



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe Street, Ellis, KS 67637

June 29, 2025

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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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

June 30 – July 6

Mon: Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22

Tue: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27

Wed: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34

Thu: Ephesians 2:9-22; John 20:24-29

Fri: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67

Sat: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17

Sun: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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	June 28	5:30 p.m.	Edward & Bertha Riedel+, Troy Riedel+ and Duane Riedel+ Families (liv/dec)
Sun	June 29	7:00 a.m.	Eunice Berland+
Sun	June 29	9:00 a.m.	Chester & Darlene Jerauld+
Sun	June 29	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	June 30	5:30 p.m.	Jeannie Keller+
Tues	July 1	8:10 a.m.	Sunny Herman+
Wed	July 2	8:10 a.m.	Sherry Witthuhn+
EGSC		10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	July 3	8:10 a.m.	Ben & Catherine Schoenberger+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	July 4	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy Steckline+
Sat	July 5	5:30 p.m.	Don R. Younger+
Sun	July 6	7:00 a.m.	Martin & Adeline Flax+
Sun	July 6	9:00 a.m.	Mariam Zody+
Sun	July 6	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for July 5 & 6

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zerfas	Paula Wasinger
Presentation of Gifts	Randy & Elaine Augustine	Mark & Sarah Eck Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Richard Bollig	Lacie Haas Geri Augustine Jackie Flax
Servers	Aiden Aschenbrenner Maverick Swagerty	Sophie Seibel Emma Flax
Cantor / Musician	Emily Mattheyer Amy Staab	Abby Serpan Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	Roberta Augustine Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Cody & Megan Honas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	July 6 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	July 4 (Fri)	<i>No Communion</i>
Ellis Good Samaritan	July 6 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	July 5 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. July 6 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	July	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

S/S	June 28-29	Peter Pence Collection Weekend
Sun	June 29	TRUTH Bible Study @ 10:30am
Fri	July 4	Happy Independence Day! Parish Office Closed
Sun	July 6	Musicians Meeting at 10:00am

Parish Announcements

- **Peter Pence Collection:** Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. For more info, visit www.oblodisapietro.valen.html.
- **No Eucharistic Adoration during the month of July.** We will resume in August.
- **Parish Council Minutes** from June meeting are now available for viewing on the church website, under "Parish Life" > "Parish Council".
- **Tutus Tuus Week Volunteers:** Please check the back of church, under the big bulletin board on ways you can volunteer to help Totus Tuus in July! We are looking for volunteers to bring lunch for the team, host them for supper and we are still looking for housing arrangements for the team! You may call the parish office for more information and/or sign up for a time slot to host a meal!
- **2026 Mass Book Opens Tuesday:** The 2026 Mass Intention Book will open on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Mass Intentions are scheduled from January-December 2026. A stipend of **\$10.00 per Mass** is suggested. Masses are scheduled on a *first come, first serve basis*.
Mass Intention Guidelines:
 1. St. Mary's Parishioners will be given a total of **Four (4)** Masses to schedule for the 2026 year. **Three (3)** on a weekday and **One (1)** on a weekend, Holiday/Holy Day.
 2. St. Mary's newly deceased Parishioners can receive up to **Six (6)** Masses **within their first year of death** to be said at St. Mary's Parish. **Four (4)** on a weekday and **Two (2)** on a weekend, Holiday/Holy Day.
 3. For those wishing to have more Masses than allowed may wait to see if there are days available after an announcement in the bulletin or try calling surrounding parishes.
- **Parish Office Closed** in observance of Independence Day on July 4th. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please submit them to Emily no later than Tuesday, July 2nd at 4:30pm.

Notes from the Pastor

Totus Tuus -- "Summer Youth Program." This is scheduled for the week of July 13-18. This is for students who are entering 1st-12th grades. Grades 1-6 meet during the day. Grades 7-12 meet in the evening. We encourage our students to attend!

Looking for Feedback. We have had a couple of parishioners express interest in adding a handicap ramp on the south side of the church, after they have watched people with walkers entering and/or others having a hard time with the steps. We are looking into a possibility and how it could be accomplished. Please refer to the insert of this bulletin with pictures for a visual idea for such a ramp. In addition to looking at the picture, you may want to go and look at the area being proposed to get a better understanding and visualization.

One concern is the aesthetics of an aluminum ramp. Other options, other than an aluminum ramp, could be looked into.

Some benefits are the possibility of closer parking to church entrance. People would be able to enter and sit closer to the front of the church.

There is some labor work involved, removing the bushes and tree, cementing an area for ramp installation and access, installation of the ramp itself and a new ADA compatible automatic entrance door.

We may have some donors to assist in paying for it, so the cost of the project isn't the big issue.

So, we are asking for feedback from parishioners. Our question is whether pursuing a ramp would be beneficial to the parish and would you yourself use it if we had one? I personally think it is a good idea! We, Emily and I, can think of several people right now who could benefit, if they chose to use it. Please feel free to let us know your thoughts, either by stopping by the Parish Office, calling, emailing, or discussing it with a Parish Council member!

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

Parish Offering: June 19 & 20

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,155.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$6,090.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$227.00

Total Giving.....\$7,472.00

This weekend's collection is above by \$830.27.

