

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

July 27, 2025
17th Sunday in
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

July 28 – August 3

Mon: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35
Tue: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; John 11:19-27
Wed: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46
Thu: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53
Fri: Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matt 13:54-58
Sat: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12
Sun: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Luke 12:13-21

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
School Council President	Mrs. Sarah Fischer
Home & School President	Mrs. Megan Honas
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	July 26	5:30 p.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	July 27	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	July 27	9:00 a.m.	Fred Taylor+
Sun	July 27	11:00 a.m.	For the summer travelers
Mon	July 28	5:30 p.m.	Ben & Catherine Schoenberger+ Fam (l/d)
Tues	July 29	8:10 a.m.	Coleen Dinkel+
Wed	July 30	8:10 a.m.	For a Return to the Catholic Faith
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	July 31	8:10 a.m.	Norbert & Donna+ Honas Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Aug 1	8:10 a.m.	Jeannie Keller+
Sat	Aug 2	5:30 p.m.	Richard+ & Faye Geschwentner
Sun	Aug 3	7:00 a.m.	Martin & Adeline Flax+
Sun	Aug 3	9:00 a.m.	Junior Schippers+
Sun	Aug 3	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for August 2 & 3

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Clarence Rupp Sandy Honas	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Jackie Flax Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Kinzie Sunley	John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Alyson Johnson	Emily Mattheyer Isabella Eck
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	August 3 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	August 1 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	August 3 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	August 2 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. August 3 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zefas Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	August	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Mon	July 28	Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Tues	July 29	FRUIT ORDERS DUE by Noon!
Thurs	July 31	<i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i> RSVP Due for School Pool Party

Parish Announcements

- **Lost & Found:** There was a rosary turned in during the week of Totus Tuus that was left behind in a pew. If you are missing yours, please stop by the Parish Office to claim!
- **FRUIT SALES!!! Sacred Heart in Colby CYO Fruit Sales:** I've had a couple parishioners reach out to me to see if we are participating in the Sacred Heart CYO Fruit Sales in Colby this year! If I can get enough orders to make the trip, I'll go to pick up the fruit in Colby and bring them back to Ellis for you to pick up from our church. It is a short notice: **Orders can be placed by NOON on Tuesday, July 29th!!!** Please contact Emily at the St. Mary's Parish Office at 785-726-4522 to place your order. The fruit will be delivered on Tuesday, August 19! Payment must be submitted before August 19th. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart CYO.
Freestone Peaches = \$42/full box; \$24/half box
Bartlett Pears = \$32/full box; \$19/half box
(Orchard no longer supplies Gala Apples—SO SORRY!)
 Sacred Heart CYO appreciates your support in their largest fundraiser of the year!
- **2026 Mass Book Is Open:** The 2026 Mass Intention Book is open for scheduling Mass Intentions for 2026. A stipend of **\$10.00 per Mass** is suggested. Masses are schedule on a *first come, first serve basis*.



"The environment changes, the culture changes, people change, but truth does not change; the supernatural realities of faith, hope and love do not change; and God does not change."

- Matthew Kelly, *Rediscover Catholicism*

Parish Offering: July 19 & 20

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$817.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,258.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$338.00

Total Giving.....\$6,413.00

This weekend's collection is under by \$228.73

Did you know if you attend Mass at any church of the Heartland Parishes: you can put your SMC envelope in their collection and it will be sent to SMC? In other words, if you find yourself attending Mass at another parish in the area, it would be safe to say your tithing envelope will make it back to SMC!

Notes from the Pastor

2025 Eucharistic Conference. Bishop Vincke would like to invite all of you to the Eucharistic Conference, happening August 9–10 in Hays, KS. The keynote speaker this year is Fr. John Riccardo, a nationally renowned priest known for his engaging talks and love for the Eucharist. Registration is required to attend the talks and sessions, and registration closes on August 1. More information on how to register in the column “Diocese of Salina News” or the Diocese website. If you’re not able to attend the full conference, you’re still welcome to come to the Closing Mass on Sunday, the 10th, at 4:00pm and don’t need to register for that. We’d love to have as many people as possible from around our Diocese celebrate Mass together!

Please consider joining us for this incredible opportunity to grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

Maintenance Updates:

▼ **School Bathrooms.** They are close to being finished. Doors and fixtures have been installed. Waiting for the partitions to arrive. Some plumbing needs to be finalized. We’re right on schedule, with hopes to be finished within the next couple of weeks, in time for school to begin.

▼ **North Playground.** The rain we received this past week has been a blessing. It watered areas that were not able to be watered with the “sprinkler system” that was created. I did discover that 5/8” hoses used in the “sprinkler system” don’t deliver enough water pressure for long distances. So, I replaced those hoses with 3/4” hoses, which increased the water flow, making a big difference. I now have some extra 5/8” hoses that I don’t need. If anyone needs some 5/8” hoses, let me know.

