



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 28, 2025
**The Holy Family of Jesus,
 Mary and Joseph**

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Parish: www.stmarysofellis.org
 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 29, 2025 – January 4, 2026

Mon: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
 Tue: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
 Wed: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
 Thu: Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21
 Fri: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
 Sat: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
 Sun: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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	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)
Mon	Dec 29	5:30 p.m.	Al Weber+
Tues	Dec 30	8:10 a.m.	Rulene Rosproy+ and Clayton Brown+
Wed	Dec 31	10:00 a.m. EGSC	Remy Mella & Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Dec 31	5:30 p.m.	Pat & Diane Kuhn Family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Jan 1	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
		9:00 a.m.	Ray Coupal Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Jan 2	8:10 a.m.	Otto (anniv) & Philamene Berens+ and Kathy Berens+
Sat	Jan 3	5:30 p.m.	A.A. & Clara Herman+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Jan 4	7:00 a.m.	Remy Mella & Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Jan 4	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for January 3 & 4, 2026

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Clarence Rupp Gary Luea	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Barney Boos	Jackie Flax Mindy Eck Curtis Weber
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Olivia & Vincent Eck
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Emily Mattheyer	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Darren & Alyson Johnson Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	Cody & Megan Honas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	January 4 (Sun)	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	January 2 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	January 4 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	January 3 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. January 4 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zervas Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	January	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Wed	Dec. 31	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm
Thurs	Jan. 1	Happy New Year! Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>Mass @ 7:00am & 9:00am Parish Office Closed
Sun	Jan. 4	Epiphany Blessing of the Homes
Mon	Jan. 5	School Resumes

Feast Day of Solemnity of Mary
Wednesday, December 31 @ 5:30pm
Thursday, January 1 @ 7:00am & 9:00am

All Ministries for the Holyday of Solemnity of Mary Masses will be Volunteer.
Music for Dec. 31 @ 5:30pm by Clyde & Cheryl.
Music for Jan. 1 @ 9am by Nancy C.

Parish Announcements

- **No Eucharistic Adoration:** No Adoration on January 1st. We will resume on January 8, 2026.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you donated to the flower fund and/or provided your own poinsettia, names of your loved ones will be showcased in next week's bulletin to make sure we don't miss anyone.
- **Parish Office will be Closed** at 12:30pm on Wednesday, Dec. 31 through Thursday, January 1.
- **January & February Mass Intention Openings:** There are a few dates open in January and February for Mass Intentions. If you would like to schedule one 2026, please call the Parish Office to see what is available. A stipend of **\$10.00 per Mass** is suggested. Masses are scheduled on a *first come, first serve* basis. Please be prepared to follow the Mass Intentions Guidelines when scheduling.
- **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.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The first Coffee & Donuts for 2026 is scheduled for the Second Sunday, January 14th following 9:00am Mass! We invite you and your family to come down to the church basement to join us for donuts, orange juice and coffee!

Notes from the Pastor

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Thursday, January 1st is 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 31 at 5:30pm and Thursday, January 1 & 7:00am and 9:00am. *There will be no morning Mass on Wednesday.*

Feast of Epiphany—Chalking the Door. The Feast of Epiphany will be celebrated next Sunday, January 4. We will have available containers of holy water with a piece of chalk taped to it. It is for each family to take home to bless their home. The Blessing of Homes, as part of the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, is a custom that many people have adopted. The family gathers together to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

2026 Calendars are available in the back of church on the table.

News From the Diocese:

Year-end Gifts. As we approach the end of the year, now is a wonderful time to support the ministries that shape our Catholic community. A gift to your parish, your Catholic school, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, or our seminarians makes a lasting difference. Your generosity helps our Church continue its mission today and for years to come. To learn more or make a gift, visit www.givecfds.org. Thank you for sharing your blessings!

College Scholarships. Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina! There are three scholarship opportunities available for the 2026-2027 school year. The application process is online and opened on Nov. 1, 2025. Students are encouraged to apply by March 1, 2026 at www.givecfds.org/scholarships.

- **Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship:** Applicant must be an active, registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships are approximately \$500.
- **Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship:** Applicant must be attending an accredited Catholic College as a full-time student and an active, registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships vary but range from \$1,000-\$3,000.
- **Susie Deges Scholarship:** This scholarship is specifically for high school seniors in the Diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). This scholarship is \$1,000.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **SAVE THE DATE—Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting on January 8, 2026!** We invite you to attend our first meeting of the New Year, starting with a Soup Supper at 6:00pm, followed by Business Meeting at 6:30pm at the Knights Hall. All in attendance are encouraged to wear blue for National human Trafficking Awareness.
- **Movie Night!!!** St. Fidelis of Victoria is hosting a movie night, showing *Fighting Spirit: A Combat Chaplain's Journey*, on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Capuchin Spiritual Life Center, 900 Cathedral, (enter on the east side of friary). For more information, contact Stephanie at 785-735-4747.
- **Women's Day of Reflection:** All women are invited to join us on Sunday, January 18th at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays from 1:00-4:00pm. The afternoon will begin with Joann Emerick from Hoxie presenting on Venerable Emil Kapaun, Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War, followed by Tony Gabel, of Hays, doing a teaching on the 1st Saturday devotion and our Lady of Fatima. Both will be very enlightening, spiritual talks. Interested in attending: RSVP to Elaine Peters at 785-534-0546 or elainepeters56@yahoo.com. Sponsored by Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

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, 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.

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Prayer Chain Warriors

If you or someone you know needs extra prayers, we have a group of Prayer Warriors ready to pray!
Call Agneta K. at 785-639-0641 to add to the prayer list or to become a Prayer Warrior!

Parish Offering: December 20–21

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$900.25

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,080.00

Total Giving.....\$3,980.25

This weekend's collection is below by \$2,864.75.

School Announcements

December 29, 2025 - January 2, 2026: Christmas Break

- **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-8thGraders! 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!*



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God *Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass Times: Wednesday, December 31 at 5:30pm
Thursday, January 1 at 7:00am & 9:00am



May your **FAITH** be increased as we
celebrate His birth,
May your **HOPE** spring eternal while
you're here on the earth,
May **LOVE** lead your heart
to God's baby boy,
May His grace and salvation bring
you daily **JOY**,
MERRY CHRISTMAS and
have a **BLESSED** 2026!

*Thank
you!*

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!