

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday of
Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday on March 5

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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

March 3 - March 9

Mon: Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27
Tue: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31
Wed: Joel 2:12-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Fri: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
Sat: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
Sun: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Luke 4:1-13

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	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 2	9:00 a.m.	Florence Peggy Brungardt+
Mon	Mar 3	5:30 p.m.	Sherry Witthuhn+
Tues	Mar 4	8:10 a.m.	John Rupp+, Thersa Rupp+, and Arlene Rupp+ (anniv)
Wed	Mar 5	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
		8:10 a.m.	Lucille Kuhn+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
		7:00 p.m.	Richard & Charlene Flax+
Thurs	Mar 6	8:10 a.m.	Eddie & Fidela Honas+
Fri	Mar 7	8:10 a.m.	Oscar & Betty Honas+ and Julie Honas+
Sat	Mar 8	5:30 p.m.	Rose Egger+ & Doug Egger+ (anniv) Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 9	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 9	9:00 a.m.	Larry Brack+

Ministries for March 8 & 9

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Perry Mick	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Mindy Eck Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	Abby Serpan Emily Mattheyer	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Danny & Lacie Haas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	March 9 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	March 7 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	March 9 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	March 8 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. March 9 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Allen Weber Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	March	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber
Coffee & Donuts Hosts	March	John & Andrea Zody

Meetings & Events

Wed	March 5	Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 7am, 8:10am, 7pm
Thurs	March 6	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri	March 7	SMS Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm K of C Fish Fry 5:00-7:00pm
Sun	March 9	Daylight Savings Time RCIA Rite of Sending @ 9am Mass Confirmation Rite of Enrollment @ 9am Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass Guitar Choir Practice after 9am Mass RCIA Rite of Election @ 3pm—St. Nick's

Ash Wednesday March 5 @ 7:00am, 8:10am, 7:00pm

All Ministries for Ash Wednesday Mass will be Volunteer or covered by School/CCD Students.

Parish Announcements

- **Join us for CRS Rice Bowl's 50th Anniversary:** CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in across the world who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from each of the entrances at church.
- **Students Attend Ash Wednesday Mass:** Start your Lent off on the right foot by attending Ash Wednesday service starting at 7:00pm. **CCD Students:** please meet your teacher in the school cafeteria by 6:45pm so we can walk over together. Parents, we invite you to attend with us! **YDisciples:** Let's meet up in the south wing where the musicians lead us. No meal served this evening.
- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts:** Join us in the church basement after 9am Mass on Sunday, March 9th for coffee, orange juice, donuts and fellowship!
- **Lenten Soup Suppers:** Each Friday during Lent, we will have *Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm*. We will also be hosting (2) Lenten Soup Suppers in the church basement following Stations of the Cross. These soup suppers will be March 14 and April 11th. If you would like to volunteer to make a meatless soup, provide fresh veggies, fruit, bread and or a dessert for these gatherings, please contact the Parish Office a week ahead of time.
- **YDisciple (Men) Say THANK YOU:** The young men attending YDisciples recently received a donation of a couch and loveseat for their gathering room on Wednesday evenings, thanks to Preston Wolf at Wolf Furniture Galleries in Hays!!! They appreciate your generosity, Preston!

Notes from the Pastor

Ash Wednesday. This Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday. Mass times will be: 7:00am, 8:10am (School Mass) and 7:00pm (will include CCD students).

Lent. The Fridays of Lent remain days of abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are a days of fasting (for those 14—59) and abstinence from meat (for those 14 and over).

Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross begins this Friday, March 7 at 5:30pm. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Fish Fry beginning at 5pm at the Knights Hall. Our first Lenten Soup Supper at the Parish will be Friday, March 14 following Stations of the Cross in the church basement. Please join us for the Stations.

Lenten Faith Formation Opportunity. I'm offering the "Search" video series (Finding the Meaning of Life). It is on FORMED.org. It is seven 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?". See bulletin insert for details.

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 9:00 a.m. Mass 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.

Auction Update. Only four 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 ASAP, so we can list it on website and in the auction book. The Auction website: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2025

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **FISH FRY SEASON!** The Ellis Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 7th from 5:00 -7:00pm at the Knights Hall! Menu includes: Baked & Fried Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Noodles & Beans, Coleslaw, Tea, Water and Coffee. All you can eat for \$15.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for ages 6-12, and Free for 5 years and younger! Future Ellis Fish Fry dates are March 21st and April 4th.
- **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: 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. **March 4: The Synod is done. Are we done with Synodality?** with Fr. Robert Schremmer & guests, Bishop Vinke, Fr. Frank Coady (pastor) and Georgina Pax (lay leader) will discuss how rather than being "done" with synodality, the Synod marks the beginning of a long-term commitment to foster a Church here in western Kansas that listens, accompanies, and grows together in faith. Fr. Bob Schremmer will host and moderate the evening's conversation..

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Oscar Bernard James**, who was baptized on December 15, 2024. Son of Wesley & Lindsay (Solorio) James.

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Congratulations! **Emmett Don Willis Gregoire and Katharina Eleanor Gregoire**, who were baptized on February 22, 2025.

Twin children of Ryan & Laura (Augustine) Gregoire).

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of

Mary Dreiling, who passed way on February 18,

Clifford "Cliff" Kreutzer, who passed away February 22 and

Virginia Kinderknecht, who passed away on February 23.