▼ **Water Leaks.** With the wind driven rain we received last week, I went into the church attic and bell tower to check on leaks. There is a leak, obviously, above the altar. It seems to be coming in where the two buildings are connected on the east side. I’ll have High Plains Roofing check it out when they come to work on the Rectory roof. The leak on the south side (the blue ceiling fixed a couple of years ago) is still there, but the “trough” that was built to catch the water is working. There was about 1/2” of water in the center. It will eventually evaporate.

► The *South Tower* above the choir loft leaks. There is a tin floor up there with a drain, but I believe the edges around the perimeter have rusted, so water leaks through to the inside and not drained to the outside. The area needs to be cleaned up and the edges sealed.

► The *Bell Tower* continues to be a problem with wind driven rain. It is not as bad as it was before the screens were built and attached to the louvers several years ago. There are four levels to the tower. The top level and third level (where the bells are) contain the louvers. That is where water mainly enters. It makes its way down to the second level (a tin floor) and to the first level (a wood floor). There is a couple of areas on the tin floor that needs to be sealed off better to prevent the water leaking to the first floor. Installing a drain on that floor to get water to the outside may help.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Diocese of Salina News

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA
EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE
AUGUST 9-10, 2025 HAYS, KS
**HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT
REGISTER BY AUGUST 1!**

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE		
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9		
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Registration	Gross Coliseum – Gate 2
7:00 p.m.	Opening Session / Keynote #1	
9:00-10:00 p.m.	Adoration Under the Stars	The Quad
10:00 p.m.	Young Adult Gathering	CCCC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10		
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	Gross Coliseum – Gate 2
9:00 a.m.	Keynote Session #2	Gross Coliseum
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Breakout Session #1	
11:30-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:00-1:40 p.m.	Breakout Session #2	
2:00-2:40 p.m.	Breakout Session #3	
2:40-3:10 p.m.	Break	
3:10 p.m.	Mass Presentation	Gross Coliseum
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Closing Mass	
CONFESSIONS & BOOTHS		
11:30-1:00 p.m.	Confessions	Center for Student Success
Sunday		
10:30-4:00 p.m.	Booths	Union
Sunday		

SPEAKERS:
FR. JOHN RICCARDO
DR. NATALIE BREI
GRANT GINTHER
SR. JOHN MARIE
DR. CURRIE MYERS
& MORE!



- **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/>.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Paul John Cersovsky**, who died on July 20, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, 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, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Leonard Schoenberger, Cathy Sherfick, 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

### **ENROLLMENT PACKETS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP NOW**

On the table in the back of Church!  
After August 3, you can pick up at the Parish Office!

### **St. Mary's School**



**Sunday, August 3  
6:30-8:30pm**

Free Swim & Pizza for all  
St. Mary's School Families

RSVP to Megan Honas by July 31st

Sponsored by St. Mary's Home & School Assn.

### **ST. MARY'S SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

**AUGUST 7, 2025  
12-6pm**

Enrollment Packets available at Weekend Masses August 2-3 and School Office!



### **School Supply Lists**

are available at Dollar General and WalMart.com,  
the School's website and Facebook page!

#### **At Walmart.com:**

Search "All School Supplies", scroll down to find this graphic,  
Click "Find your list", enter Ellis zip code and then  
click "St Mary Catholic School", and find the Grade you need!



#### **Your local school supply list**

All you need in 1 click.

[Find your list](#)



### **St. Mary's School Apparel**

Show your pride for St. Mary's School by wearing some of our school apparel!

*All K-6th grade students are required to wear St. Mary's polo shirts or t-shirts throughout the school year.*

We have two options to place orders for apparel:

Gone Logo = <https://stmarys25.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Hays Tees = [https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/2025\\_ellis\\_stmarys](https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/2025_ellis_stmarys)

All orders must be placed by **August 8, 2025** or a late fee will be assessed.

You can place orders by entering your email address.

*REMINDER: We do have a "School Clothes Closet" that you can look through at enrollment,  
All school closet items are \$2 each.*



## Community Announcements

**Commodities Distribution This Monday:** Commodities will be distributed at Ellis Baptist Church on Monday, July 28th from 5:00-6:00pm. This is an income-dependent distribution for those in the USD 388 School district area!

**School Supply Drive:** A program to help students and faculty members of USD 388 and St. Mary's Catholic School! The Ellis Police Department is hosting this event to equip students and faculty for success throughout the 2025-2026 school year! Drop off school supplies at the following locations: Ellis Thrift Store, Ellis Public Library or the City of Ellis Office, now through August 11th. The following school supplies are in high demand: 12 count Colored Pencils, 24 count Crayons, 8 count Washable Markers, Elmer's Liquid Glue, Glue Sticks, Black Dry-Erase Markers, #2 Yellow Pencils, Pencil Top Erasers, and Over the Ear headphones, however, any and all school supplies are welcome! Everything donated will DIRECTLY impact our local school's students and teachers this coming school year!

### **ELLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2025 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

A program to help students and faculty  
members of USD388 and St. Mary's  
Catholic School

**July 21st-August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Ellis Police Department Supply  
Drive aims to equip students and faculty for  
success throughout the 2025-2026 school year

SUPPLIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- ELLIS THRIFT STORE
- ELLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
- CITY OF ELLIS MUNICIPAL BUILDING