

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord



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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

January 5 - January 11

Mon: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

Wed: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

Thu: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22

Fri: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

Sat: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

Sun: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Matthew 3:13-17

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	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
Mon	Jan 5	5:30 p.m.	Henry Zody+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Jan 6	8:10 a.m.	Larry Dinkel+
Wed	Jan 7	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
EGSC		10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Jan 8	8:10 a.m.	John (anniv) & Agnes Befort+ and Manny Befort+ Families (liv/dec)
Fri	Jan 9	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Sat	Jan 10	5:30 p.m.	Thomas & Bertillie Windholz+ Family (l/d)
Sun	Jan 11	7:00 a.m.	Larry Dinkel+
Sun	Jan 11	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for January 10 & 11

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Perry Mick	Nicole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Clarence Rupp Gary Luea	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Richard Bollig	Sara Eck Paula Wasinger Peggy Seibel
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Vincent & Olivia Eck
Cantor / Musician	<i>Volunteer(s) Needed</i>	Abby Serpan Cheryl Lang
Ushers & Greeters	Darren & Alyson Johnson Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	Cody & Megan Honas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	January 11 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	January 9 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	January 11 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	January 10 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. January 11 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	January	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Parish Offering: Christmas Day & Dec. 27–28

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

Christmas Collection.....\$6,095.00

Weekly Offertory Loose Plate = \$1,222.00 + Adult Envelopes = \$3,175.00

Total Giving.....\$10,492.00

This weekend's collection is above by \$3,647.00.

Meetings & Events

S/S	Jan. 3/4	Blessing of Your Home—Chalking the Door
Sun	Jan. 4	Epiphany
Mon	Jan. 5	SMS School Resumes
Wed	Jan. 7	CCD Resumes @ 7pm
Thurs	Jan. 8	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm
Sun	Jan. 11	Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass

Parish Announcements

- **Thank You....**to all who dropped off goodies and shared Christmas Cheer and New Year Wishes to the Parish Office. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is admired. Here's to a new year full of blessings! - Emily M.
- **Epiphany Blessing of Your Home:** Containers of holy water and a piece of chalk are available for you to take and bless your home. Sprinkle holy water around your home, in each room, and write 20+C+M+B+26 above your entrance door. The CMB means "May Christ bless the home," the "+" signifies the cross, and the number for the year 2026.
- **Religious Education (CCD) Resumes:** We will begin CCD Classes on Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00pm. Please have students meet their teachers in the school cafeteria! *YDisciples will return on January 14.*
- **Eucharistic Adoration will resume on January 8.**
- **Second Sunday, Coffee & Donuts:** Make plans to join us in the church basement after 9am Mass on **Sunday, January 11** for an assortment of Daylight Donuts, coffee and orange juice!
- **Parish Prayer List:** We will be refreshing our list on January 25. Please notify the Parish Office to keep or add your loved one's name to it.
- **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.
- **2025 Year-End Parish Tithing Reports** will be provided upon request from parishioners. If you wish to have a copy of your yearly report, call or email the Parish Office. We are able to print, mail and/or email it to you. Review the information and let us know if your records do not agree.

Notes from the Pastor

Feast of Epiphany – Chalking the Door. Containers of holy water were blessed during each Mass this weekend. You can pick up a container after the Mass. If any extra containers available, they will be on the big table in the back of church. Instructions are included with each container.

FYI. I have been working the past several weeks on the lilac bushes on the east side of the parking lot. They haven't been attended to for probably 20 years or more. The research I did says they require yearly pruning to keep from getting out of control. So, after so many years they were out of control! They collected a lot of leaves, grass and trash. I filled up over 60 bags of debris! There were a lot of dead branches crowding out the live branches and a lot of leaves and trash caught in between branches. The options were either to cut the bushes down or remove them. I tried to cut them down, but there were too many dead branches to remove and too many off shoot branches to prune that I decided just to remove them. Right now, the plan is to level out the area and plant grass. Down the road we could plant some type bushes or trees, if we would like to.

Auction Time. It is time for planning and preparing for our annual parish auction, which is Saturday, March 28. The theme this year is from the Wizard of Oz: "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." I think it will be an exciting and fun theme to plan for. One of our first tasks is to bring the Procurement Committee together to start procuring items for the silent and live auctions. I'll be inviting passed committee members to be on the committee again. If anyone would like to help out, let us know.

This committee doesn't just involve soliciting, i.e., going out to businesses to solicit items, but also involves coming up with unique item ideas and experiences that we can pursue. We, also, need people with connections that can be tapped into (e.g., friends with business owners or connections to a sports team or other connections). This committee would also help promote, set up and display the items procured. It will be a lot of fun!

Would you like to be on the decoration committee, to help decorate the venue for the night of the auction? A lot of fun things could be done with our theme! Let us know if you would like to participate. We want the night to be fun and exciting, so we need all the help we can get.