Parish Organizations

- **T.R.U.T.H. Bible Study -Every Sunday at 10:30am:** We invite all parishioners to our newest Bible Study! The group is planning to meet *each Sunday morning at 10:30am in the church basement! We are beginning to study Ephesians!* No need to RSVP—just show up! For more info or questions, please contact Alissa R. at 417-967-6671!
- **Quilting Needs:** The Good Hope Quilters are busy in beginning to make quilts for the Christmas Season to deliver to the Samaritan House in Colorado. We are asking for donations of a few items -- choose one thing or many from this list--anything would be SO appreciated! We need: 1.) someone to come help repair a couple of our sewing machines 2.) old blankets for "middles" 3.) nice sheets for backs. If you or someone you know may be able to help us with a repair, we would greatly appreciate their expertise or if you have items to donate, or if you have any questions, please call Gini Augustine, 785-726-4257 (h.) or 785-726-1257 (c.) Thanks you!
- **Christmas in July Craft Fair:** Join us for a festive and fun-filled day at our Christmas in July Craft Fair on July 19th from 9am-2pm in St. Mary's School Gym! Explore a wide variety of handmade crafts, unique gifts, and local creations. Whether you're getting a head start on holiday shopping or simply enjoying the summer spirit, there will be something for everyone! The Frozen Frog & a Concession Stand available throughout the day! *St. Mary's Home & School will be selling chocolate bars and trash bags*, beside many other vendors (Paper Pie Books, ColorStreet Nails, Fishing Lures, MaryKay, Baked Goods, Tupperware, Tumblers, Soaps, to name a few! Sponsored by Daughters of Isabella.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Roseanne Billinger**, who passed away on June 20.

May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Prayers for Safe Travels to **Leonard Schoenberger** & his travel buddy as they embark on a one-of-a-kind visit to

Marian sites in Europe in July. Leonard plans to keep St. Mary's Parish in his prayer intentions, let us keep him in ours.

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Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, John Cersovsky, Henry Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Michelle Goldsberry, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively,

Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Andy Lynn Klaus, Nancy Kreutzer, Agneta Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge,

Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, 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.

Diocese Announcements

 Show your support for the Diocese of Salina seminarians at the **Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinners—July 30th in Manhattan and July 31st in Hays (at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall)**. Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship and support for our future priests! Come enjoy a delicious meal, inspiring program and the opportunity to meet and visit with the seminarians who are answering God's call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Salina. The evening begins at 5:15pm. The ticket price per person is \$60. RSVPs are due by July 16th. To register or to make a gift to support our seminarians, visit big.ly/semsofsalina.



Rural Life Day: The Rural Life Office invites you to participate in Rural Life Day, Century Farm Awards and Golden Business Awards on Sunday, August 17th at 3:00pm at St. Wenceslaus, Wilson, KS! We are now accepting applications for both awards! Visit the Rural Life website for more info: <https://salinadiocese.org/office/rural-life/rural-life-day-century-farm-award/>.

School Announcements



St. Mary's Home & School Sponsorship Drive Underway: This Sponsorship Drive provides two benefits at once—the monetary benefit to the school to allow our students to thrive in the future and the philanthropic benefit to the donor! Because of the success of

the Sponsorship Drive in previous years, we are asking for monetary donations from businesses and individuals again who wish to partner with St. Mary's Home & School Association so that we are able to provide the necessary resources to teachers, staff and students. *All donations made to the Sponsorship Drive are tax-deductible!* If you wish to take part in the Sponsorship Drive, you may complete the form mailed to you or pick one up from the School bulletin board in the back of church and return it to the school/parish office OR stop by either the School or Parish Office to give your donation! We appreciate your support towards St. Mary's School!

- **Restock the Carnival Closet:** Our school carnival was a HUGE Success in January! And it couldn't have happened with YOU! We are starting to plan for next year's and gathering prize donations! We are in need of restocking our stuff animals for game prizes and any items for Prize Central! If you would like to help us, feel free to drop off any donations to the school or parish office any time during the summer! We ask that items for Prize Central be brand new! Thank You for your continued support to our school!



**Please mark your calendars for
St. Mary's Breakfast Potluck on Sunday, July 13th
immediately following 9am Mass in the
Church Basement!**

Coffee, orange juice and water will be provided, along with all the paper goods.

If you are able, please bring a brunch-type dish to share!

While we're eating together, let us give the Totus Tuus Team a big welcome as they kick off the week, spending it with our youth, teaching them about the Joyful Mysteries and the Sacraments! We're very excited to see what they will learn, see and think about the week! *Totus Tuus registration is now open!* Please try to let us know if your student(s) will be joining by July 9th, though we will take registrations up to the first day of sessions!



**ST. MARY'S
BREAKFAST
POTLUCK**

All are invited

Just a little meet & greet with
the Totus Tuus Team
and gather as a faith family!

**Sunday, July 13th
following 9:00 am Mass
Church Basement**

Coffee, orange juice, water and paper goods will be provided. If you are able, please bring a breakfast or brunch-type dish to share!

IDEA OF ADDING RAMP ON SOUTH SIDE OF CHURCH

