

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



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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

December 9 - December 15

Mon: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Luke 1:26-38

Tue: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

Wed: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thu: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47

Fri: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Sat: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 3:10-18

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

Sun	Dec 8	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 8	9:00 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+ and Ginny & Danny Robinett+
Sun	Dec 8	7:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 9	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 9	8:10 a.m.	David & Darian R. Family
Mon	Dec 9	5:30 p.m.	Edgar & Rosemary Bittel+, Elaine Bittel+ and Wayne King+
Tues	Dec 10	8:10 a.m.	Mary Wolf+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec 11	8:10 a.m.	Henry & Mary Weigel+ and John M. & Clara Augustine+ Families (l/d)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	David & Darian R. Family
Thurs	Dec 12	8:10 a.m.	Pat & Diane Kuhn Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Dec 13	8:10 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+ and Ginny & Danny Robinett+
Sat	Dec 14	5:30 p.m.	Scott Niernberger+ (anniv)
Sun	Dec 15	7:00 a.m.	Richard Kinderknecht+ and Rita Weber+ Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 15	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for December 14 & 15

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zerfas	Brian Serpan
Presentation of Gifts	Jordan & Emily Mattheyer Family	Darin & April Reed Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Duane Dorzweiler	Mindy Eck Eldon & Stephanie Jeraud
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Kinzie Sunley	Trilogy Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Karen & Duane Dorzweiler James & Alyssa Rome Gary Luea	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Dec. 15 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Joe Hertel
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 13 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 15 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 14 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 15 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Roberta Augustine Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	December	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 8	Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass <i>Holy Day Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm</i>
Mon	Dec. 9	Feast of Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Day of Obligation—Mass at 7am & 8:10am</i> Regular Monday Mass @ 5:30pm Time & Talent Forms Due
Tues	Dec. 10	Warming Heart Tree Gifts Due
Wed	Dec. 11	SMS Christmas Concert @ 6:00pm YDisciples Gather @ 6:30pm @ EGSC CCD @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 12	Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
Sun	Dec. 15	Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:30am

Parish Announcements

- **THANK YOU for giving to #iGiveCatholic!** We raised over \$31,000 for St. Mary's School and Church! These gifts will assist with expenses through the next year to help us carry on the traditions of our students at St. Mary's, where we *achieve*, we *believe*, and we *care*! We are forever grateful for your continued support!
- **Please return your Time & Talent Forms by Monday, December 9th!** And don't forget to fill out the Parish Survey too! Thus far, only 35 forms have been returned—A 2025 ministry schedule can not be completed with so few volunteers. Please consider volunteers for weekend ministries!
- **Parish Office Email is now fixed!** A shout out to a few of the GBT ladies working behind the scenes to resolve the problem. **Text Messages:** There was a text message circling on Friday to a few parishioners from "Fr. Dana". If you receive any sort of text message from "Fr. Dana", please note it as *SPAM* and don't take action. Our Fr. Dana does not text!
- **YDisciples!!!** Come spread Christmas cheer with our friends at Good Samaritan on Wednesday, December 11th! Meet at Good Sam for a meal served at 6:30pm with caroling and cookies to follow!
- **Christmas Poinsettias-In Memory or In Honor:** If you would like to donate to the St. Mary's Poinsettia Fund, place your contribution in a regular envelop marked for this purpose, and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you want to make a donation in memory of someone dear, kindly do so by simply writing them names down with your donation. If you prefer to purchase your own flower, please have it to the church **the weekend Dec. 21-22 (after 9:00am Mass)**. Names will published after the Christmas holiday.

Notes from the Pastor

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Holyday Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which has been transferred to Monday, December 9 since the 8th falls on a Sunday, are Sunday evening at 7:00pm and on Monday at 7:00am, 8:10am (School Mass) and Monday evening Mass at 5:30pm.

The School Christmas Concert. The concert is this Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00pm in the school gym.

