

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

August 17, 2025
20th 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

August 18 – August 24

Mon: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Tue: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30

Wed: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thu: Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14

Fri: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Sun: Isaiah 66:18-22; Luke 13:22-30

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	Aug 16	5:30 p.m.	Rose & William Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 17	7:00 a.m.	Leonard & Tillie (anniv) Augustine+
Sun	Aug 17	9:00 a.m.	Darlene & Chester Jerauld+
Sun	Aug 17	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Aug 18	5:30 p.m.	David Seibel+ (anniv)
Tues	Aug 19	8:10 a.m.	Irene Niernberger+
Wed	Aug 20	8:10 a.m.	Gay Henderson+ (anniv)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Darlene Jerauld+
Thurs	Aug 21	8:10 a.m.	Rose Egger+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Aug 22	8:10 a.m.	Kyle Urban+
Sat	Aug 23	5:30 p.m.	Donnie & Christine Aschenbrenner Family
Sun	Aug 24	7:00 a.m.	Ernest Pfeifer, Sr.+
Sun	Aug 24	9:00 a.m.	Kyle Urban+
Sun	Aug 24	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for August 23 & 24

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zerfas	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Verla Seibel Gary Luea	Brad & Tava Deines
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Barney Boos	Mindy Eck Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Kinzie Sunley Brecklynn Fischer	Theodore & Oliver Meagher
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Alyson Johnson	Emily Mattheyer Abby Serpan
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Aug. 24 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	August 22 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Aug. 24 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	August 23 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. August 24 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	August	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	August 17	Bible Study Fellowship Party @ 3pm
Tues	August 19	Pick up Fruit Orders Meet the Teacher Night @ 6pm
Thurs	August 21	First Day of School Dismiss at 12:40pm Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm
Mon	August 25	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **Reminder: T.R.U.T.H Bible Study** will not be meeting at 10:30 this Sunday, August 17th but instead will gather at 3:00pm for a Bible Study Fellowship Party at 511 Madison Street! All parishioners are invited to attend. *See invite on page 2 for more details!*
- **Fruit Delivery, Tuesday, August 19:** Tuesday, August 19th, Emily will be making the trip to Colby to pick up the fruit in the afternoon! Goal is to be back in Ellis around 5:00pm. She will call those who placed an order to let them know a more accurate estimated time of arrival when she leaves Colby. Thank you for your continued support to the young people in Colby CYO!
- **YDisciples: Join us for “Kickin’ It with Jesus” on Wednesday, August 27th!** Come join us Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30pm for our third annual “Kickin’ It With Christ” cookout and kickball game! Meal begins at 6:30pm at the St. Mary’s playground gazebo followed by a competitive game of fun! Bring a friend!
- **Get Enrolled in Religious Education (CCD)!** As a new school year begins, so does a new year of learning more about the Catholic faith for our young parishioners! St. Mary’s Religious Education (formally known as CCD) is open to students who are not currently attending St. Mary’s School and are entering 1st-8th grades. You can find the registration form on the Home page of the church website or under “Faith Formation” or in the back of church, or by contacting the Parish Office! ***Please prayerfully consider helping out our religious education program by being a catechist (teacher) in one of our classrooms this year; must be at least 18 years old! Contact Emily at the Parish Office if interested.***

Parish Offering: August 9 & 10

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,423.00
 Adult Envelopes.....\$5,768.22
 Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$298.00
Total Giving.....\$7,489.22

This weekend’s collection is above by \$847.49

Notes from the Pastor

School Beginning! It is hard to believe summer vacation is coming to an end. School starts this Thursday, August 21. I am looking forward to meeting and spending time with all the children.

YDisciples/Youth Program. Our high school youth program, YDisciples, will start soon. Letters of invitation will be going out this week to high school students (9th-12th graders) and their parents. We are looking for mentors (both male and female) to help lead the groups of students. A Fun Night is set for Wednesday, August 27 starting at 6:30pm, complete with a cook out and a game of kick-ball. *Former YDisciple participants and mentors are welcomed to attend this fun night too!*

Religious Education: CCD and 8th Grade Confirmation. We are planning to start as scheduled, Wednesday, September 3. We will start the first week with Mass, after students have checked in with their teacher. Parents are encouraged to come to Mass and pray along with their students. Be sure to sign up your student(s)! Forms are available on the church website, in the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). I'm planning on offering a RCIA class, starting after Labor Day. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining, let me know and I'll send them a personal letter explaining RCIA and inviting them to attend. This is also an opportunity for those Catholics who are interested in updating their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith to attend. Day and time of classes: TBD (probably Thursday evenings at 7:00pm).

Picture Directory. A Heads Up. We are planning on producing a new parish directory. The last one was in 2020, so it's been over 5 years. It will be created, printed, and assembled in-house (i.e., no outside "picture" company will come in). You will be able to submit own picture, or we will schedule times that you can come in have a picture taken. More details will be given later.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Daughters of Isabella Meeting:** It's time to start up our meetings again! We will gather on Thursday, August 21 at 6:00pm. We 'll enjoy a seasonal fruit tray along with other goodies! Our business meeting will follow at 6:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend!

