

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday of
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 18 - Sept. 7, 2025

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

February 17 - February 23

Mon: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13

Tue: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21

Wed: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26

Thu: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:26-33

Fri: Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1

Sat: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Sun: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Luke 6:27-38

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	Feb 15	5:30 p.m.	Ralph & Rosie Berens+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 16	7:00 a.m.	Albert & Jenny Pfeifer+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 16	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Feb 17	8:00 a.m.	For all priests within the Salina Diocese attending Priests Renewal Days
Tues	Feb 18	8:10 a.m.	No Mass
Wed	Feb 19	8:10 a.m.	No Mass
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thurs	Feb 20	8:10 a.m.	For a Return to the Catholic Faith
Fri	Feb 21	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy+ & Jackie Steckline
Sat	Feb 22	5:30 p.m.	Blenda Shannon+, Fred Nurse+, and Kay Plante+ Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 23	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 23	9:00 a.m.	Simon & Alma Davignon+ Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for February 22 & 23

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Melvin Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	James Rome Alyssa Rome	Austin & Kiedra Hickert Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Duane Dorzweiler	Sarah Eck Geri Augustine Mindy Eck
Servers	Rylan Aschenbrenner Willow Swagerty	Cayson & Shayden Boydston
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Men's Choir Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	Roberta Augustine Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Brad & Tava Deines Geoff & Mindy Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Feb. 23 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	Feb. 21 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Feb. 23 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Feb. 22 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zerfas Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	February	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Feb. 16	First Reconciliation @ 2:00pm
Mon	Feb. 17	Mass at 8:10am (not 5:30pm)
M-TH	Feb. 17-20	Priest Renewal Days
Thurs	Feb. 20	Mass at 8:10am Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
Mon	Feb. 23	No School (In-Service)

Parish Announcements

- **First Reconciliation Feb. 16 @ 2:00pm:** Our 2nd Grader Students will make their First Reconciliation this afternoon, Sunday, February 16 at 2:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers.
- **Monday's Daily Mass:** Reminder, this Monday's daily Mass time is at 8:10am, not 5:30pm so Fr. Dana can be on his way to Priest's Renewal Days. There is no daily Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday. We will resume with regular scheduled daily Mass on Thursday, Feb. 20th at 8:10am.
- **YDisciples:** We're going to try this again this week—prayers for no more snow and everyone is healthy! Let's meet up at Good Samaritan this Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30pm for pizza followed by Game Night with our good friends!
- **Make Plans to Attend the Auction 2025:** The 30th Annual Parish Auction is set for March 29th and planning is underway! We are accepting donations of items or monetary gifts! Items will be auctioned off at either our silent or live auctions! Monetary gifts may be used to purchase items (with your name for credit) for either of the auctions. If you plan to donate an item, please inform the Parish Office on or before March 1st so we can make sure it is included in the book. Information has been mailed out, but you can also access the details of the big event on either the church website or the auction website: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2025. On the auction website, you can purchase admission tickets, raffle tickets, make a cash donation to the auction or the special item and browse the items already donated! And as always, you can purchase tickets or make a donation by contacting Emily at the Parish Office!

Parish Offering: Weekend of February 8 & 9

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

Offertory Loose Plate....\$1,077.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,250.84

Total Giving.....\$6,327.84

After this weekend the collection is under by \$313.89!

Notes from the Pastor

First Reconciliation. First Reconciliation is this Sunday (February 16) at 2:00pm. Please keep these students in your prayers.

Priest Renewal Days. Our annual Priest's Days of Renewal is this week, Monday, February 17 thru Thursday, February 20. Consequently, Mass on Monday will be at 8:10am. There will be no Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday. Because of the weather, I decided not to ask Fr. Rick Lesser (who will be here visiting family this week) to celebrate Masses.

I'm planning on returning late afternoon on Wednesday so I can teach our Confirmation class and to get ready for a funeral. The funeral for Sonny Herman, (a vigil on Thursday evening and funeral on Friday). I'll celebrate Mass on Thursday morning at our normal time, 8:10am.

Auction Update. Check out the bulletin insert. If you have an item to donate, please submit a form (or call and let us know) by March 1 so we can log it in the system. We, of course, will need the item by the time of the auction.

Auction Reminders:

- On the auction website you are able to view items as they are entered, see who the donors are (business and non-business), buy your admission tickets and raffle tickets, make a cash donation, and make a donation to the special item. Begin planning your bidding strategy and have fun! We are hoping to have everything finalized and tentatively printing the auction book the week before the auction. Auction website: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2025
- Pre-bidding will, tentatively, open on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:00am and close on Thursday at 10:00pm. Bidding will continue in-person (if you are not able to attend the auction, you can have a friend (or the committee) bid for you). Only Silent auction items will be available for pre-bidding.
- We are forming a committee for auction night check-in and checkout. We are looking for five to six persons who would be interested in helping enter bid sales and aid in check out. We will have a training session, tentatively set for Saturday March 6. The training session will simulate what will take place the night of the auction. A "test" website has been created, and you will be able to actually enter sales and check people out. If interested let us know.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Tuesdays with the Diocese:** You are invited to join adults from the Dioceses of Dodge City and Salina for adult formation to grow deeper in your faith! Attend all three evenings or just one: February 18, March 4 and March 25 at 6:00pm-8:00pm! Connect via ZOOM using your own device. To sign up— and receive the link, go to dcdiocese.org/af. **February 18: The Second Vatican Council with Fr. Ted Skalsky. Reflections on how we keep the Lord's Day holy.**
- **Lift High the Cross:** Hays K of C Council 6984 is sponsoring a project called Lift High the Cross during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday, March 5th. For a \$20.00 donation, members of the Hays K of C will put up a wooden cross in your front yard. They will be put up March 8th-April 26th. Sign up now by calling Emily at St. Mary's Parish Office or Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Office, 785-625-7339!