"What's on the Table"-Advent Book. There are a few copies of an Advent book entitled "The Advent of Rescue" that provides readings throughout the season of Advent and the Christmas Octave for all Weekday and Sunday Masses. It is book recommended by the Diocese. If interested, feel free to take one.

Pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy. There are pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy (that I matted and framed) available during the Advent season. A donation may be given, if you so desire, by using one of the donation envelopes and placing it in the Sunday collection.

"Sign-up" Prayer Book for Confirmation Candidates. We have a "Sign-up" Prayer Book for our Confirmation candidates. The Book has a page for each candidate with their picture and five "sign-up" slots. A prayer card with a picture of each candidate can be picked up when you sign up. The book is located in the back of the church.

Jesus King of All Nations. We are hosting the "Jesus, King of All Nations" image traveling throughout our Diocese on Thursday, December 19 from 8:00am-12:00pm. Jesus, King of All Nations is a new devotion, a companion to the Sacred of Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy of Jesus devotions. While the devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy of Jesus emphasize the love and mercy of Jesus, the devotion to Jesus, King of All Nations emphasizes the desire of Jesus to reign in all hearts. We will begin with Mass at 8:10am (School Mass), followed by a time of adoration, confessions, devotion prayers and veneration and, finally, the enthronement of the Jesus, King of All Nations image. We will have an insert in next Sunday's bulletin with more information. You can also refer to the following website for more details about the devotion: jkmi.com/jesus-king-of-all-nations.

Looking Forward

Date	Event
12/8 (Sun)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm
12/9 (Mon)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday Masses: 7:00am, 8:10am, and 5:30pm
12/24 (Tue)	Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm & 6:00pm
12/25 (Wed)	Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00am

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party, this Sunday, Dec. 8th** at 12:00pm at the Knights Hall! Seasonal snacks and drinks will be served! An optional \$15 gift exchange will take place! All are welcome to attend!
- **Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00pm with cards to follow at the Knights Hall.
- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees:** Reminder that the **Ellis Food Pantry Warming Heart** gifts need to be returned back under the tree or to the Parish Office on or before Monday, December 9th. If you wish to give a monetary gift, please contact Rita Younger at 785-650-4225 or Millie Winterscheidt at 785-726-1127. The **Ellis Good Sam Angel Tree** is for the residents of the Ellis Good Samaritan Center for Christmas Day. Each angel has a wish list for the designated residents, you only need to choose one item from the list. **Gifts purchased for the Angel tree need to be returned back to the church or Parish Office ONLY on or before December 16th.**
- **Jesus, King of All Nations:** We are blessed to have this sacred image and its devotion visiting parishes throughout the Diocese of Salina during Advent as it makes its way to the geographic center of the United States in Lebanon, KS on Sunday, December 22nd. The icon will be visiting **St. Mary's Church** on **Thursday Dec. 19th from 8:00am-12:00pm**. All the faithful are invited and encouraged to attend. We will have Procession, School Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Devotion Prayers & Veneration, Enthronement of the Sacred Image. See bulletin insert for more information.
- Join our parish this Advent season for **Hallow's Pray25: for God So Loved the World**. First, join our parish page by visiting the "Community tab" in the app. Then join the Pray25 challenge on our parish page to take part! Never used Hallow before? Visit hallow.com/parish and watch the brief tutorial! We look forward to praying with you!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Martin & Kinley (Mongeau) Beikman**, who were married here on November 30.

Kinley is the granddaughter of Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer.

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Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Austin Carbajal, John Cersovsky, Holly Dinkel, Corey Eberle, Joe Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Doug Kingsley, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agnetta Kuhn, Tim Kingsley & Family, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Indiana Landess, Joani Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Riley Moore, Brandon Schoenthaler, Joe Sloan & Family, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, 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.**

## **School Announcements**

### **Monday, December 9**

Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm

School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

### **Tuesday, December 10**

3rd Grade LOFT Lunch

### **Wednesday, December 11**

4th Grade attends FHSU ENCORE Series:

*The Grand Ol' Christmas Show*

SMS Christmas Concert @ 6:00pm in Gym

### **Monday, December 16**

5th Grade DARE Graduation @ 11:00am

- **St. Mary's Home & School Association Members Meeting on Monday, December 9th:** This meeting will have discussion on the upcoming School Carnival! All parents/guardians are invited to attend!



