

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Phone #s

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Website

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Diocese: <http://salinadiocese.org>

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

May 19 – May 25

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sun: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; John 14:23-29

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	May 17	5:30 p.m.	Clarence & Alice Honas+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	May 18	7:00 a.m.	Duane Fisher+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Sun	May 18	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	May 19	5:30 p.m.	Edger & Rosemary Bittel+, Elaine Bittel+, and Wayne King+
Tues	May 20	8:10 a.m.	Donnie & Christine Aschenbrenner Fam.
Wed	May 21	8:10 a.m.	Sherry Witthuhn+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	May 22	8:10 a.m.	Marvin & Millie Karlin+
Fri	May 23	8:10 a.m.	Thomas & Tillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	May 24	5:30 p.m.	Edward & Bertha Riedel+, Troy Riedel+ and Duane Riedel+ Families (liv/dec)
Sun	May 25	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 25	9:00 a.m.	Oscar (anniv) & Betty Honas+ and Julie Honas+

Ministries for May 24 & 25

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Jordan & Emily Mattheyer Family	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Richard Bollig	Sarah Eck Paula Wasinger Jackie Flax
Servers	Caleb, Landon & Mason Schield	Dominic & Izzy Fondoble
Cantor / Musician	Clyde & Cheryl Lang	Amy Staab Abby Serpan
Ushers & Greeters	Gary Luea Roberta Augustine Pat & Diane Kuhn	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	May 25 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	May 23 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	May 25 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	May 24 (Sat) 4:00 p.m. May 25 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rose Dorzweiler Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	May	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	May 18	Mass at Cedar Bluff Lake @ 11:00am
Mon	May 19	Parish Office Closed (funeral in Salina)
Thurs	May 22	No Eucharistic Adoration Happy 15th Ordination Anniversary to Fr. Rich!
Sat	May 23	EHS Alumni Banquet at St. Mary's
Mon	May 26	Memorial Day Parish Office Closed Memorial Day Services ~ 9:00am

Parish Announcements

- **Mass at Cedar Bluff Lake** will begin next weekend, May 18th. Fr. Dana will be celebrating Mass at 11:00am every Sunday until September 7th.
- **Parish Office Closed Monday** so we can attend the funeral of Fr. Dana's mother in Salina.
- **No Eucharistic Adoration on May 22nd.**
- **Card Shower for Fr. Richard Daise:** On May 22, 2025, will be the 15th Anniversary of Fr Rich's ordination to the priesthood. Let us fill his mailbox by helping him celebrate this milestone by sending a note and/or card to:
Fr. Richard Daise
P.O. Box 1170
St Francis, KS 67756
- **Help Needed:** We are in search of volunteers to help us out on the night of the EHS Alumni Banquet, Saturday, May 24th! Those in attendance of the EHS Alumni Banquet are going to need access to the restrooms in the hallways, up a flight of stairs from the gym due to others being under construction. Some guests attending may be unable to climb the stairs, so this is when the Chair Lift comes in handy! The EHS Alumni Association has asked for a parish representative (preferably a volunteer 18 years or older) to be available to assist those who may need to use the Lift throughout the evening. Running the Chair Lift is as simple as helping the guest get on/off and pushing a button to maneuver. ***Times to Volunteer are 7:00-9:00pm and 9:00-11:00pm.*** Please contact Emily at the Parish Office if you are able to help.
- **Are You Planning to attend the EHS Alumni Banquet?** If so, we ask that you please use the Church parking lot and surrounding streets for parking. The lot behind the school will be strictly for Handicap and the Band coming in. We appreciate your help in spreading the word to your fellow classmates!

Notes from the Pastor

Blessed Plotting Soil and Water. Last Thursday at the 8:10am Mass, in honor of St. Isidore, a container of plotting soil and a container of water were blessed. There is still blessed soil and water available on a table in the back of the church. You are welcome to take what you need to sprinkle in your garden or fields.

Lake Masses. Masses at the lake for the summer begin this Sunday (May 18). Mass time will be 11:00am.

Memorial Day Service. The annual Memorial Day Services for St. Mary's Cemetery will be following the service at St. John's Church which begins around 9:00am on Monday, May 26.

Priesthood Ordination. The date for the Priesthood Ordinations for Deacons Jesse Ochs, Kade Megaffin and Adam Urban will be Saturday, May 31 at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. You are welcomed to attend.

