion Mass @ 8:10am
05/15 (Wed)	Feast of St. Isidore (patron saint of farmers) Mass at 8:10am – Blessing of Seeds and Soil

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations



The 25th Daughters of Isabella Birthday Social and Queen Isabella Day will be celebrated on Thursday, April 25 beginning at 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall! All members of D of I are invited to attend! Snacks will be served! We ask that you please bring a box of cereal for St. Mary's School Cereal Dominos train that is supporting the Ellis Food Pantry!

- **Friendly Reminder:** To all persons decorating graves at St. Mary's Cemetery: The Cemetery maintenance crew will begin trimming and mowing soon! If you wish to retain any decorations that are not permanently mounted, ***please remove those decorating by May 1st.*** After that date, the maintenance personal will discard them without any further notice as part of the spring cleanup process. If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office.
- **Spring Cleaning for Good Hope Quilters:** The Good Hope Quilters are hard at work creating more beautiful quilts for Samaritan House. While you're doing spring cleaning, we could use some quilt batting or blankets to use as middles! Your donation would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Gini Augustine at 785-726-1257 for more information!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! Kannon Bradley Hunsicker who was baptized here on April 13.

Son of Riley & Tori (Tebo) Hunsicker.

Congratulations! Kyle Yates & Dale Yates who were baptized and received Holy First Communion on April 18.
Grandsons of Taft & Barbara Yates.

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Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Janice Collins,  
Dianne Durler, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax,  
Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Nathan Hively,  
Ken Honas, Jeannie Keller, Brynlee Kingsley,  
Doug Kingsley, Agneta 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.*

### Parish Offering: Weekend of April 13 & 14

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,127.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,778.00

**Total Giving this week.....\$5,905.00**

**For this weekend the collection is below by \$1,528.34.**



## School Announcements

### Wednesday, April 24

All School Spring Music Concert beginning at 6:00pm

### Sunday, April 28

Hays Arts Council Creative Writing Awards Ceremony & Reception at 1:00pm @ FHSU Memorial Union Ballroom

### Friday, April 26

Cereal Domino Train in the Gym



**Just a Few Days Left!** We currently have over 125 boxes of cereal for our cereal drive for the Ellis Food Pantry, and we are still collecting boxes until the morning of Friday, April 26th. Then on Friday, we will set up a dominos train in gym and watch as we knock it down! A collection box is in the back of church for parishioners who would like to help us in this fun event!

- **Congratulations!** Our students did very well in the Hays Arts Council Creative Writing Contest! Congratulations to these students: **Placing in Poetry:** ★*Kindergarten:* 1st Place, Austin, 2nd Place, Charlotte, 3rd Place, Bentley and Honorable Mention, Easton S. ★*1st Grade:* 3rd Place, Silas ★*2nd Grade:* Honorable Mention, Brecklynn ★*3rd Grade:* 2nd Place, Brielle, Honorable Mention, Shaylie ★*6th Grade:* Alyvia  
**Placing in Prose:** ★*Kindergarten:* 1st Place, Charlotte, 2nd Place, Karsyn ★*1st Grade:* 1st Place, Brant, 2nd Place, Sutton, 3rd Place, Adeline

**WE'RE  
HIRING**

**We're Hiring at St. Mary's School!** We are on the search for a *Kindergarten Teacher*, *5th Grade Teacher* and an *Assistant School Cook* for the next school year! The Assistant Cook hours are approximately from 9:00am-1:00pm, Monday through Friday! If you or someone you know may be interested in teaching or helping in the school kitchen please contact Mrs. Park by calling the school office (785-726-3185) or email at [ppark@stmaryellis.net](mailto:ppark@stmaryellis.net). Applicants will be subject to a background check. Applications will be accepted for positions until filled.

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## YDisciples Spring Gathering



Our YDisciples Group and Mentors gathered for one last evening of FUN to end the school year! Complete with Hamburgers, Bible Scripture Scavenger Hunt, Snocones from the Frozen Frog and a special blessing from Fr. Dana!

Can't wait to see you next school year!

~ Andrea,  
Cindy, Craig,  
Deb, Rick,  
& Fr. Dana

