

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**August 24, 2025
21st 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 25 – August 31

Mon: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22
Tue: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:23-26
Wed: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32
Thu: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Mark 6:17-29
Sat: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 22:14-30
Sun: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 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
Mon	Aug 25	5:30 p.m.	Edger & Rosemary Bittel+, Elaine Bittel+ and Wayne King+
Tues	Aug 26	8:10 a.m.	Jake & Regina (anniv) Schuster+
Wed	Aug 27	8:10 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+, Bill Weber, Sr.+ and Denny & Virginia Robinett+
EGSC		10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Aug 28	8:10 a.m.	James & Aileen Bailey+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Aug 29	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy & Patricia Schultz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Aug 30	5:30 p.m.	Janet Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 31	7:00 a.m.	Phyllis Murphy+ (anniv)
Sun	Aug 31	9:00 a.m.	Donna Honas+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 31	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for August 30 & 31

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Roberta Augustine	Nicole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Brian & Michelle Frickey Family	Ethan & Britny Cox Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Paula Wasinger Sarah Eck Jackie Flax
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Hunter, Breckyn, Brielle Honas
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Brad Deines Mindi Mader
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	<i>Need Volunteers</i>

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Aug. 31 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	August 29 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	Aug. 31 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
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 24	NO TRUTH Bible Study
Mon	August 25	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Thurs	August 28	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm
Sun	August 31	TRUTH Bible Study @ 10:30am
Mon	September 1	LABOR DAY No School—Parish Office Closed

Parish Announcements

- **NO TRUTH Bible Study, Sunday, August 23:** Due to many with prior commitments, we will not meet this Sunday. We will continue reading the entirety of Romans 1. See you all on Sunday, Aug. 31st at 10:30am in the church basement.
- **Correction!** We do apologize for published the incorrect name for one of our newest members in the parish: Mr. Theodore Hugh Eck who was baptized earlier this month.
- **YDisciples: Join us for “Kickin’ It with Jesus” on Wednesday, August 27th!** We are hosting 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! **Please RSVP to Emily at the Parish Office by Monday, Aug. 25th!**
- **Get Enrolled in Religious Education (CCD)!** 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! We ask that you please return your registration forms to the Parish Office by August 31st so we can make sure to have enough textbooks for all students. **Please prayerfully consider helping out our religious education program by being a substitute for our catechists (teachers) 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 16 & 17

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,401.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,375.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$700.00

Total Giving.....\$7,476.00

This weekend’s collection is above by \$834.27

Notes from the Pastor

YDisciple Youth Program. Letters of invitation went out this week to students in the 9th-12th grades. We are looking for mentors (both male and female) to help lead the groups that will be formed. We have a fun evening planned for **Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30pm "Kickin' It with Jesus"** for the students! Hope to see you there! *Former YDisciple participants and mentors are welcomed to attend this fun evening too!*

Religious Education/CCD. Religious Education is for students in 1st-8th grade who do not attend St. Mary's School. We invite you to sign up your students before August 29th so we make sure to have enough textbooks. We are planning to start as scheduled on Wednesday, September 3 with Mass, after students have checked in with their teacher. Parents are encouraged to come to Mass and pray along with their students. Registration forms are available in the back of the church and at the parish office or on the church website.

8th Grade Confirmation. I'll be teaching the Confirmation class this year. I'll be sending a letter to each student (and parents) who will be preparing for Confirmation this year. Since we are starting the first week out with Mass, I'm planning on the Confirmation students to do the ministries (greeters, readers, gift bearers, etc.) The first class session will be Wednesday, September 10. I'll be inviting parents to attend this first session to explain the requirements and to have a little "trivia" fun.

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).

A New Parish Directory Being Planned. 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 your own picture, or we will schedule times that you can come to have a picture taken at the Rectory. We are asking for a few volunteers to help with the planning and organizing of this project. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. More details will be given later.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **To ALL the ladies of the parish—Save The Date!** You are encouraged to attend a fun event on Thursday evening, September 25 at 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ellis. There will be individual activities inside and a team scavenger hunt as well. Watch for more information in upcoming weeks! This is sponsored by the St. Gilbert Circle Daughter of Isabella here in Ellis—we look forward to seeing you there!
- **Are you aware that St. Mary's Church has a wonderful new library, housed in a spacious room in the church basement gathering space?** Are there hundreds of teen and adult books? YES! Are there many shelves of children's books? YES! Are there *free* Catholic items available? YES! The check out procedure is simple, and there is a **wide** variety of topics related to our Catholic faith. Additional, free items currently include rosaries, prayer books, prayer cards, and items that children would love. Right now, for example, there is even a book of Bible-related puzzles for young children and yes, it is free! Stop by throughout the week and "check it out!" Contact the Parish Office for more information!

Community Announcements

- **Annual Hole-In-One Tournament** at Ellis Golf Club is scheduled for September 19th! Register your 4 person team today for \$240 at the Ellis Alliance Office or by calling 785-726-2660! Registration is from 8:00-8:45am with Shotgun start at 9:00am! Sponsored by the Ellis Area of Chamber of Commerce.
- **Mark the Date for Ellis Community Clean-Up!** Ellis Community Clean-up will begin on October 6th! More info to come! If you have any questions concerning the Clean-Up, call the Ellis Public Works Department at 785-726-4741!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

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, Riley Moore, 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

- A huge **THANK YOU** to our community members who contributed to the Ellis Police Department's 2025 School Supply Drive! Because of your generosity, the EPD was able to collect and donate around 120 pounds of school supplies to our school and USD 388 schools!!!! That's a lot of crayons, markers, and pencils that will be placed directly in the hands of our local students and teachers! Your donations show just how much our community cares about its kids, families and schools!



- Another **THANK YOU** to the Ellis High School Alumni for bringing cool ice cream treats for all of our students and families to enjoy at Meet the Teacher Night before the school year started!



Become A Sponsor! St. Mary's Home & School Sponsorship Drive is well underway for the school year 2025-2026! 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 Assoc. 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 stop by the School Office for a form or scan the QR Code for



an online donation (make sure to put *Sponsorship Drive* in the memo.) We appreciate your support to St. Mary's!

Kickin' it with Jesus



Attention ALL High School Students!

**You are invited to come join us on
Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30pm**

as the YDisciples will be "Kickin' It with Jesus"!

**BBQ with all the Fixings,
and a Friendly Game of Kickball!**

Bring a Friend!

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**.

Ticket prices is now \$60.00. 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 dvmercy.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!