**St. Mary's Christmas Concert** will be on Wednesday, December 11th beginning at 6:00pm in the school gym! Mrs. Claus's Cupboard will be open with baked good for purchase! We hope you can attend!

- **FREE DRESS FRIDAYS** during the month of December! Students may help raise funds for 6th Grade Dominic Savio to put towards their fundraiser for Good Sam's residents and the Humane Society of the High Plains! Bring \$1.00 every Friday for *Free Dress Day!* (please follow the handbook guidelines).
- **Mark Your Calendar: St. Mary's Carnival 2025:** The St. Mary's Home & School Association is in the planning stages of the School Carnival on Sunday, January 26, 2025! The day will be full of soup luncheon, carnival games and raffle! We are currently taking donations for Prize Central and the Raffle! If you would like to donate, we ask that all items be brand new. Please deliver them to the school by January 15. If you have questions, please contact Bailey Dinkel (785-259-1858), Becky Seibel (785-639-1654) or Kiedra Hickert (785-259-2628). Watch the bulletin for more ways to help in the weeks ahead! We appreciate your continued support!

## **Christmas House Cleaning**

Are you planning on hosting a Christmas Party or spending Christmas Day with the whole family?

If you are, then you may want to tidy up before the guests arrive!

Call Angela McCaffery @ 719-271-4183 to schedule a time to clean your home for the most important festive season of the year!



## **Community Announcements**

- **Cathedral Christmas Concert is this Sunday:** Start the advent/holiday season on a glorious note with the FHSU choirs, Hays HS Chamber Singers, and the St. Fidelis Church choir and many more talented musicians at the Cathedra of the Plains in Victoria this **Sunday, December 8th at 3:30pm**. This concert is free and open to the public—highly recommend arriving early for seating.
- **Order your Holiday Pies Now!** The Ellis Nutrition Center is taking pre-orders for Village pies (\$20 each) now until **December 10th before 12:00pm (Noon)**! Flavors available: Apple, Berry Medley, Cherry, Pecan or Strawberry Rhubarb! Pies will arrive on December 11th and may be picked up between 12:00-2:00pm at the Nutrition Center! Call Leonard at 785-726-1278 to place your order! All proceeds benefit the future of the Ellis Nutrition Center!
- **Ellis Christmas Food Boxes Distribution Dates:** Curbside Pick Up at 210 Madison for Families with 1-2 members is on Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 3:00-6:00pm. For Families with 3 or more members, curbside pick up will be on Thursday, Dec. 19 from 3:00-6:00pm. Those who didn't sign up for a Christmas Box, but would like a Free regular food box, may come on Tuesday or Thursday during pick up times. Food Boxes are for those living in USD 388. No income restrictions. No walking or carrying food boxes. Just come to our drive-thru!
- **"Little Town of Bethlehem"** nativity at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent will be open for visitors on Sundays, Dec. 8, 15, 22 as well as Christmas Day. All times are 1-5pm. You may make an appointment by calling Carol at 785-735-9282. This is the 98th year of the nativity, begin by the parish priest Fr. Callistus Rectenwald in 1927! There are rocks from all 50 states and 105 countries surrounding the scene, in particular rocks from the Cave of Lourdes and the Sea of Galilee. Infant Jesus is from Spain, and Mary, Joseph and the Three Kings are from German. A special section of the nativity is dedicated to our veterans who could not be home for Christmas over the years. Definitely something to see for yourself! St. Boniface Catholic Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east!



### **Parish Offering: Weekend of November 30 & Dec. 1**

**Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2024-25: \$6,641.73**

Offertory Loose Plate....\$1,473.50

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,422.00

Total Giving.....\$5,895.50

After this weekend the collection is below by \$746.23.