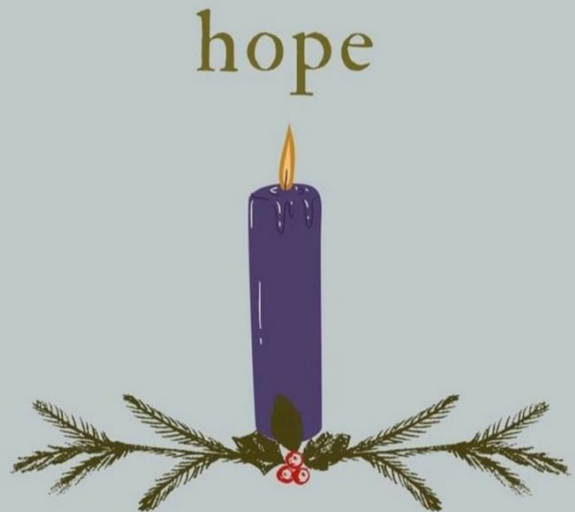


ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent



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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

December 1 – December 7

Mon: Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11

Tue: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wed: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thu: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Sat: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

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	Nov 29	5:30 p.m.	LaVerne Dinkel+ and David Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Nov 30	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 30	9:00 a.m.	Jake (anniv) & Regina Schuster+
Mon	Dec 1	5:30 p.m.	Siman & Alma Davignon+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Dec 2	8:10 a.m.	Junior Schippers+ (anniv)
Wed	Dec 3	8:10 a.m.	William & Rose Augustine+, and Ken Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Remy Mella & Family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec 4	8:10 a.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
Fri	Dec 5	8:10 a.m.	Larry Dinkel+
Sat	Dec 6	5:30 p.m.	Lucille Kuhn+
Sun	Dec 7	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 7	9:00 a.m.	Chris & Berta Moeder+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 7	7:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for December 6 & 7

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zervas	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Richard Bollig	Mindy Eck Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Aiden Aschenbrenner Maverick Swagerty	Theodore & Oliver Meagher
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Abby Serpan	Trilogy Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Geoff & Mindy Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	December 7 (Sun)	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	December 5 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	December 7 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	December 6 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. December 7 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	December	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	November 30	EUMC Christmas Program @ 3:00pm
Tues	December 2	#iGiveCatholic—Giving Tuesday
Wed	December 3	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	December 4	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Sat	December 6	Feast Day of St. Nicholas
Sun	December 7	Youth Choir Practice at 2:00pm in church FHSU Choirs Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm at St. Joe's in Hays D of I Christmas Party @ 5:00pm Holy Day Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm

Feast Day of Immaculate Conception

Sunday, Dec. 7 @ 7pm

Monday, Dec. 8 @ 7am, 8:10am, & 5:30pm

**All Ministries for Immaculate Conception
Mass will be Volunteer or covered by Students.
*Music for Dec. 8 @ 5:30pm by Nancy & Cheryl.***

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Marvin King**, who passed away Nov. 23, 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, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Troy Mattheyer, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Ramona Patten, Kevin "Mo" Pfeifer, Ralph & Shirley Pitner, Cathy Sherfick, 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.*

**A GIFT OF ADVENT:** Be sure to check out the big bulletin board in the back of church during the advent season! We'll be revealing special gifts and encourage you to read the scriptures each week!

## Parish Offering: November 15 & 16

**Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26: \$6,845.00**

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,307.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$12,916.66

**Total Giving.....\$14,223.66**

**This weekend's collection is above by \$7,378.66**

## **Parish Announcements**

- **#iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday:** Giving Tuesday is **December 2nd!** We ask that if you have not already donated to St. Mary's Church & School during the Advanced Giving Days that you consider gifting on Giving Tuesday from 12:01am to 11:59pm. We still have \$6,500 matching funds available!!! ***Especially on Giving Tuesday, the Ellis Daughters of Isabella*** will be matching funds up to \$100 per donor! We currently have raised over \$26,015.00 and are sitting #2 within the Diocese of Salina with the most dollars raised and most donors! Let's keep the light shining at St. Mary's!
- **YDisciples!** Let's get Advent off to a great start by spending some quiet time with Jesus. Come for our meal at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 3rd followed by an Advent Holy Hour, Adoration & Confessions.



