

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**August 18, 2024
20th 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

August 19 - August 25

Mon: Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22

Tue: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

Wed: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thu: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

Fri: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Sun: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; John 6:60-69

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Emily Mattheyer
School Principal	Mrs. Patti Park
Pastoral Council President	Mr. Brian Serpan
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	Aug 17	5:30 p.m.	Rose & William Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+
Sun	Aug 18	7:00 a.m.	Harold Wiesner+ (anniv)
Sun	Aug 18	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Aug 19	5:30 p.m.	Virginia Jacobs+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Aug 20	8:10 a.m.	Gay Henderson+ (anniv)
Wed	Aug 21	8:10 a.m.	LaVerne Dinkel+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Aug 22	7:00 a.m.	James & Arlene Bailey+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Aug 23	8:10 a.m.	Paul & Sally Flax+ and Jerome Flax+
Sat	Aug 24	5:30 p.m.	Frank+ & Juanita Augustine and John M. & Clara Augustine+ Families (l/d)
Sun	Aug 25	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 25	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Shultz+

Ministries for August 24 & 25

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Austin & Kiedra Hickert Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Barney Boos	Gordon & Geri Augustine Sarah Eck
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Gunner Gabel Theodore Meagher Olivia Eck
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Isabella Eck Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Matthew & Jessica Meagher Family Geoff & Mindy Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Aug. 25 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	Aug. 23 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Aug. 25 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Aug. 24 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Aug. 25 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Roberta Augustine Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	August	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Mon	August 19	SMS Teacher In-Service 9:00am-3:30pm
Tues	August 20	SMS Teacher In-Service 9:00am-3:30pm SMS Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:00pm
Thurs	August 22	First Day of School St. Mary's School Dismiss @ 12:40pm Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm D of I Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm

Parish Announcements

- **Let's Fill the Foyer with Colorful Art!** We would like to fill the entrance foyer of our church with beautiful art—created by our parishioners, young and old! We have included a few different coloring pages on the table under the big bulletin board! Our goal is to display as many colored pages around our entrance way of church for all to see on the weekend of September 7th (in conjunction with the Downtown Ellis Art Walk)! Please feel free to pick up one (or 2, or all) coloring page and return it back to the Parish Office no later than Noon on Sept. 6th!
- **Religious Education Enrollment:** CCD registration for students entering grades 1st through 8th is open with a deadline of Monday, August 26th (*to make sure we have enough books for all student*). Classes begin Wednesday, September 4th. You can find the registration form on the table in the back of church, our home page of the church website under "Faith Formation" or by contacting the Parish Office!
- **Hello, YDisciples!!!** Come join us Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30pm for our second annual "Kickin' It With Christ" cookout and kickball game! Meal begins at 6:30pm at the St. Mary's playground gazebo followed by a rousing game of fun! Bring a friend!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! Quinnlyn Tomi Jones,

who was baptized here on August 3rd.

Daughter of Kelton & Marissa (Lambert) Jones.

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**Congratulations! Nathan Vinton and Rebecca Kohl,**

who were married here on August 10, 2024!

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Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Holly Dinkel, Joe Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Indiana Landess, Elizabeth Newton, Riley Moore, Brandon Schoenthaler, LaVerne Schuster, Joe Sloan & Family, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, Fr. Charlie Steier, 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.

Notes from the Pastor

School Begins! It is hard to believe summer vacation is coming to an end. School will be starting this coming Thursday, August 22. I am looking forward to meeting and spending time with all the students.

Financial Update: We have collected about \$33,500 to date to help cover last fiscal years' budget deficit of about \$40,000. Thanks for the help!

YDisciple/Youth Program. Our high school youth program, YDisciple, will start soon. We have sent out letters of invitation to parents and high school students (9–12th grades). We will be looking for mentors (both male and female) to help lead the groups that will be formed. A kick off fun day is planned for August 28 with a BBQ and kickball game!

Religious Education: CCD and 8th Grade Confirmation. We are planning to start on Wednesday, Sept. 4th. We will start the first week with Mass, after children have checked in with their teacher. Parents are encouraged to come to Mass and pray along with their children. Please sign up your children for CCD. Forms are available in the back of the church, church website and at the parish office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). I'm planning on offering a RCIA class, starting after Labor Day. If you know of someone that may be interested, let me know and I'll send them a personal letter explaining RCIA and inviting them to attend. This is also an opportunity for those Catholics who are interested in updating their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith to attend. Day and time of classes: TBD (probably Thursday evenings at 7:00pm).

Catechism Trivia

487. What responsibility do human person have in regard to their own sexual identity? God has created human beings as male and female, equal in personal dignity, and has called them to a vocation of love and of communion. Everyone should accept his or her identity as male or female, recognizing its importance for the whole of the person, its specificity and complementarity. *Further reading:* CCC 2331-2336, 2392-239.

