

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 21, 2025
Fourth 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 22 – December 28

Mon: Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

Tue: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24;

Wed: Isaiah 62:1-5; Matthew 1:1-25

Thu: Isaiah 62:11-12; Luke 2:15-20

Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Sat: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a & 2-8

Sun: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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 20	5:30 p.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 21	7:00 a.m.	Victor Werth+, Josephine Werth+, Jacob Werth+, and Joseph Vahling+
Sun	Dec 21	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 22	5:30 p.m.	John M. & Clara Augustine+ and Bill & Viola Rohn+ Families (liv/dec)
Tues	Dec 23	8:10 a.m.	Donnie & Christine Aschenbrenner Family
Wed	Dec 24	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their Families (liv/dec)
EGSC			
Wed	Dec 24	4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners
		6:00 p.m.	Clara & Andy Kuhn+ family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec 25	9:00 a.m.	Janet Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Dec 26	8:10 a.m.	Henry (anniv) & Bertha Haas+ Fam (l/d)
Sat	Dec 27	5:30 p.m.	Irene Niernberger+
Sun	Dec 28	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 28	9:00 a.m.	Alice Honas+ (anniv)

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 21	First Day of Winter Advent Communal Penance Service 2pm
Wed	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Masses @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 25	Merry Christmas! Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00am Parish Office Closed
Fri	Dec. 26	Parish Office Closed
Wed	Dec. 31	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm
Thurs	Jan. 1	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God Holyday of Obligation Mass @ 7:00am & 9:00am

““Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind for
all the noblest acts.””
-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Ministries for December 24 & 25 and December 27 & 28

Ministry	Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Day Mass 9:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Sharon Bittel	Paula Wasinger	Andrea Zody	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family	Taylor & Maddie Lambert Family	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	James Rome Alyssa Rome	Wesley & Lindsay James Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Lisa Weber Amy Hudson	Terry & Cindy Zervas Sharon	Paula Wasinger Gordy & Geri Augustine	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Jackie Flax Paula Wasinger Sarah Eck
Servers	Hunter, Breckyn, Brielle Honas	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Olivia & Vincent Eck
Cantor / Musician	Kinzie Sunley, Alyson Johnson, Nancy Cunningham	Guitar Choir	Haas Girls	Kinzie Sunley Cheryl Lang	Emily Mattheyer Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Cody & Megan Honas Family	Pat & Diane Kuhn	Gordon & Geri Augustine Family	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Geoff & Mindy Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	December 28 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	December 26 (Fri)	<i>No Communion</i>
Ellis Good Samaritan	December 28 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	December 27 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. December 28 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	December	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Parish Offering: December 13-14

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$935.50

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,820.00

Total Giving.....\$6,755.50

This weekend's collection is below by \$89.50.

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!

Parish Announcements

- **Advent Communal Penance Service** will be next Sunday, December 21 at 2:00pm. All are welcome.
- **Needing Volunteers Christmas Eve/Day:** We are in need of Altar Servers and Gift Bearers for Christmas Day Mass at 9:00am. If you would be willing to help, please call the Parish Office this week to let us know! We'd greatly appreciate it. ~Thank you!
- **Early Bulletin Deadline & Parish Office Closed:** If you would like to include an announcement in next week's bulletin, please let Emily know no later than Tuesday, Dec. 23 at Noon. The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas season, Wednesday, December 24 through December 28.
- **Watch Your Mail:** 2026 Ministry Schedules should be in your mailbox after Christmas!
- **Sending A Special Wish for Happiness in everything you do:** May the newborn Christ fill your heart with peace and your home with joy. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year! ~Judy Schuler, DRE and YDisciple Mentors. Religious Education, CCD, will resume classes on January 7th.
- **No Eucharistic Adoration:** We will be taking a short break during the holidays. No Adoration on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. We will resume on January 8, 2026.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Rylan James Jacques**, who was baptized here on December 13, 2025.

Son of Brady & Sydney (Sulzman) Jacques.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Patricia Beiker**, who passed away on December 14, 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, 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.

Notes from the Pastor

Communal Penance Services (Confessions) for Advent is this Sunday, December 21 at 2:00pm.

Christmas Masses. Christmas Eve Masses this year will at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. The 4:00pm Mass will include a special children's homily. The Christmas Morning Mass will be at 9:00am. There will be no 7:00am Mass.

Merry Christmas. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Also thank you for your many thoughtful cards and gifts. They are greatly appreciated.

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 the church. A donation may be given, if you so desire, by placing it in the Sunday Collection. They may a good Christmas gift.

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.

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. On Thursday, January 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is a holyday of obligation. We will follow the Weekend Mass schedule: Mass on Wednesday, December 31st will be at 5:30pm and on Thursday, January 1st at 7:00am and 9:00am. *There will be no morning Mass on Wednesday, December 31st. Ministries will be all volunteer.*

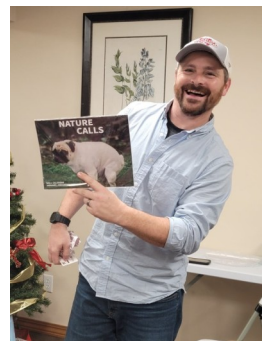
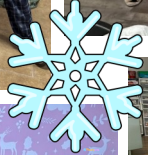
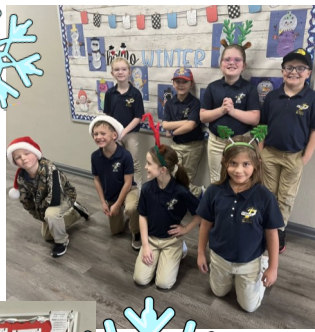
Have a good week! Fr. Dana



*To those who purchased a gift for the
Ellis Food Pantry Youth and
the Ellis Good Samaritan Center Residents.
They are grateful for the thoughtfulness of
each and every one of you!*

It's Winter Break!

*Wishing our St. Mary's families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!
Enjoy these photos from our Christmas Spirit Week!*



YDisciples Celebrate Christmas Cheer

*A group who are more than just friends, but family in faith!
They gathered together for a meal, exchanged gifts, shared laughs,
created memories, and ended the evening with prayer!*