**Youth Choir Sings, December 14th:** Come Sing with Us!!! We are inviting students who are in the 3rd grade and older who love to sing to join us on Sunday, December 14th at 9:00am Mass! A required practice will take place on Sunday, December 7th at 2:00pm in the church. Please RSVP to Nancy C. by calling or texting 785-726-1096 by December 1st.

- **Remember to Choose your Parish Directory Photo:** If you had your photo taken by Leann's Photos you should have received an email directly from her to choose which photo you'd like to submit to the Parish Directory. From that email link you are also able to purchase photos! Please try to choose your favorite for the Directory as soon as you can!
- **Time & Talent Forms:** Please take a look at the forms and consider volunteering for a ministry (individually or as a family)! The deadline to return the forms to the Parish Office is **Monday, December 8!** A 2026 ministry schedule will be distributed to you before the end of the calendar year!

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## **School Announcements**

### **Monday - Friday, December 1 - 5**

ITBS Testing for Grades 1-6

5th & 6th Grade Band Practice at WGS

### **Friday, December 5**

Free-Dress Friday!

- **5th & 6th Grade Band Practice All Week:** To prepare for their Band Concert next week, these students will be practicing every day at WGS. ***We invite you to support our students and their friends at WGS at their Music Concert on Monday, December 8th at 7:30pm at Washington Grade School.***
- **St. Mary's Carnival Raffle Prize Request:** Help make our annual school carnival a success! The annual St. Mary's School Carnival is just around the corner, and we need your help to make our ***Raffle*** the best one yet! The raffle is a major fundraiser for the school, providing essential resources for our students. We are seeking donations of ***new, exciting prizes*** that would appeal to ***school-aged children***. This is the perfect time to shop! With Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales happening soon, please keep the school carnival in mind as you look for deals. ***How to Donate:*** Please drop off all donated items at the St. Mary's Grade School Office during regular hours ***by January 12, 2026*** or contact one of the School Carnival Raffle committee members: Kiedra Hickert (785-259-2628) or Becky Seibel (785-639-1654). Please attach a note with your name (for a thank you!) if you wish. ***Thank you for your generosity in supporting our school!***

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## **Notes from the Pastor**

**#iGiveCatholic.** Advanced giving continues. Thanks to all who have given so far. If you haven't done so, check our story profile page by going to [www.igivecatholic.com](http://www.igivecatholic.com) and search for St. Mary's Church & School. You can donate online or by dropping by the Parish Office.

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*** Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the feast of Immaculate Conception. It is a Holyday of Obligation this year. I'm offering a Vigil Mass on Sunday evening at 7:00pm to make it more convenient for students and workers to fulfill this holyday obligation. I am also offering a 7:00am Mass, 8:10am Mass (with St. Mary's students) and the regular 5:30pm Mass on Monday.

***"In Increased Offertory Program: Shining a Light on Growing Generosity.*** Please consider filling out and returning the Commitment Card that was mailed out a couple weeks ago. By returning the card, you are helping us evaluate our giving measures, along with giving Diocese data to share with others. ***All names are confidential.***