488. What is chastity? Chastity means the positive integration of sexuality within the person. Sexuality becomes truly human when it is integrated in a correct way into the relationship of one person to another. Chastity is a moral virtue, a gift of God, a grace, and a fruit of the Holy Spirit. *Further reading:* CCC 2337-233

489. What is involved in the virtue of chastity? The virtue of chastity involves an apprenticeship in self-mastery as an expression of human freedom directed towards self-giving. An integral and continuing formation, which is brought about in stages, is necessary to achieve this goal. *Further reading:* CCC 2339-2341

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting:** It appears Summer is fading away and with that comes the start-up of our monthly meetings! Members are invited to join us on Thursday, August 22 at 6:30pm at the K of C Hall! Light refreshments will be served, followed by the business meeting!
- **Back-to-School Scavenger Hunt!** Can you find the answers? There's a fun new activity planned and you are invited to take part! Spot lighting our new church library, we're inviting you (the young and adults) to participate in a special scavenger hunt, based on books you can find right in our library. You can find the answers and browse the shelves to find some great books to check out all at the same time! Each week through the month of August, a different "hunt" question will be offered! Take a look at the big bulletin board, there you'll find each week's information, along with the clues and entry slips. Take a slip, find the answers to the question in the library, and put the completed slip into the box under the bulletin board (One regular entry per week per person). Entries will be collected each week on the last day printed on the slips. All correct entries will be kept for a special drawing at the end of the scavenger hunt on Sept. 6, and winning entries will be drawn out for prizes! *NOTE: The Library will be open most days, however will not be open on Fridays through 5:30pm Mass on Saturday due to wedding parties utilizing our gathering space.*

Community Announcements

- **Downtown Ellis Art Walk:** The Ellis Chamber of Commerce invites you to walk the bricks on Saturday, Sept 7th from 10:00am-2:00pm! Schedule for the day is as follows: Artist PreWalk @ 9-9:45am, Jammin' Randy begins @ 10am, Kids Kraft Korner beginning @ 10:20am with (4) sessions throughout the day, FREE Color Ellis Coloring Book (while supplies last) @ 1:10pm and a whole lot more as local artists display their work in businesses! Come check it out—something for the whole family!
- **Get your Tickets NOW for the Divine Mercy Radio's 14th Annual Appreciation Banquet!!** *Pre-Ticket sales of \$55 end on Aug. 18th, after that day, if tickets are still available the cost is \$60.* The Banquet will take place in two locations: **Saturday, Sept. 7 at 6:00pm** at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall **Hays** and **Sunday, Sept. 8 at 5:00pm** in the City Limits Convention Center, **Colby**. The cost includes appetizers and drinks including adult beverages. Guest speaker is the entertaining and informative Joe Heschmeyer, staff apologist for Catholic Answers Live. To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Colby) to: Banquet Reservations, Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St. Hays, KS 67601, or call, 785-621-4110, or visit dvmercy.com/banquet. No tickets sold after Sept. 1.

School Announcements



◀ **Meet the Teacher Night** on **Tuesday, August 20th** at 6:00pm! We would like to welcome everyone to a new school year including our new teachers this school year! Come meet everyone on Tuesday, August 20th! There will be a brief info meeting in the cafeteria before we head to the classrooms! Students are welcome to bring their school supplies with them to take to the classrooms!

St. Mary's School Teachers 2024-2025

Preschool - Miss Michelle Geist
Kindergarten - Mrs. Shelby Trickle
1st Grade - Mrs. Karen Bennett
2nd Grade - Mrs. Karen Whisman
3rd Grade - Mrs. Patty Meagher
4th Grade - Mrs. Payton Eck
5th Grade - Miss Katie Brungardt
6th Grade - Mr. Brad Tebo



First Day of School!!! We are very excited to have the students in the hallways of St. Mary's School! Students who wish to eat breakfast may arrive as early as 7:30am, otherwise, students should report to the gym! The first morning bell rings at 7:55am. **We will dismiss at 12:40pm on the first day of school!** Please plan to pick up your student(s) in the church parking lot. The public school does have a full day of class and buses will not be running for this day.

- **Home & School Sponsorship Drive:** We are still accepting donations for our annual sponsorship drive! Funds collected help pay for technology, textbooks, subscriptions within the classrooms, and so much more throughout the school year! If you plan to make a donation and would like your name on our Sponsorship Banner, please have your donation sent in no later than August 30th! Donations collected after that date will not be recognized publicly in our school! Help us in spreading the word to your family and friends that they may make an online donation using our link on our school website: <https://stmarysofellis.org/giving> or by scanning the QR code! Please make sure to include *Sponsorship Drive* in the note section!



We believe, We achieve, We care.

THANK YOU to our volunteers for showing up on a chilly Saturday morning to spread out the new mulch in the playground in less than an hour!!!



A special, heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated, no matter the amount! With your generosity during the Ellis Community Foundation Match Month in May, the Rural Community Foundation Match on behalf of the Patterson Family Foundation, brought us to the amount of \$35,100 for our new walking trail!!! Your donations will make a difference, not only in our school and parish community but also within the Ellis community as well!

All of this would not have been possible without the help of the Community Foundation of Ellis for making the connection with the Rural Community Foundation Match on behalf of the Patterson Family Foundation. Your commitment to our Ellis community is greatly appreciated!

Formation of the walking trail will begin very soon! Stay tuned for updates on our Facebook page and bulletin as we walk together on the newest addition to St. Mary' Parish!

