

Baptism of Our Lord

ST. MARY'S PARISH

January 12, 2025



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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

January 13 - January 19

Mon: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20

Tue: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

Wed: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

Thu: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

Fri: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12

Sat: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

Sun: Isaiah 62:1-5; John 2:1-11

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	Jan 11	5:30 p.m.	Sr. Doris Marie Flax
Sun	Jan 12	7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Jan 12	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Jan 13	5:30 p.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
Tues	Jan 14	8:10 a.m.	Fred & Katie Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Jan 15	8:10 a.m.	Donnie & Christine Aschenbrenner Family
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For Residents & their Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Jan 16	8:10 a.m.	Florence Peggy Brungardt+
Fri	Jan 17	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Sat	Jan 18	5:30 p.m.	Mike Murphy+ (anniv)
Sun	Jan 19	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jan 19	9:00 a.m.	For those affected by fires in California

Ministries for January 18 & 19

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Darin & April Reed Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Peggy Seibel Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Alyssa Rome	John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Emily Mattheyer Sophie Seibel
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson Gary Luea Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Jan. 19 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	Jan. 17 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Jan. 19 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	Jan. 18 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Jan. 19 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zervas Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	January	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	Jan. 12	Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass
Wed	Jan. 15	YDisciples meet at 6:30pm CCD Resumes at 7:00pm
Thurs	Jan. 16	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
Sun	Jan. 19	Musicians Planning Meeting @ 10:00am
Mon	Jan. 20	No School (Teacher In-Service)

Parish Announcements

- **Epiphany Blessing of the Homes:** There are still containers of holy water and a piece of chalk home at each of the entrances of church for you to take and bless your home. Sprinkle holy water around your home, each room and write 20+C+M+B+25 above your entrance door. The CMB means “May Christ bless the home,” the “+” signifies the cross, and the number of the year 2025.
- **YDisciples:** Let’s kick off the new year with board games and burgers!!! Meal at 6:30pm with fun to follow on Wednesday, January 15th!
- **Religious Education (CCD) Resumes** this week, Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00pm!
- **Musicians Meeting:** There will be a musicians meeting on Sunday, January 19th at 10:00am in the Rectory. This is open to anyone who would like to cantor or play piano/organ in church! Please bring your calendars with you! We’ll be planning at least through Easter! If you are unable to attend—please contact Cheryl Lang or the Parish Office before Friday, Jan. 17th with your dates available.
- **Parish Prayer List:** We will be refreshing our list after January 19. Please notify the parish office to keep or add your loved one’s name to it.
- **January & February Mass Intention Openings:** There are a few dates open in January and February for Mass Intentions. If you would like to schedule more in 2025, please call the Parish Office to see what is available. A stipend of **\$10.00 per Mass** is suggested. Masses are scheduled on a *first come, first serve basis*. Please be prepared to follow the Mass Intentions Guidelines when scheduling.
- **2024 Year-End Parish Tithing Reports** will be provided upon request from parishioners. If you wish to have a copy of your yearly report, call or email the Parish Office. We are able to print, mail and/or email it to you! Review the information and let us know if your records do not agree.

Notes from the Pastor

“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 “signup” 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.

Catholic Schools Week begins on the last Sunday in January, January 21-February 1. The theme this year is: “Catholic Schools: United in Faith & Community.” Our school will participate in this annual celebration with activities for students, families, parishioners. The focus of this celebration is on the value Catholic education provides to our young children and its contributions to our parish and community. Did you know that Catholic Schools Week has been celebrated annually since 1974? It is a great blessing to have a Catholic School in our parish, especially in the world we live in today. Watch the bulletin for details on activities happening during the week! **School Carnival** will kick off the week—find out ways you can help on the back page of this bulletin.

Diocese of Salina. Be sure to check the back page for many different opportunities and scholarships the diocese have scheduled!

