

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

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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

December 8 – December 14

Mon: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Luke 1:26-38

Tue: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

Wed: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thu: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

Fri: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47

Sat: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Matthew 11:2-11

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	Dec 6	5:30 p.m.	Lucille Kuhn+
Sun	Dec 7	7:00 a.m.	John M. (anniv) & Clara Augustine+, Ignatz & Rosa Lang+, and Lawrence+ & Norma Lang Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 7	9:00 a.m.	Chris & Berta Moeder+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 7	7:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 8	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 8	8:10 a.m.	Edward & Bertha Riedel+, Troy Riedel+, and Duane Riedel+ Family (liv/dec)
Mon	Dec 8	5:30 p.m.	Danny & Virginia Robinett+ and Leonard & Dorothy Weber+
Tues	Dec 9	8:10 a.m.	Jake & Regina Schuster+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec 10	8:10 a.m.	John R. Boos+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec 11	8:10 a.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
Fri	Dec 12	8:10 a.m.	Scott Niernberger+
Sat	Dec 13	5:30 p.m.	Rulene Rosproy+
Sun	Dec 14	7:00 a.m.	Richard Kinderknecht+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 7	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for December 13 & 14

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Nichole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Pat & Diane Kuhn	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Peggy Seibel Curtis Weber Paula Wasinger
Servers	Kinzie Sunley	Emily Broadway Cayson & Shayden Boydston
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Youth Choir Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Geoff & Mindy Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	December 14 (Sun)	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	December 12 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	December 14 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	December 13 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. December 14 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Allen Weber Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	December	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 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
Mon	Dec. 8	Feast Day of Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Day of Obligation—Mass @ 7am & 8:10am</i> Regular Monday Mass @ 5:30pm
Wed	Dec. 10	SMS Christmas Concert @ 6:00pm YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 11	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Fri	Dec. 12	Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Warming Heart & Angel Tree Gifts DUE
Sun	Decem-ber 14	Youth Choir Sings at 9:00am Mass Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass

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

Congratulations! **Daxton James Good**, who was baptized here on November 16, 2025.
Son of Dalton & Jaylinn (Pfeifer) Good.

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Congratulations! **Clayton Michael Brown**, who was baptized here on November 22, 2025.  
Son of Blake Brown & Grace Redetzke.

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Congratulation! **Layla Rose Windholz**, who was baptized here on November 22, 2025.
Daughter of Tyler & Melanie (Flax) Windholz.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Glenn Fondoble**, who passed away on November 30, 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.

Parish Announcements

- **“This Little Light of Mine, I’m Gonna Let it Shine!”** St. Mary’s Parish, Family and Friends—THANK YOU for saying YES to St. Mary’s Church & School during #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday. We appreciate your support so much! At the end of the day on Giving Tuesday, December 2nd, we sat in 4th place within the Salina Diocese, raising \$43,955.00, that includes all matching funds! AND—there is still donations coming in! Because of your generosity, our school and church will continue to shine! THANK YOU for keeping the light shining at St. Mary’s Church & School!

 **Youth Choir Practice on December 7th, Sing on December 14th at 9:00am Mass:** Reminder, there is a practice this Sunday, December 7th at 2:00pm in the church for all who wish to sing on the 14th! Please contact Nancy C. by calling or texting 785-726-1096 if you would still like to join!

- **Please Return Your Time & Talent Forms by Monday, December 8!** And if you haven’t already returned your Increased Offertory Commitment Card, don’t forget that too! A 2026 ministry schedule will be distributed to you before the end of the calendar year!
- **YDisciples!** Thank you to those who attended the vigil/funeral of Glenn Fondoble last week. Now 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 10th followed by an Advent Holy Hour, Adoration & Confessions.
- **St. Mary’s Gift Giving Tree:** The **Ellis Food Box Christmas Warming Hearts** are 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. The **Ellis Good Sam Angels** are 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 Dec. 12th.**
- **Last Call to Submit your Parish Directory Photo:** If you are having problems with the link from Leann’s Photos or haven’t submitted your own photo yet—please call the Parish Office this week!
- **Christmas Poinsettias—In Memory or In Honor:** If you would like to donate to the St. Mary’s Poinsettia Fund, place your contribution in a regular envelope marked for this purpose, and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you want to make donation in memory of someone dear, kindly do so by simply writing their name(s) down with your donation. If you prefer to purchase your own flower, please have it to the church **the weekend of Dec. 20-21 (after 9:00am Mass).** Names will be published after the Christmas holiday.

Notes from the Pastor

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This Monday, December 8th, is the Feast of Immaculate Conception. *It is a Holyday of Obligation* this year. I’m offering a vigil Mass on Sunday night at 7:00pm to make it more convenient for students and workers to fulfill this holyday obligation. On Monday, we will have a 7:00am Mass, an 8:10am Mass (with St. Mary’s students) and the regular Monday Mass at 5:30pm.

