

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 15, 2024

Third 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 16 - December 22

Mon: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
Tue: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Wed: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
Thu: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Fri: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Sat: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45
Sun: Micah 5:1-4a; Luke 1:39-45

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	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
Mon	Dec 16	5:30 p.m.	John & Amelia Kuhn+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Dec 17	8:10 a.m.	Ralph & Rosie Bernes+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec 18	8:10 a.m.	Victor Werth+, Josephine Werth+, James Werth+, and Joseph Valhing+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec 19	8:10 a.m.	Mark F. Boos+
Fri	Dec 20	8:10 a.m.	Evadene McMilon+
Sat	Dec 21	5:30 p.m.	O'Rourke Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 22	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 22	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Wolf+ (anniv)

Ministries for December 21 & 22

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Curtis Weber Peggy Seibel Sarah Eck
Servers	Alyssa Rome	Jocelyn & Olivia Eck
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Emily Mattheyer Sophie Seibel
Ushers & Greeters	Karen & Duane Dorzweiler James & Alyssa Rome Gary Luea	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Dec. 22 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Colton Metzler
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 20 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 22 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 21 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 22 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zervas Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	December	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 15	Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:30am
Thurs	Dec. 19	"Jesus the King" icon visiting from 8:10a-12pm No Eucharistic Adoration
Fri	Dec. 20	SMS Dismisses at 12:40pm
Sun	Dec. 22	Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:00am

Parish Announcements

- **LAST CALL! PLEASE** return your completed Time & Talent forms into the Parish Office by end of the day **Monday, Dec. 16th!** It is *very hard* to schedule ministries with only a few families willing to volunteer their time!
- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees:** Reminder that 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.***
- **Religious Education CCD:** Our 3rd-7th grade students will be participating in an Advent Penance Service (Sacrament of Reconciliation) this Wednesday, Dec. 18. We ask for students to meet with your teacher in the school cafeteria by 6:50pm and then walk over as a class. There will be no class during Christmas Break.
- **YDisciples Christmas Party!** Come wind down on Wednesday, Dec. 18th for our final 2024 gathering with a "clean the freezer out" potluck at 6:30pm with White Elephant gift exchange to follow! No need to bring anything, but maybe a friend or two! Everything else is provided—including the laughs!!!
- **No Eucharistic Adoration:** We will be taking a short break during the holidays. No Adoration on Dec. 19, 26 or Jan. 2. We will resume on January 9, 2025!
- **Advent Sacred Image Visitation, :** We are blessed to have the *Jesus, King of All Nations* image visiting St. Mary's Church on Thursday Dec. 19th from 8:00am-12:00pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. We will have Procession, School Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Devotion Prayers & Veneration, Enthronement of the Sacred Image.

Parish Offering: Weekend of December 7 & 8

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

Offertory Loose Plate....\$1,707.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$12,467.00

Total Giving.....\$14,174.00

After this weekend the collection is above by \$7,532.27!

Parish Announcements cont.

- **Blessing of the Bambino, Next Weekend:** During all Masses on December 21 & 22, we will have the Blessing of the Bambino. Parishioners are invited to bring the infant Jesus from the nativity/manager scene at their home and prior to Mass, place it on a table reserved for it near the sanctuary, where they will receive a special blessing. Baby Jesus' can then be picked up by families to take back home with them at the conclusion of Mass.
- **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 be published after the Christmas holiday.
- **Advent Communal Penance Service** will be next Sunday, December 22 at 2:00pm. All are welcome!
- **Needing Volunteers Christmas Eve/Day:** We are in need of volunteers to cover ministries for Christmas Eve Masses and Christmas Day. If you or your family would be willing to help, please call the Parish Office this week to see where help is needed! We'd greatly appreciate it! ~Thank you!
- **2025 Calendars** are available. Check the tables in the back of the church.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Linda Kohlrus**, who passed away December 10. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, Agneta 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.*

## *Notes from the Pastor*

**Jesus, King of All Nations.** We are hosting the "Jesus, King of All Nations" image traveling throughout our diocese next Thursday, December 19 from 8:00am-12:00pm. Jesus, King of All Nations is a new devotion, a companion to the Sacred 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. Please check out this week's bulletin insert for more information. You can also refer to the following website for more details about the devotion: [jkmi.com/jesus-king-of-all-nations](http://jkmi.com/jesus-king-of-all-nations).

**Communal Penance Services (Confessions).** Our parish *Communal Penance Service* for Advent next Sunday, December 22 at 2:00pm.

**Christmas Masses.** Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. The 4:00pm Mass will be the Children's Mass with a special homily! The Christmas Morning Mass will be at 9:00am. There will be no 7:00am Mass.

**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 card with a picture of each candidate, together with a prayer card can be picked up when you sign-up. The book is located in the back of the church.

**Year-end Gifts.** The end of the year is approaching fast. Keep the support of our parish in mind as you plan for your end of year giving.

### *Looking Forward*

| Date         | Event                                                            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12/24 (Tue)  | Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm & 6:00pm                            |
| 12/25 (Wed)  | Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00am                                      |
| 12/31 (Tues) | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holyday Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm     |
| 1/1 (Wed)    | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holyday Masses: 7:00am & 9:00am |

*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*

## School Announcements

### Monday, December 16

5th Grade DARE Graduation @ 11:00am

- **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 support!

## Community Announcements

- **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. 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! Definitely something to see for yourself! St. Boniface Catholic Church is located 5.5 miles south of Victoria and two miles east!



## Christmas Cheer & Cookies



**Our YDisciple students enjoyed singing Christmas Carols and cookies with the residents of Ellis Good Samaritan Center!**



# *Jesus, King of All Nations*

## Hope for the World Light in the Darkness

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, Kansas on Sunday, December 22. Come and join the pastors and parishes listed below for Prayer and Veneration in addition to Adoration, Mass, Confessions and Healing Services.

*Jesus, King of All Nations* is a new devotion for our times. In this devotion, Jesus reveals to us his desire to reign in mercy in all hearts. In the image, the arms of Jesus are spread wide and his wounded Sacred Heart is exposed, pouring his merciful blood and water onto the world. This Devotion is a companion devotion to that of the Divine Mercy as given to St. Faustina, and to that of Sacred Heart as given to St. Margaret Mary.

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

### ***Tentative Order of Events***

|            |                                        |
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| 8:10 a.m.  | Mass, processing with the framed image |
| 8:45 a.m.  | Devotional Prayers & Veneration        |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Adoration and Confessions              |
| 11:00 a.m. | Enthronement of the Sacred Image       |
| 11:30 a.m. | Benediction and Closing                |
| 12:00 p.m. | Dismiss                                |

*For more information about the sacred image, visit [jkmi.com/jesus-king-of-all-nations](http://jkmi.com/jesus-king-of-all-nations).*