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, Jodi Patten, 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.*

**Spring Forward on March 9th • Set your clock ahead!**

## School Announcements

### Monday, March 3—Friday, March 7

Read Across America Week  
Dr. Seuss Theme

### Friday March 7

End of 9 weeks  
Last Day for Baby Bottle Campaign

- **Read Across America Week with Dr. Seuss!** St. Mary's School will celebrate Read Across America Week with activities, throughout the week of March 3, around the theme of Dr. Seuss. Our students will kick-off a *Books Are Fun book Blast* on Monday to earn books for every student in the school! As a St. Mary's student for more information! Note: Our schedule varies a little bit compared to WGS due to our Mass schedule.
- **Special Lunch Menu for Dr. Seuss Week!** Our School Cooks have put a little fun into the menu the week of Read Across America!!! Watch for the details on the March Lunch Menu!
- **Baby Bottle Campaign Extended to March 7th:** We are still collecting donations for the Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas Baby Bottle Campaign—helping provide essential support for mothers and families in need! Bring in spare change, cash or checks to help fill it up. Every little bit adds up to make a big difference! Join us in giving hope and making an impact!
- **Mark your calendar:** St. Mary's Spring Pictures will be on March 12th. Warm up that smile! ☺
- **WANTED! Incoming Pre-Schoolers & Kindergartners!** Join us for Pre-School/Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Mary's School on Thursday, March 13th! Incoming Preschool students visit from 8:00-10:00am and Incoming Kindergarten students visit from 1:00-3:00pm. Please RSVP to St. Mary's School Office by March 7th if your child would like to see our school! *Parents Information Meeting in on March 12th at 6:00pm at St. Mary's School!*

### READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK WITH ...



#### Monday

*Green Eggs and Ham* – Wear the color green

#### Tuesday

*Fox In Socks* – Wear silly or mismatched socks

#### Wednesday

*The Cat in the Hat* – Wear your favorite hat

#### Thursday

*The Best Nest and If I Ran the Zoo* – Bring a blanket to build a work nest, and bring a stuffed animal to read to in your nest

#### Friday

*One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* – Wear red and blue, and eat gold fish! (Mrs. Park will supply the Gold Fish)

St. Mary's 30th Auction



A Pearl of Great Price

(Matthew 13:45-46)

**We invite you to our  
30th Annual Parish Auction  
at St. Mary's School!**

**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.

Doors open at 5:00pm

*This event is for those 21 years or older.*

**Individual Tickets are \$70.00 each**  
Call the Parish Office or visit our auction website  
to purchase your tickets today!





**What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath?**

**What do you want from your life during the in between?**

**The questions are there. And, the answers are too.**

**Join us at St. Mary’s Church Basement for this 6-week series.**

**Tuesday, March 11 @ 7:00pm**

***Episode 1: What Do You Seek?***

**Sunday, March 16 @ 3:00pm**

***Episode 2: Who Are You?***

**Sunday, March 23 @ 3:00pm**

***Episode 3: Why A God?***

**Sunday, March 30 @ 3:00pm**

***Episode 4: What’s Your Story***

**Sunday, April 6 @ 3:00pm**

***Episode 5: Who Is Jesus?***

**Sunday, April 13 @ 3:00pm**

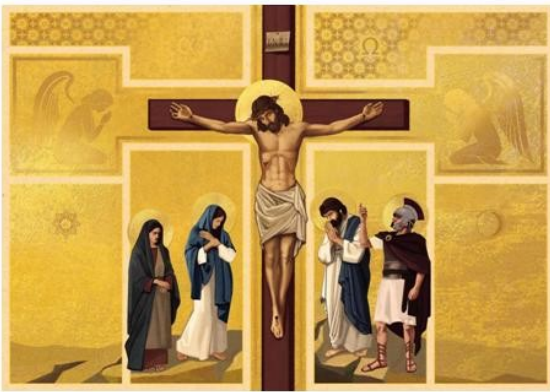
***Episode 6: Am I Saved?***

**To Be Scheduled: *Episode 7: Why A Church?***

***(turn over for more Lenten Season***

*More Lent Prayer Suggestions on back.*

## Lenten Season 2025



**Lent Pray40 with Hallow:** We're so excited to share with you all of the incredible folks joining us in this year's Lent Pray40: The Way! Announcing...Jonathan Rourmie, who portrays Jesus in the The Chosen, takes us through powerful reflections and prays on Way and A Song for Nagasaki during the week.

- Join Mark Wahlberg on Fridays as he leads us in fasting, discipline, and surrender to push us closer to the way Jesus set before us. Mark will be joined on Fridays by one of the most outspoken Christians in Hollywood, Chris Pratt as we draw inspiration from Scripture to give our hearts fully to Christ.
- Hear the word of God brought to life every Sunday with powerful homilies from Fr. Mike Schmitz, host of the #1 Christian podcast Bible in a Year.
- Sr. Miriam Jams, S.O.L.T. will guide us in imaginative prayer on Wednesdays through powerful moments in the gospels to help us really offer our hearts to Jesus.
- Meditate in silence on Saturdays with guidance from Cardinal Robert Sarah to find peace amidst the noise of the world.
- We can't wait to walk with you all and all of these incredible folks as we journey closer to God this Lent! Pray, Fast and Give in a journey like no other and don't forget to invite friends + family to join you!



**FORMED.org Lent Resources:** Visit FORMED.org for any options during the Lenten Season. There is something for everyone in the family, even the kids! Below are a few suggestions \*NEW\* this season:

- ⇒ **How to Lent**—Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—we just don't know how to do it. How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.
- ⇒ **Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent**—Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.
- ⇒ **Lent | What Catholics Believe**—Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is Lent 40 days long? What should I give up for Lent? Find out the answers to these and many more questions in this episode.

► Watch How to Lent here: <https://watch.formed.org/how-to-lent>