The School Christmas Concert. The concert is this Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00pm, held in the school gym. I hope you will come to listen to our student perform.

Dates to Remember

#iGiveCatholic. Thanks to all who participated in this fundraiser.

Communal Penance Services (Confessions). We will host our Parish *Communal Penance Service* for Advent for Sunday, December 21 at 2:00pm.

Year-end Gifts. The end of the year is approaching fast. Keep the support of our parish in mind as you plan for your end of year giving.

Pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy. There are framed pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy, that I matted and framed, and blessed, available on the table at the entrance of church during the Advent season. A donation may be given, if you so desire, by placing it in the Sunday collection.

Date	Event
12/7 (Sun)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm
12/8 (Mon)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses @ 7:00am, 8:10am, & 5:30 pm
12/21 (Sun)	Advent Communal Penance Service @ 2:00pm
12/24 (Wed)	Christmas Eve Masses @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm
12/25 (Thu)	Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00 am
12/31 (Wed)	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm
1/1 (Thu)	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God Holyday Masses @ 7:00am & 9:00am

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party:** This Sunday, December 7th at 5:00pm, join us in the church basement for our annual Christmas Party! Seasonal snacks and drinks will be served! An optional \$15 gift exchange will be happening as well! All are welcome! *There is a chair lift on the east side of additional for those who need assistance traveling the stairs.*



You are invited to participate in a Cookie Exchange on Thursday, December 11th at 6:00pm at the Ellis Knights Hall! Bring 2 dozen cookies and leave with 3 dozen or more! We will also have Christmas cards available to sign and send holiday greetings for the residents of the Ellis Good Sam, Diocesan Seminarians and Priests, Military, etc.! The Ellis Daughters of Isabella are sponsoring this event.

- The **Good Hope Quilters** have finished their beautiful work on 39 quilts to be sent to the Samaritan House in Denver, CO. Admire their work in the pews in front of Blessed Virgin Mary until Monday. **Thank you** to all who donated items, monetary gifts, or gave a helping hand in creating these gifts for families in need.



Community Announcements



Traditional Christmas Choir Concert is this Sunday: Start the advent/holiday season on a glorious note with the FHSU Choirs and other talented musicians 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! This concert is free and open to the public—highly recommend arriving early for seating.

- **Fr. Callistus' Infamous Nativity Scene** at St. Boniface Parish on 625 Vincent Ave, Victoria, KS is open for visitors on Sunday, Dec. 7, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 13-14, Sunday, Dec. 21 and Christmas Day, Dec. 25 from 1:00-5:00pm (all days). You may make an appointment by calling Randy at 785-735-4836. This is the 99th year of the nativity, began by the parish priest Fr. Callistus Rectenwald in 1927! There is perhaps none to be found that can compare in beauty, originality, design, and one that exemplifies the true purpose and meaning of Christmas, s the one that is found in St. Boniface during Christmas time. Rocks and shells from all 50 states and around the world surround the scene! Each stone and shell is labeled so that it can be fully identified as to its place of origin.



School Announcements

Monday, December 8:

Holy Day—Students attend Mass

Tuesday, December 9:

3rd Grade LOFT Lunch

Wednesday, December 10:

SMS Christmas Concert @ 6:00pm in School Gym

- **Baked Goods for Mrs. Claus' Cupboard:** St. Mary's Home & School is taking baked good/snack donations for the Christmas Concert Bake Sale on Wednesday! Items that have sold fast in the past are homemade pies, candy, cinnamon rolls, breads! Other ideas are finger foods and desserts that can be sat out when company arrives for the holidays! If you wish to donate items for the bake sale, please bring your item or items to the school before the music program! We will price the items for you!
- **St. Mary's Christmas Concert** will be on Wednesday, December 10th beginning at 6:00pm in the school gym! Mrs. Claus's Cupboard will be open with baked goods for sale. We hope you can attend!
- **FREE DRESS FRIDAYS** continue during the month of December! Students & staff may help raise funds for the 6th Grade Domini Savio to put towards their fundraiser for Good Sam resident's and Humane Society of the High Plains during the holiday season! Bring \$1.00 every Friday for *Free Dress Day*! (Please follow the handbook guidelines.)
- **Monarch For A Day:** You are invited to Thomas More Prep-Marian on Friday, January 9th! Join us for the morning (7:55am-12:30pm) to learn what the school has to offer! Lunch is included! Transportation provided upon request. This day is open to all 5th-8th Graders! Register by contacting Brenda Rose at 785-625-6577 or rose@tmpmarian.org! Students will also have free admission & popcorn at TMP-M vs. Salina Sacred Heart basketball game that evening starting at 6:00pm. *Students from St. Mary's are already planning to attend as a class.*
- **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 part of the 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! **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!*