Diocese Announcements

- **Stories of Hope Contest:** What brings you hope? We want to know! High School and College students in the diocese are invited to participate in the Stories of Hope Contest. All you need to do is respond to the question, "What does hope mean to you?" That can be through personal stories, community examples or reflections. Winning entries will be selected in two categories: one for High School and one for College students. They will be shared by the diocesan communication team. Please visit bit.ly/hopecontest or scan the QR code for contest details and to submit an entry! Not interested in writing or entering the contest? Share a brief though about what gives you hope in a paragraph or less at bit.ly/myhoperesponse, and your response might be featured in an upcoming issue of faith magazine! **Deadline for contest and responses is March 31st.**



Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Juanita Augustine, John Cersovsky, Coleen Dinkel, Pamela Dreiling, Cory Eberle, Joe Erbert, Beverly Elliot, 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, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Doug Rohr, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Brandon Schoenthaler, Joe Sloan & Family, Tanner Sullivan, Kathy Wiesner, 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

100 Days of School

Kindergarten celebrated 100 Days of School last week Friday! Each created a project featuring 100 of "something"! They did awesome!



Monday, February 24

No School (Teacher In-Service)

- **Baby Bottle Campaign-Feb. 17-27:** St. Mary's School is excited to partner with Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas for the baby Bottle Campaign—helping provide essential support for mothers and families in need! *How it works:* Each classroom has a large baby bottle, and for 2 weeks, students, families, staff are encouraged to bring in spare change, cash or checks to help fill it up. Every little bit adds up to make a big difference! Since we do not have school on Feb. 28th, our campaign will end on Feb. 27. Join us in giving hope and making an impact!
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** We have scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences for Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Thursday, Feb. 27. Watch for an email with instructions on how to sign up for a time slot for your student's teacher(s).
- **SAVE THE DATE for St. Mary's Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up:** We are getting ready to "Round Up" all those little learners who are eager to start Preschool or Kindergarten! If you have a student who is ready to start, please mark your calendar for St. Mary's PK/Kindergarten Round Up on Thursday, March 13th! More information to come!

Scholarships Available

- **College Scholarships from Diocese of Salina** - 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.

- **Sybil Luea Scholarship Application:** The Community Foundation of Ellis is now accepting applications for this scholarship. This opportunity is not just available for 2025 seniors, it's open to all EHS alumni pursuing further education in an agricultural field up to the amount of \$1,000. ***Applications due by March 31st.*** Applications available at the Ellis Alliance Office, EHS Guidance Counselor, NCK Tech Enrollment Management or at www.ellisfoundation.net.
- **Tegan Cain Scholarship:** A new scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors of Ellis High School! This scholarship was established by Tegan Cain, an EHS Alumnus, a one-time, non-renewable award of \$1,000. This scholarship aims to support students who have demonstrated athletic achievement and academic commitment. Application forms are available through the EHS Guidance Counselor, the Ellis Alliance Office or at www.ellisfoundation.ent. ***Applications are due by March 31st.***
- **St. Mary's School Scholarship Application:** We are opening the opportunity to any former St. Mary's School graduate that is now graduating from high school who will further their education by means of higher education to a \$500 scholarship from St. Mary's Home & School Association! ***Applications are due by April 7th, 2025!*** Applications are available by contacting the School Office or Mrs. Park at ppark@stmarysofellis.org!

*St. Mary's
30th Annual
Auction*



*A Pearl of
Great Price*
(Matthew 13:45-46)

**We invite you to our 30th Annual Parish Auction
at St. Mary's School in Ellis, KS!
*March 29, 2025***

**Come enjoy and evening bidding on Silent & Live Auction items,
Dinner catered by Gella's Diner, Open Bar, Raffles, and Cash Drawings!
Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm.
*This event is for those 21 years or older.***

Admission Tickets

‡ **Individual Tickets are \$70.00 each**

This ticket not only grants you entry to the event but also includes a delicious meal catered by Gella's Diner to enjoy during the festivities, and drinks from the open bar. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support a great cause while indulging in an evening of excitement and entertainment.

‡ **Reserve a Table for \$50.00 (seats 8 guests)**

By reserving a Table, you are making a meaningful contribution to our cause while enjoying a fun evening surrounded by friends.

Donations

‡ **Silent & Live Auction Items Needed:** We are currently taking donations of items to be apart of the Silent and Live auctions. These may be however small, big, certificates, homemade, unique, whatever you think others would find fun to bid on! ***Please notify the Parish Office of your item donation no later than March 1st to be included into the book.***

‡ **Cash Donation:** No monetary gift is too small! Remember you are supporting a great cause! (And donations are tax-deductable!)

‡ **Special Item:** This year's special item is paving the parking lot on the East side of the school. It is currently a "rock-filled" area. By paving the area it will be a safer to walk on for all, make it more handicap accessible and children will be able to play in the area during the winter months instead of the church parking lot.

Raffle Tickets

We are giving away \$10,000!!! You could be a lucky winner to take up the big winnings from one of the biggest nights yet! Each raffle ticket will be entered into the drawing for (4) chances to win cash! ***First Prize = \$5,000, Second Prize = \$2,500, Third Prize = \$1,500 and Fourth Prize = \$1,000!***

‡ **Raffle Tickets are \$50.00 each**

Website

‡ **<https://charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2025>**

We hope you will visit the auction website! On it, you will see all the items that have been donated, all the sponsors & donors, be able to purchase admission tickets, raffle tickets, and/or make a monetary donation.

