



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

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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 10 - March 16

Mon: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tue: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thu: Ester C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat: Deuteronomy 26:16-29; Matthew 5:43-48
Sun: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Luke 9:28b-36

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 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+
Mon	Mar 10	5:30 p.m.	Henry & Bertha Haas+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Mar 11	8:10 a.m.	Kenny Fisher+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Mar 12	7:00 a.m.	Dennis Schoenthaler+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Mar 13	8:10 a.m.	David Dreiling+
Fri	Mar 14	8:10 a.m.	Alvin Augustine+ and Rudolph & Regina Augustine+
Sat	Mar 15	5:30 p.m.	Thomas & Tillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 16	7:00 a.m.	Victor Werth+, Josephine Werth+, Jacob Werth+ and Joseph Vahling+
Sun	Mar 16	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for March 15 & 16

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Peggy Siebel Curtis Weber Paula Wasinger
Servers	Aiden & Chase Aschenbrenner	Dominic & Izzy Fondoble
Cantor / Musician	Cheryl Lang Nancy Cunningham	Isabella Eck Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Danny & Lacie Haas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	March 16 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	March 14 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	March 16 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	March 15 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. March 16 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	March	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	March 9	Daylight Savings Time Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass Guitar Choir Practice after 9am Mass RCIA Rite of Election @ 3pm—St. Nick's
Tues	March 11	Lenten Formation "Search" @ 7pm
Wed	March 12	SMS Spring Pictures SMS Parent Info Meeting @ 6pm Confirmation Class Practice @ 7pm
Thurs	March 13	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm Incoming PK/K Students Visit St. Mary's
Fri	March 14	SMS Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm Parish Soup Supper following Stations
Sun	March 16	Last Day to purchase Auction Tickets Lenten Formation "Search" @ 3pm

Parish Announcements

- **YDisciples! FINALLY!** Time to spread some sunshine with our friends at Good Samaritan!!! See you at Good Sam at 6:30pm for pizza followed by game night!
- **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.
- **A Recommitment to End Hunger:** Since 1975, Catholics across the U.S. have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Parish Offering: Weekends of Feb. 22 & 23 and Mar. 1 & 2

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

Feb. 22/23 Offertory Loose Plate.....\$725.00

Feb. 22/23 Adult Envelopes.....\$2,917.84

Feb. 22/23 Total Giving.....\$3,642.84

Mar. 1/2 Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,420.00

Mar. 1/2 Adult Envelopes.....\$4,967.84

Mar. 1/2 Total Giving.....\$6,387.84

After this weekend the collection is under by \$253.89.!

Notes from the Pastor

RCIA Rite of Election & Rite of Sending. This Sunday at the 9:00 Mass we celebrated the *Rite of Enrollment* for our Confirmation class and the *Rite of Sending* for our RCIA catechumens and candidates. Our Confirmation Students are: Taryn Boydston, Cayson Boydston, Maggie Downing, Emma Flax, Sophia Gaschler, Hunter Honas, Addalyn Haas, Colt McCoy, Chevelle Morton, Amethyst Moses, and Jack Reed. Our Catechumens are: Crista Geyer and Sydney Jacques. Our Candidates are Robert Schiffner and Tava Deines. Please keep them in your prayers.

Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross next Friday at 5:30pm. We will be hosting a Lenten Soup Supper following Stations in the basement of the church. All are welcome to attend!

Lenten Faith Formation Opportunity. I'm offering the "Search" video series (Finding the Meaning of Life). Our first session will this Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00pm in the Church basement (please enter on the south side). The following sessions will be on Sundays at 3:00pm. The reason for the first session being on a Tuesday is because I'll be at the Rite of Election in Hays. The "Search" series is also on FORMED.org, so if you miss a session, you can it watch there.

Auction Update. Only three weeks left before our auction! Currently, we have sold 67 Admission Tickets (117 people attending). Our goal is 180 Admission Tickets (approx. 300 attending). Spread the word; invite your friends and family. Call the Parish Office to reserve your tickets or visit the auction website to purchase admission tickets and raffle tickets online. You can also make a cash donation or a donation to the Special Item via the auction website or by calling/stopping by the Parish Office.