Diocese of Salina News

- **Divine Mercy Radio's 15th Annual Appreciation Banquet** will take place in two locations: **Saturday, Sept. 13 at 6:00pm** at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall **Hays** and **Sunday, Sept. 14 at 5:00pm** at the Hilton Garden Inn, **Salina**. Cost is \$55 if purchased on or before August 19. After August 19, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers, supper and drinks including adult beverages. Guest speaker is the powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, who no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. He will be presenting "Go and Make Disciples: The Call to Evangelization". To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) to: Banquet Reservations, Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St. Hays, KS 67601, or call, 785-621-4110, or visit dmrcc.com/banquet. 
- **SAVE THE DATE for HOLY FIRE:** Mark your calendars for All Saints Day 2025, November 1, 2025, 9:30am-5:30pm! This is going to be an incredible, faith-filled experience for all 6th-8th grade students! Imagine a day filled with **dynamic national speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop Vincke**, and powerful moments of prayer, inspiration, and joy! The **Holy Spirit is calling our middle school youth** to encounter Christ in a deeper way on this special feast day. Don't miss this unforgettable opportunity to grow in faith and celebrate the saints together! Held at FHSU Beach-Schmidt Performing Art Center! Early Bird Price is \$59.50 until Oct. 8th, then increases by \$10 after that! *Lunch is included in cost! Additional items for sale are Holy Fire T-Shirts for \$15. Visit: <https://eqsaints.com/holyfire-salina> for more info!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Theodore Dean Eck**, was baptized here on August 10, 2025. Son of Zachary & Payton (Girard) Eck.

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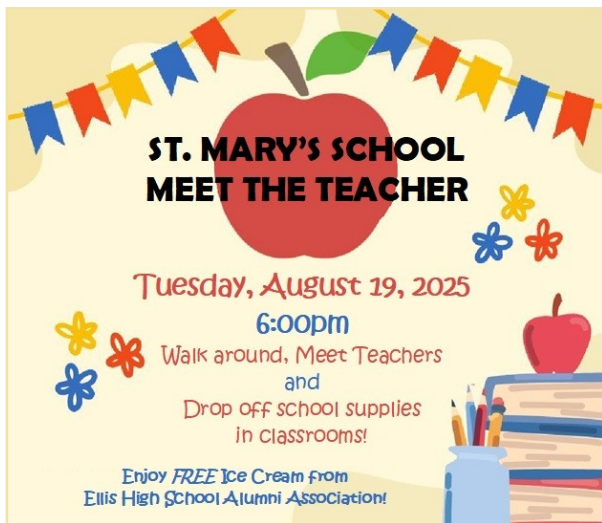
Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Phillip Hernandez**, who passed away August 12, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, John Knoll, 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, 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



- **Meet the Teacher Night:** A special night for students and parents to Meet the Teacher, students to bring in their school supplies, and walk around seeing classmates! A big THANK YOU to the Ellis High School Alumni Assoc. for supplying free ice cream for students & parents!



- **First Day of School—August 21!** We are so excited to see your smiling faces! Don't forget to wear your school polo and khaki shorts/pants! The first morning bell will bring at 7:55am! Front doors will open for students who will be enjoying breakfast at 7:30am. **We will dismiss at 12:40pm. No buses will be running at that time!** Please use the church parking lot for pick-up!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for a **Bible Study Fellowship Party**
on **Sunday, August 17 at 3:00pm**
at **511 Madison Street!**

A casual, come-and-go event with potluck-style food, fellowship, and fun.

Everyone in the parish is welcome—whether you're already part of the Bible Study or just curious about joining!

We'll enjoy conversation, optional board games, and outdoor space for kids to play.

We'll also be voting on the next book of the Bible to study—so bring a dish to share and help us decide what's next!



Back-to-School Blessings



Remember to stick close to Jesus this year through prayer and reading your Bible.



Color your school year bright by letting the light of Jesus shine through you.



Write HIStory in your life this school year by doing what Jesus would do and making wise choices.



Use this notebook as a Gratitude Journal. For each day of school, write down things you are grateful for.



Use the bookmark to mark your favorite Bible story or favorite verse.



Use this Back-to-School Prayer Journal to write out your prayers to God.



Enjoy this sweet treat and remember that Jesus makes your life sweet!



Become A Sponsor! St. Mary's Home & School Sponsorship Drive is well underway for the school year 2025-2026! St. Mary's Home & School Assoc. is a non-for-profit corporation that is in place to raise funds that are used to support the

school in addition to acting as a liaison between the school and the parents/community! All parents of St. Mary's students are automatically considered members of Home & School and are encouraged to participate in monthly meetings and volunteer at variety of fundraising events that our organization hosts!

Annual Fundraisers such as **Sponsorship Drive**, Fall Fundraiser, and the Carnival & Soup Luncheon!

The 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 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 our Sponsorship Drive, please fill out the bulletin insert or scan the QR Code (make sure to put "**Sponsorship Drive**" in the memo.) You may also contact Alyson Johnson (H&S Sponsorship Coordinator), the School Office or Parish Office with donations or questions.

We appreciate your support towards St. Mary's School!