2025 Eucharistic Conference - This year's conference hosted by the FHSU Comeau Campus Center will also highlight the Jubilee Year of Hope theme for 2025: "Hope Does Not Disappoint." Reflecting on this message, we will be reminded that true hope, rooted in Christ, never falters or fades. Together, we will explore how the Eucharist strengthens us in our journey of hope and trust in God's promises. Please join us on August 9th and 10th. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2025/>

Have a good week! Fr. Dana



Neighboring Parish Organizations

- **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats:** Are you suffering from a traumatic pregnancy loss and experiencing the following: Depression, Anxiety and panic attacks, Drug or alcohol abuse, Problems maintaining intimate relations, Intense grief, sadness or rage, Eating disorders, Nightmares or flashbacks, or Suicidal thinking or behavior? You can find healing. Experience forgiveness and be freed from shame. There are countless women and men who know what you're going through. Confidential, compassionate, non-judgmental help is available. You are not alone. Join us for our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, June 13-15, 2025. Contact: 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 this retreat if you wish to sit down and talk to him.
- **ROADTRIP on the Go With God: Vacation Bible School.** The Ellis United Methodist Church is hosting VBS on June 16-18 from 3:00-5:00pm. It is open to community children from 4 year olds through students entering 5th grade! FREE to attend! Save your seat ASAP so snacks and supplies can be purchased by calling Althea at 785-656-1375 or register online at <http://ellisunitedmethodistchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com>.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Betty Clark**, who passed away on May 13th. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Juanita Augustine, John Cersovsky, Coleen Dinkel,  
Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Beverly Elliot,  
Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas,  
Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Donna Honas,  
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,  
Brandon Schoenthaler, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger,  
Darryl Schuler, Joe Sloan & Family, Tanner Sullivan,  
Jim & Jill Urban Family, 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.*

### Parish Offering: May 10 & 11

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$814.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,256.00

**Total Giving.....\$4,070.00**

**This weekend's collection is below by \$2,571.73.**

## School Announcements

### PRAYER TO END A SCHOOL YEAR

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.  
Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers / Revised Edition. USCCB  
www.SoundMindandSpirit.com

## CONGRATULATIONS!



We celebrated these 6th Grade students at their 6th Grade Promotion Mass!  
We wish them the very best in Junior High!



**Volunteers Needed for Memorial Day Band:** The Ellis Jr/Sr. High School is seeking volunteers to perform in the Memorial Day Band on Monday, May 26th. This opportunity is open to all alumni, parents, students, and community members who would like to participate. A Rehearsal will take place on *May 20th at 7:00pm in the EHS/EJH Band Room*. If you are interested, please contact Renetta Dawson at [rdawson@usd388.com](mailto:rdawson@usd388.com).

- **Home & School Looking for Volunteers:** We are in the planning stages of our annual Sponsorship Drive for the next school year! We are looking for volunteers among our school and church families to help collect donations from businesses and individuals. The sponsorship drive begins at the start of summer and wraps up early August. You can pick and choose how much time you spend volunteering! Please contact Whitney Moeder (785-639-5354) for more information or if you'd be willing to lend a helping hand!



**Job Opening for Assistant School Cook:** We are on the search for a **Assistant School Cook** for next school year! If you or someone you know may be interested in helping on our school kitchen, please contact the School Office at 785-726-3185 for an application. Applicants will be subject to a background check. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

- **FREE Summer Lunches** offered in Hays to ALL children ages 1-18 years, this includes youth within Ellis as well, beginning June 2 through July 31. Feed those growing kids all summer long! Anyone with questions may call Jessica Younker at 785-623-2400, Ext. 155. Visit <https://usd489nutritionservices.com/> for summer menus.

## Community Announcements



**Comes Through Ellis This Sunday, May 18th:** Round up the red, white and blue and line the overpasses of Ellis to support the Motorcycle group traveling to Washington D.C.! This Sunday, May 18th, the Run for the Wall will have lunch in Oakley at 11:45am, refuel at Mittens before traveling East on I-70. Estimated time leaving Oakley is 1:20pm, **coming through Ellis around 2:15pm**. (There will be advance groups coming through about 20 minute prior to the large group). Arrival times and locations may change if weather conditions affect the route. Let's get out and show our support by lining the overpasses of Ellis!

- **Ellis VFW Memorial Day Services:** The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ellis Memorial Post 9139, will be holding Memorial Services at the local Ellis cemeteries this year on **May 26, Memorial Day!** Services begin at St. John's Cemetery at 9:00am, **proceeding to St. Mary's Cemetery (~9:30am)**, the Big Creek bridge, the Memorial Park downtown and then to the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Ceremonies will be ending shortly before noon. **Volunteers Needed on Sunday** to help with decorating the graves of our fallen comrades beginning at 3:00pm at St. Mary's Cemetery by putting small American flags on each veteran's grave. From there we will proceed to Mt. Hope Cemetery and do likewise. There are over 400 graves in all, so this becomes quite a task! **Monday Morning Volunteers** will raise the large American Flags in the Avenues of the Flags at both cemeteries, starting at 7:00am at St. Mary's, then moving to Mt. Hope.