In support of our school and in appreciation for the parents who sacrifice in order to send their children to our school, two anonymous donors are offering to pay for 10 admission tickets for parents of St. Mary's School students on a first call basis. After those 10 tickets are claimed, an offer of a 40% discount will be granted, again to parents of St. Mary's School students. That is a generous gift! This offer only stands until March 17th.

Auction website: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2025

Scan the QR Code to take you to the auction website.



Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting** is set for Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00pm at the Knights Hall. Cards will follow the meeting! All members are encouraged to attend.
- **Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, March 13th beginning at 6:00pm with a Potato Bar, followed by a meeting at 6:30pm at the Knights Hall!
- **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats:** *You are called by name. If you are struggling with your abortion decision come and see what Jesus has prepared for you. Give yourself His "gift" of a retreat weekend.* Rachel's Vineyard Retreats strives for *healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.* Next retreat: June 13-15, 2025. To attend, please call, 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) or email, rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org. All information is confidential. Fr. Dana is also able to answer questions for you about the retreats if you wish to sit down and talk to him.

"Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds, and there is room for more."

- St. Joseph Cafasso

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Eleanor Josephine Lesser**, daughter of Evan & Codi (Bliss) Lesser, who was baptized here on February 16, 2025 by her grandfather, Fr. Rick Lesser, a priest in the Diocese of Albany.

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Congratulations! **Mila Marie Cunningham**, daughter of Matthew & Jenna (Lang) Cunningham and

**Oakley Delynn Dreiling**, daughter of Jake & Rebecca (Boger) Dreiling, who were baptized on March 2, 2025.

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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.

School Announcements

Monday, March 10

Home & School Members Meeting @ 6:00pm
School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 12

Spring Picture Day
Incoming PK/K Parent Info Meeting @ 6:00pm

Thursday, March 13

Incoming Pre-School Students Visit 8:00-10:00am
Incoming Kindergarten Students Visit 1:00-3:00pm

Friday March 14

Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm

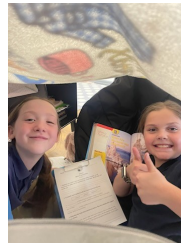
- **Spring Picture Day, Wednesday, March 12:** Don't forget to wear your smile to school on Wednesday! Students may wear clothing other than their school uniform, yet please follow dress code rules.
- **Pre-School/Kindergarten Round-up Is Here!** Parents are invited to an information meeting on Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00pm. Then on Thursday, March 13th, incoming Pre-School students are welcome to join us from 8:00-10:00am and incoming Kindergarten students may visit our classroom from 1:00-3:00pm!



St. Mary's PARENTS!!!! We would love for you to attend the 30th Annual Parish Auction, after all this big event is to fund the school and all that it has to offer! We have TEN FREE ADMISSION TICKETS to be given to St. Mary's Parents. This is a first come first serve. A generous donor has offered to pay for 10 individuals (SMS Parents) to attend the auction. Another generous donor has offered to make a 40% discount to SMS parents who purchase tickets after the 10 free ones are claimed. To claim a FREE ticket or the discount, please call the Parish Office by March 17th.



Read Across America Week: What a great week of fun and reading! Students and staff participated in themed days based on titles of popular Dr. Seuss books! Here are a few pictures! See more on our school Facebook page! Our Books Are Fun Book Blast turned out GREAT!!! Congratulations to Jentry D., Karsyn B. and Lucas G. for winning prizes of a Treasure Chest! We blasted through adventures to earn as many books as we could for our students!



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

Cash Raffle Drawing Tickets are \$50.00 each

Call the Parish Office or visit our auction website to purchase your tickets today!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We invite you to pray the Stations of the Cross
with us at 2:30pm on the following Fridays:

Friday, March 7th
presented by 2nd & 3rd Grades

Friday, March 14th
presented by 4th Grade

Friday, April 4
presented by 5th Grade

Friday, April 11th: MUSICAL STATIONS
presented by 6th Grade

Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00pm
The 6th Grade Class will be presenting MUSICAL STATIONS, again for
those who would like to attend!