We will be giving weekly auction updates in future bulletins and on our Facebook page, so stay tuned!

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

"You are called by God. He does not always call the qualified—but he always qualifies the called. Have faith in him."

~Henry Libersat, Catholic and Confident

Parish Organizations

- **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 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.
- **Meal Train for Second Semester:** The YDisciples group of 25+ high school students & mentors gather together each Wednesday for a light meal before breaking into group discussion. They are asking for help feeding the group each week! If you can and are willing to donate toward or provide a meal for the group, please scan the QR Code or contact Craig Seibel to see which dates are available! Your support will be greatly appreciated!
- **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

Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Doug Donner, 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.

♦ ♦ ♦ **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!

School Announcements

January 5—School Resumes

January 12—Home & School Meeting @ 6pm

- **Monarch For A Day:** Students in the 5th-8th Grade are invited to TMP-Marian on Friday, January 9th at 7:55am-12:30pm to learn what our school has to offer! Lunch is included! Transportation provided upon request. Register by contacting Brenda Rose at 785- 625-6577 or email 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. *St. Mary's 6th Grade Class is planning to attend the morning.*
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Home & School Monthly Meeting will be Monday, January 12th at 6:00pm! At this meeting we'll be discussing the Carnival that happens on January 25th! Any volunteer help will be greatly appreciated for that day—plan to attend and share your ideas/thoughts to making this big fundraiser a success!



You're Invited
MONARCH FOR A DAY
Open to all 5th - 8th Graders!
Thomas More Prep-Marian Junior High
Friday, January 9th
7:55 AM - 12:30 PM

Come join us for the morning to learn what the school has to offer! Lunch is included. Transportation provided upon request.

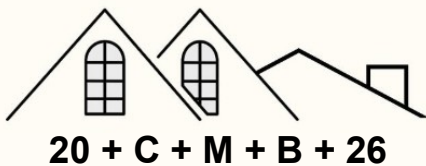
REGISTER NOW

Please contact Brenda Rose
(785) 625-6577
rose@tmpmarian.org

GO, MONARCHS!



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 H. (785-259-2628) or Becky S. (785-639-1654). Please attach a note with your name (for a thank you!) if you wish. *Thank you for your generosity to our school!*



BLESSING OF THE HOME ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

These numbers represent the year (2026). The Letters represent both the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and the phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicact", which is Latin for "May Christ Bless the House."

Christmas Flowers In Memory & Honoring:

- A.A. & Clara Herman Family & Grandchildren by Nitzi Vontz • Andrew & Clara Kuhn, Lucille Kuhn, Rita Kuhn and Claudia Bailey by Josita Dreiling and Agneta Kuhn
- Gay & Mary Henderson by Paula Lerch • Don R. Younger by Rita Younger Family
- David Seibel, Mark Seibel, and Edwin & Anna Seibel by Verla Seibel
- Paula & Irene Boos, Thomas L. Boos, Gerald Boos, and Mark Boos by Rita Younger
- Daughters of Isabella • Al Weber by Vicki Weber • Marion & Leslie Dorzweiler, Joe & Anna Dreiling, and Leo & Mary Dorzweiler by Rose Dorzweiler • Don C. Staab by Amy Staab & Family
- Jim & Agnes Wannamaker, Jennifer Simpkins, Doris & Adair Shubert, and Rosalie Shubert by Bruce & Jackie Shubert • Rudy & Agnes Waldschmidt, Ernie & Muriel Fink, Rick Fink, Ronnie & Diane Waldschmidt, and Richard Waldschmidt by Ernie & Connie Fink • The Metzler Family
- Scott & Irene Niernberger by Jolene Niernberger • Francis Flax, Marjorie Flax, Jonathan Flax and Fred Taylor by Rod & Bernadette Taylor • John Rupp, Theresa Rupp and Arlene Rupp from The Rupp Family • Harold Bittel, Leslie Dorzweiler, and Marion Dorzweiler by Dennis Bittel Family • Gary Lynn, John, Marge, Larry & Sybil Luea, and Mildred Jinks by Gary & Shyrl Luea Family • Marion Dorzweiler and Tom & Tillie Windholz by Duane & Karen Dorzweiler • Phillip & Anna Flax from Their Daughters & Families • David Dreiling, Earl & Luella Lambecht, and Alfred & Martha Dreiling by Gail Dreiling • Nichole Diane Kuhn, Kaden Lee Shannon, Clarence & Alice Honas, John & Bernadine Kuhn, and David F. Kuhn by Pat & Diane Kuhn Family
- Donna Honas and Mark Honas by Norbert Honas Family • Bob & Virginia Kinderknecht, Larry Kinderknecht and Larry M. Cox by Lisa Cox & Family • Albert & Jenny Pfeifer from Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer
- Irvin & Darlene Werth and Ernest Sr. & Rosemary Pfeifer by Dave & LuAnn Pfeifer Family.