**2026 Calendars** are available. Check the tables in the back of the church.

*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*

## **Parish Organizations**

- **Ellis K of C Christmas Cash Drawing begins Dec. 1st!** Have you bought your chances yet? There is still time! Get your ticket(s) today for a donation of \$20.00 per ticket by contacting a Knight! TEN DAYS of Winnings! The Ellis Knights will be drawing for their first set of cash winners on December 1st—December 10th at 5:30pm at the Knights Hall! The drawing will also be LIVE streamed from the Ellis Knights of Columbus Facebook page each day. For more information call Gary K. (785-726-1400) or Allen Weber (785-249-8543 or 785-726-3113). Drawing will begin on December 1 at 5:30pm at the Knights Hall!!
- **Pies Needed for Auction at the Knights Hall:** If you are willing and able to make a pie and donate it to be served up for an Auction held on December 5th, we'd greatly appreciate you! Please deliver to the Knights Hall before 10:00am. Any additional help serving the meal during the auction is much appreciated, contact Lisa M. for more details.
- **Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party:** Make plans to attend on Sunday, December 7th at 5:00pm in the church basement (take note of the new location) for our annual Christmas Party! More information to come in next week's bulletin!
- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees:** It's that time of year where we continue the tradition of our giving trees to the Ellis Food Pantry and Ellis Good Samaritan Center. Both trees are located at the entrance of the church. The **Ellis Food Box Christmas Warming Hearts Tree** is for Ellis youth who are in need of clothing this holiday season. There is the age, gender, size of clothing needed on each gold heart. Please use your best judgment to gift them **brand new** clothing, such as hats, gloves, mittens, coats/hoodies, sweat outfits, socks or even blankets for small children. If you wish to give a monetary gift, please contact Rita Younger at 785-650-4225 or Millie Winterscheidt at 785-726-1127. The **Ellis Good Sam Angel Tree** is for the residents of the Ellis Good Samaritan Center for Christmas Day! Each angel has a wish list for the designated residents, you only need to choose one item from the list. *Gifts purchased for each tree need to be returned back to the church under the tree or the Parish Office no later than December 12th.*



## **Community Announcements**



**Special Christmas Program, November 30th:** The Ellis United Methodist Church invites you to attend their Special Christmas Program this Sunday, November 30 at 3:00pm at the Ellis United Methodist Church. Come enjoy the sounds of the seasons with Handbells, Musical Acts, Readings and Poetry! *Members from St. Mary's Parish will be participating in this program!*

- **"Light in the Darkness"** Divine Mercy Radio invites you to tune in every day from 7:00am to 6:00pm beginning Tuesday, December 2nd through 5th. You will learn more about your Catholic Faith, and win great prizes throughout the week! They look forward to hearing from you! For trivia and pledges call 785-621-4110. Listen on radio, computer, phone app, or Alexa. Live on Rumble, Facebook and YouTube. Go to [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com) for a full guest list and more! We thought we'd highlight a few particular interests for our Parish:

**Tuesday, Dec. 2:** Fr. Rich

**Wednesday, Dec. 3:** Fr. Gale, Fr. Joshua, Fr. Andy and Dr. Abe Fisher

**Thursday, Dec. 4:** Lester & Donetta Robben, Bishop Vincke, Geoff Andrews

**Friday, Dec. 5:** Deacon Bill Meagher

- **Ellis High School Alumni Christmas Open House & Gift Shop Sale** is December 3 & 4 at the EHS Alumni Museum from 4:00-7:00pm each day! They will have the perfect gifts for you Railer fans: cookbooks, mugs, tumblers, t-shirts, Christmas ornaments and more! Stop in for refreshments & conversation!



**Christmas Arrives in Ellis!** Christmas Season begins in Ellis next weekend! **Ellis Polar Express** celebrates it's 16th year on December 5th, 6th, 7th! It will begin running at 6:00pm each night! For a donation, come see a display of lights like none other! Santa Claus will be visiting on Saturday night, welcoming guests in the Ellis Public Library and Mrs. Claus will be visiting on Sunday evening! And don't forget the Ellis Rec's Candy Cane Hunt on Sunday happening at 5:30pm sharp! The Ellis Chamber of Commerce will have their **Follow the Star Christmas Craft Fair** on Saturday, December 6 in the Old High School Gym, beginning at 9:00am-2:00pm. Many vendors will be available to get an early start on Christmas shopping! Free to attend, though the Chamber is collecting non-perishable items for the Ellis Food Pantry in lieu of an entrance fee.

- **Christmas Choir Concert set for Dec. 7th:** Start the advent season on a glorious note with the FHSU Choirs at the 39th Annual Christmas Choir Concert. Time and place are NEW this year: 6:30pm on Sunday, December 7th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays! In addition to the FHSU Choirs, there will be selections by Tom Meagher—organ, the Dawson Brass Duo, the FHSU Flutes, the FHSU Brass and several numbers by FHSU music faculty. A highlight of this annual concert is the singing of traditional carols by the entire of audiences, guests, and performers, accompanied by the wonderful pipe organ at St. Joseph. This concert is free and open to the public.