

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

February 23, 2025
Seventh 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 24 - March 2

Mon: Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
Tue: Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
Wed: Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40
Thu: Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50
Fri: Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12
Sat: Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16
Sun: Sirach 27:4-7; Luke 6:39-45

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	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)
Mon	Feb 24	5:30 p.m.	Lucille Kuhn+
Tues	Feb 25	8:10 a.m.	Junior Schippers+
Wed	Feb 26	8:10 a.m.	Agneta Kuhn
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Feb 27	8:10 a.m.	Darlene Werth+ (anniv)
Fri	Feb 28	8:10 a.m.	Rulene Rospory+ (anniv)
Sat	Mar 1	5:30 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Dinkel+ and Larry Dinkel+
Sun	Mar 2	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 3	9:00 a.m.	Florence Peggy Brungardt+

Ministries for March 1 & 2

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Nicole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Clarence Rupp Sandy Honas	Melvin & Gini Augustine
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Paula Wasinger Sarah Eck Jackie Flax
Servers	Kinzie Sunley	Hunter, Breckyn, Brielle Honas
Cantor / Musician	Emily Mattheyer Alyson Johnson	Isabella Eck Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Danny & Lacie Haas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	March 2 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	Feb. 28 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	March 2 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	March 1 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. March 2 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	TBD
Monthly Money Counters	March	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Mon	Feb. 24	No School (In-Service) Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tues	Feb. 25	SMS Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
Wed	Feb. 26	YDisciples Pre-Lenten Retreat @ 6:30pm
Thurs	Feb. 27	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm SMS Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
Fri	Feb. 28	No School (In-Service)

Parish Announcements

- **YDisciples:** Join us this Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30pm for our Mardi Gras meal followed by our Lenten Retreat. What a great way to begin our Lenten journey together! Bring a friend!
- **Do you have old palm branches?** Blessed palms are to be disposed of with reverence. Old palms should be burned, buried, or returned to the church. They should never be thrown in the garbage. Please bring your old palms to the parish office or place them on the table in the back of back church and we will dispose of them. Thank you!
- **Winter Weather:** When winter weather hits, and school is cancelled, please know that Religious Education classes and YDisciples will also be cancelled. Pending on weather conditions, it is also possible that the Parish Office is closed! Fr. Dana will continue to celebrate Mass as scheduled, please travel with caution.
- **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 15 & 16

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$708.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$7,955.84

Total Giving.....\$8,663.84

After this weekend the collection is above by \$2,022.11!

Notes from the Pastor

Auction Update. Only five weeks left before our auction! Call the parish office to reserve your tickets or you can buy them, along with raffle tickets online via the auction website. You can also make a cash donation or a donation to the special item via the auction website. If you have an auction item to donate, let us know by March 1, so we can list it on website and in the auction book. The Auction website: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2025

Lent is approaching fast—We are just one week away from the Lenten season. *Ash Wednesday Mass* times will be on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00am, 8:10am (School Mass) and 7:00pm (will include CCD students).

Palms. If you have old palms from last year, you can drop them off at the parish office or on the table in the back of the church. We will burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers. We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm. We will be offering a soup supper on the Fridays that the Knights of Columbus doesn't have a fish fry, using the church basement. The evening would include fun with some Catholic Trivia. Trivia would be a series of questions relating to our Catholic faith.

RCIA Rite of Election & Rite of Sending. *The Rite of Election* for the western part of the diocese is Sunday, March 9 at 3:00pm at St. Nick's in Hays. The Rite of Election is a special ceremony marking the transition from one RCIA period to the next for those catechumens seeking to enter the Catholic Church. A parallel rite, the Call to Continuing Conversion, is celebrated for the baptized, which brings them closer to their full reception into the Church. *The Rite of Sending* takes place in the parish in which the parish "sends" the catechumens and candidates to the Bishop. This will take place in our parish at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, March 9.

Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Class. Additionally on Sunday, March 9 during the 9:00am Mass, we will be celebrating the *Rite of Enrollment* for our Confirmation class. This Rite is being celebrated along with the Rite of Sending for our RCIA catechumen and candidates. The two Rites parallel each other in that both groups are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Lenten Faith Formation Opportunity. For this Lent, I'm planning on offering the "Search" video series (Finding the Meaning of Life). It is on FORMED.org. It is six sessions answering the following questions: "Who Do You Seek?", "Who Are You?", "Why a God?", "What's Our Story?", "Who is Jesus?", "Am I Saved?", and "Why a Church?". My tentative plan is to begin the first session on Tuesday (March 11) at 7:00pm, and the other five sessions on the following five Sunday at 3:00pm. The first Sunday of Lent I'll be at the Rite of Election in Hays, which is why I'm looking at Tuesday for the first session. I'll give more details and a final schedule in next week's bulletin.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus Card Night:** You are invited to head down to the Knights Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 7:00pm for Cards and Fellowship.
- **RESCHEDULED: D of I Monthly Meeting:** Mark your calendars to attend on Thursday, February 27th. There will be a meal at 6:00pm, provided by the Circle, with meeting to follow at the Knights Hall.
- **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 thought 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

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Ervin "Sunny" Herman**, who passed away February 14. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Indiana Landess, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Doug Rohr, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Brandon Schoenthaler, Darryl Schuler, 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**

### **Monday, February 24**

No School (Teacher In-Service)

### **Tuesday, February 25 & Thursday, February 27**

Parent-Teacher Conferences at 4:00-7:00pm

### **Friday February 28**

No School (Teacher In-Service)

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences Next Week:** Parents, if you haven't signed up for a time slot, please check your email for a link from Mrs. Park! Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Thursday, Feb. 27 from 4:00-7:00pm.
- **Baby Bottle Campaign Happening Now through Feb. 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!

# Wanted!

**Incoming Pre-Schoolers & Kindergarteners**

Please join us for

## Pre-School / Kindergarten Round-Up

Where: St. Mary's School  
When: Thursday, March 13  
Time: Pre-K Students @ 8:00-10:00am  
Kindergarten Students @ 1:00-3:00pm  
RSVP: St. Mary's School, 785-726-3185 by March 7th  
Parent Information Meeting March 12 @ 6:00pm



Hope to see you there, Partner!

## **Community Announcements**

- **Ellis Food Box Pantry Open, March 3:** The Ellis Food Box Pantry will be open for pick up on Monday, March 3rd from 3:00pm-6:00pm for those who are in need of extra groceries this month.



**Green Eggs & Ham—Dr. Seuss:** Join us for a Dr. Seuss Day Celebration on Monday, March 3rd at the Ellis Public Library at 3:45-5:00pm. We will read the famous *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss and then make scrambled eggs with a bit of green food coloring for snack! Call the Ellis Rec. Office to get signed up TODAY!!! There is a small registration fee of \$10.00 per participant! All ages are welcome to attend!

## **Heartland Parishes Lenten Parish Mission**

**You are invited to attend a Parish Mission  
March 9, 10 & 11**

**Held at St. Nicholas Parish, Hays**

Joel Stepanek has served in ministry for 20 years and is passionate about empowering parishes, dioceses, schools, and apostolates to find their identity, execute strategy, and lead individuals into a relationship with Jesus Christ. He has served in a variety of leadership roles where he has built and guided teams to execute a strategic vision. He has also served as Vice President for Parish Services for Life Teen where he developed youth ministry resources including a groundbreaking confirmation program, Purpose, and provided training for thousands of youth ministers and parishes in 22 countries. He currently serves as the Vice President for Programming and Administration for the National Eucharistic Congress where he guided the teams that created the programming for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, executed the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, and implemented a strategic vision for the National Eucharistic Revival.



St. Nicholas Parish Mission  
2901 E 13th

Session I: What Love Demands  
March 9th, 7pm-8pm

Session II: The End of Suffering  
March 10th, 7pm-8pm

Session III: Trust Beyond the Horizon  
March 11th, 7pm-8pm

Joel Stepanek  
Presents:  
"Trust and Freedom!"

\*Small reception and a chance to meet Joel following each talk\*