

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 22, 2024

Fourth 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 23 - December 29

Mon: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Tue: Isaiah 62:1-5; Matthew 1:1-25

Wed: Isaiah 62:11-12; Luke 2:15-20

Thu: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Fri: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a & 2-8

Sat: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Sun: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Luke 2:41-52

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 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)
Mon	Dec 23	5:30 p.m.	Margaret Wiesner+ (anniv)
Tues	Dec 24	4:00 p.m.	Clara (anniv) & Andy Kuhn+ Family (l/d)
		6:00 p.m.	Pat & Diane Kuhn Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec 25	9:00 a.m.	Rosita & Robert Augustine+ and Manny Befort+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thurs	Dec 26	8:10 a.m.	Henry (anniv) & Bertha Haas+, Ken Haas+, Don & Orie Haas+ and Robert Haas+
Fri	Dec 27	8:10 a.m.	Alice Honas+ (anniv)
Sat	Dec 28	5:30 p.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 29	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 29	9:00 a.m.	Alvin Augustine+

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 22	Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:00am
Tues	Dec. 24	No Morning Mass Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00pm & 6:00pm Parish Office Closed
Wed	Dec. 25	Merry Christmas! Christmas Day Mass at 9:00am Parish Office Closed.
Thurs	Dec. 26	No Eucharistic Adoration Parish Office Closed

Parish Offering: Weekend of December 14 & 15

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,447.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,297.00

Total Giving.....\$5,744.00

After this weekend the collection is below by \$897.73.

Ministries for Christmas Eve & Day and for December 28 & 29

Ministry	Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m.	Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 28 - 5:30 p.m.	Dec. 29 - 9:00 a.m.
Lector	Megan Honas	Sharon Bittel	Barney Boos	Allen Weber	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Shawn & Sarah Fischer Family	Matt & Bailey Dinkel Family	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Pat & Diane Kuhn	Wesley & Lindsay James Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Peggy Seibel Richard Bollig Andrea Zody	Paula Wasinger Terry & Cindy Zervas	Lacie Haas Curtis Weber <i>Need (1) Volunteer</i>	John & Andrea Zody	Paula Wasinger Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Hunter, Breckyn & Brielle Honas	Dayson & Ryalin Moeder	Addalyn & Ainsley Haas	Kinzie Sunley	Dayson & Ryalin Moeder
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Kinzie Sunley	Guitar Choir	Nancy Cunningham Cristi Werth	Alyson Johnson Nancy Cunningham	Eck Girls
Ushers & Greeters	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	Karen & Duane Dorzweiler James & Alyssa Rome Gary Luea	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Dec. 29 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 27 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 29 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 28 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 29 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	December	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

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.

Parish Announcements

- **Advent Communal Penance Service** will be next Sunday, December 22 at 2:00pm. All are welcome!
- **No Eucharistic Adoration:** We will be taking a short break during the holidays. No Adoration on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2. We will resume on January 9, 2025!
- **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, we'd greatly appreciate you stepping in! ~Thank you!
- **Parish Office will be Closed** for the Christmas holiday Tuesday, Dec. 24-Dec. 26. If you have bulletin announcements for the last weekend of December, please email them before Friday, Dec. 27th.
- **Peace & Joy!** May the Christmas Child bring our students and their families much Peace & Joy! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year! ~ Judy Schuler, DRE and YDisciples Mentors. CCD will resume classes on January 8th and YDisciples on January 15th.
- **Watch Your Mail:** 2025 Ministry Schedules should be in your mailbox after Christmas!
- **2025 Calendars** are available. Check the tables in the back of the church.
- We are excited to launch **A Million Memorares for Hope**, an inspiring initiative aimed at deepening our diocese's prayer life and fostering a spirit of hope. Our goal is to have a million Memorare prayers said, creating a powerful wave of prayer and hope throughout our community. We invite everyone to join us in this meaningful journey, as we collectively seek grace and strength through the intercession of Our Lady. Together, let's spread hope and make a profound impact through our prayers! We invite you to take a designated postcard located at the entrances of your church, pray 100 Memorares, and return it to the diocese as a testament to your commitment and faith. Each time we receive a set of cards, Bishop Vincke will take the time to pray over them, lifting up the intentions of those who have participated.

Prayer: *Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

Notes from the Pastor

Christmas Masses. Christmas Eve Masses this year will be at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. The 4:00pm Mass will include a children's homily. Christmas Morning Mass will be at 9:00am. There will be no 7:00am Mass.

Merry Christmas. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Also thank you for your many thoughtful cards and gifts. They are greatly appreciated.