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

A Million Memorares for Hope

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.*

Parish Organizations

- **Women’s Spiritual Day of Reflection:** All women are invited to our Spiritual Day of Reflection on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00am-3:00pm at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Ellsworth, KS. Mass will begin at 9:00am with the retreat to follow. Fr. Kyle Berens teaching is on “Spiritual Life and the Battle We Face: The Battle to Receive Love.” Free Will Donation lunch at noon. To register, please contact Elaine Peters at elainepeters@yahoo.com or call/text 785-534-0546. This retreat is sponsored by Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women.
- **Parish Auction 2025:** We are excited to be in the planning stages of our 30th Annual Parish Auction!!! Be sure to mark your calendar for March 29th! We have a group of individuals who are visiting businesses for donations and soon, you all will be receiving information about admission tickets and raffles! As many of you know, this big event isn’t successful without volunteers to make the evening run smoothly. We ask that you please consider helping us in any way that you can to make this year’s parish auction the biggest one yet! Contact the Parish Office for ways to help!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Shelly Ann Witthuhn**, who passed away Dec. 31, 2024. 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, Pamela Dreiling, Cory Eberle, Joe Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Indiana Landess, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Joani Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Doug Rohr, 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 Offering: Weekend of January 4 & 5

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

New Year’s Collection....\$1,453.00

Offertory Loose Plate....\$130.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$2,398.84

Total Giving.....\$3,981.84

After this weekend the collection is below by \$2,659.89.

School Announcements

Monday, January 13

Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm

School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 14

AR Points Reward: Movie

Thursday, January 16

6th Gr. Visits TMP for Monarch for a Day

St. Mary's School Spelling Bee @ 2:00pm (in Gym)

SAVE THE DATE



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

We invite you to our annual School Carnival! The school carnival kicks off Catholic Schools Week! It's is one of St. Mary's Home & School Association's biggest fundraisers of the year and helps provide our school with funds that are used to purchase many things for our students, including computers, computer software, textbooks, and many other classroom needs. This carnival could not be a big success without YOU! We hope you will save the date and invite your family and friends to attend the day with us enjoying a soup luncheon and carnival games! There will even be a Raffle with prizes for all ages!

Volunteers and Donations: Our School Carnival is made possible thanks to many volunteers and donations. Please consider donating items from the list below or even volunteering to work a booth or help in the kitchen! Please drop off any donations to the school office no later than January 21, and if you are willing to volunteer, please let us know!

Donations Needed

2-Liter Bottle of Pop

Cakes/cupcakes for Cakewalk

Items for Country Kitchen (baked sale items)

Game prizes (small or large)

Working Carnival Games

Set Up at 8:00am (Sunday morning)

Work a Game Booth 10am-Noon.

Work a Game Booth Noon-2pm.

Clean Up at the end

Working Soup Luncheon

Kitchen Help 7am-9:30am.

Kitchen Help 9:30am-12pm.

Kitchen Help 12pm-2:30pm

Diocese of Salina Announcements

- **March for Life 2025:** Please pray for our pilgrims who will be attending the 2025 National March for Life in Washington D.C. The Salina Diocese has two groups attending the March for Life: one group will take a bus to Washington D.C. while the other will fly. All pilgrims will be Marching on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. Please pray for the protection of the unborn!
- **IGNITE RALLY - Topeka March For Life:** Join us as we gather in Topeka for our state-wide March for Life on January 29th, 2025, in Topeka in recognition of the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Please go to <https://archkck.org/prolife/activities/ignite/> for more information.
- **The Mission of Family Video Series:** The Office of Family Life presents "Knights of Columbus: The Mission of Family" Video Series - Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the Knights of Columbus called the "Mission of The Family". <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>
- **Want to create a lasting legacy for your parish, Catholic school, ministry or the diocese?** It's simple! You can do this in your will, a life insurance policy or other beneficiary designations. Gifts of any size make a big difference and helps pass on your Catholic values for future generations. Contact the Catholic Foundation for more information at development@salinadiocese.org.
- **College Scholarships** - Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina! There are three scholarship opportunities available for the 2025-2026 school year. The application process is online and is open now! Students are encouraged to apply by **March 1st, 2025**, at givecfds.org/scholarships.
 - Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship: Applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships are approximately \$500.
 - Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship: Applicant must be attending an accredited Catholic College as a full-time student and an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships vary, but range from \$1,000-\$3,000.
 - Susie Deges Scholarship: This scholarship is specifically for high school seniors in the diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). This scholarship is \$1,000.