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Wednesday, January 1st is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is a holyday of obligation. We will follow the Sunday schedule: Mass on Tuesday at 5:30pm and & Wednesday at 7:00am and 9:00am. *There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday.*

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 pictures of each candidate may also 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.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

School Announcements

- **Accepting Donations for St. Mary's Carnival 2025:** We are beginning to collect donations (items and/or monetary) for the Raffle and Prize Central for our upcoming School Carnival on Sunday, January 26, 2025! 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 D, (785-259-1858), Becky S, (785-639-1654) or Kiedra H (785-259-2628). We appreciate your support!
- **SAVE THE DATE: Be a Monarch For a Day!** Thomas-Moore Prep in Hays invites students in the 5th-8th grades to come visit their school to learn what TMP-M has to offer! Join them for the day on Thursday, January 16th from 8am-12pm. Lunch will be served! Please register by contacting Mrs. Melissa Schoeph at 785-625-6577 or schoepfm@tmpmrian.org. *Free student admission & popcorn at the TMP-M vs. Ellis Basketball game that evening starting at 6pm!*

Christmas Anticipation Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
in which the Son of God was born
of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant my desires,

(State your intention(s))

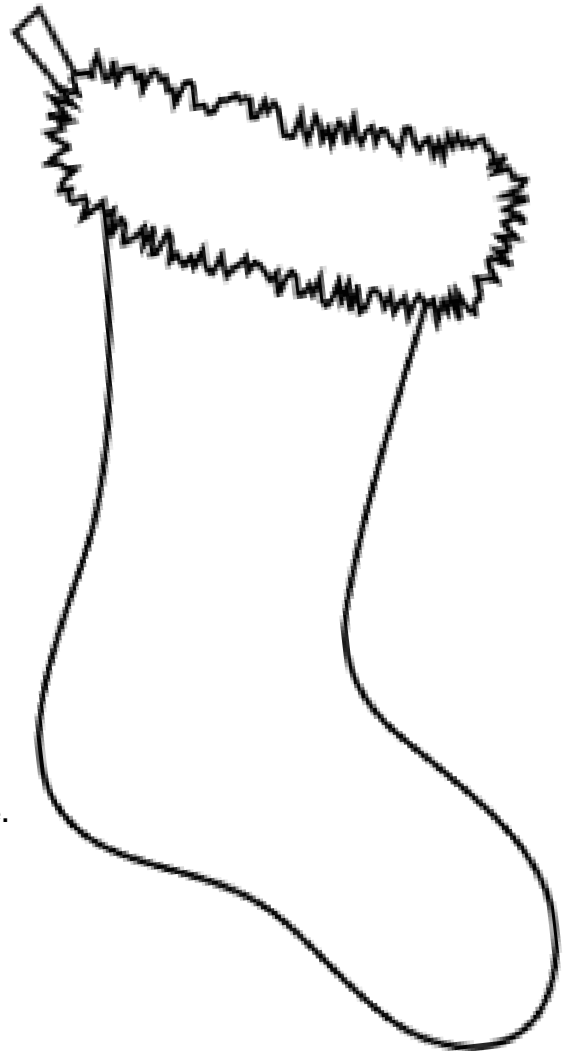
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother.

Amen.

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THE WHITE STOCKING

'Twas the night before Christmas as I walked through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The presents had been wrapped and placed under the tree
I paused, tired, excited, and then giggled with glee.
The stockings were hanging and were beautifully filled
No one had been forgotten, the credit card was billed.
As I looked at the scene with the stockings on the ledge.
I noticed one was empty, the one on the edge.
Where's the Spirit of Christmas - What have I done?
The children's stocking are all full, except for this one.
It was the stocking intended for the child of Bethlehem.
The White stocking for Jesus that was hung up by them.
Of all the people at Christmas, that might be forgotten
How could I not remember the Fathers Only Begotten?
Only He had been left out of the festivities.
As we planned and prepared all, for our families.
As I pondered, I realized this just was not right!
It was His birth that was being celebrated, after this night
I resolved then and there to remember the Lord
And quickly made changes that were easy to afford.
I hung the white stocking in a special place in our home.
And corrected the atmosphere to provide a more spiritual tone.
On Christmas morning I gathered the family together
And each of use wrote a special piece of paper,
We gave Jesus a gift which we placed in the stocking.
A sincere change of heart, not there for the mocking.
The white stocking hung in our home as a symbol for us
Of the true meaning of Christmas - the Savior, the Lord Jesus
So take your while stocking and hang it with pride
Remember the Savior, put his gift inside.



-adapted by Carolyn Cox Canberra