

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637



January 11, 2026 | The Baptism 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 12 - January 18

Mon: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
Tue: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
Thu: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17
Sun: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; John 1:29-34

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 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
Mon	Jan 12	5:30 p.m.	Members of Daughters of Isabella (liv/dec)
Tues	Jan 13	8:10 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+, Virginia & Danny Robinett+ and Bill Weber, Sr. +
Wed	Jan 14	8:10 a.m.	Andrew "Andy" Kuhn+
EGSC 10:00 a.m. For the Residents & families (liv/dec)			
Thurs	Jan 15	8:10 a.m.	Donnie & Christine Aschenbrenner Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Jan 16	8:10 a.m.	Mary Wasinger+
Sat	Jan 17	5:30 p.m.	Norman Rupp+ (anniv)
Sun	Jan 18	7:00 a.m.	Larry Dinkel+ (anniv)
Sun	Jan 18	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for January 17 & 18

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Darin & April Reed Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Peggy Seibel Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Kinzie Sunley	John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	(Volunteers Needed)	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Darren & Alyson Johnson Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	Cody & Megan Honas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	January 18 (Sun)	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	January 16 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	January 18 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	January 17 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. January 18 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rose Dorzweiler Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	January	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber
Coffee & Donuts Host	January	Brian Serpan Family

Meetings & Events

Sun	Jan. 11	Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass
Mon	Jan. 12	Home & School Meeting @ 6pm School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tues	Jan. 13	Auction "Brainstorming Party" at 5:30pm
Wed	Jan. 14	Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7pm
Thurs	Jan. 15	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm
Mon	Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School—Parish Office Closed

Parish Announcements

- **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!
- **Christmas Poinsettias Available:** If you wish to enjoy the beauty of a poinsettia in your home from our Church Christmas decorations, come get one (or two) after this Sunday's (January 11) 9:00am Mass! They will be available on a first come, first serve basis!
- **YDisciples:** It's time for us to gather together again! Plan to meet on Wednesday, January 14, in the church basement, for supper at 6:30pm followed by group breakout to watch and discuss a new series: *NEVER ALONG, Life with the Holy Spirit*, Sessions 1 (Belonging) & Session 2 (Guided).
- **Parish Office Closed:** We will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. We'll be back open on Tuesday, January 20.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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!



Notes from the Pastor

Parish Auction Update. I'm planning to meet with the Procurement Team this week. I've tentatively scheduled for this Tuesday, January 13 at 5:30pm for a "Procurement Party," beginning with pizza followed by reviewing last year's auction, discussing the procurement strategy for this year and brainstorming our auction wish list. I invite anyone who would like to come to the party and have fun to come join us! You won't, necessarily, need to solicit items. We need creative "brain power" for ideas!

Catholic Schools Week begins on the last week of the month, January 25 – January 31. The theme this year is: "Catholic Schools: United in Faith & Community." The event highlights the value of Catholic education through special Masses, school activities, and community engagement, focusing on forming students in faith, knowledge, and service. The NCEA website, in promoting Catholic Schools Week, states the following: "Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community." It is a great blessing to have a Catholic School in our parish and community, especially in the world we live in today. Watch the bulletin and school Facebook page for details.

First Reconciliation & First Communion. We have scheduled times for First Reconciliation and Holy First Communion. First Reconciliation is scheduled for Sunday, February 15 at 2:00pm. Holy First Communion will be on April 12 (the Sunday after Easter) at the 9:00am Mass.

Catechism Trivia

16. To whom is given the task of authentically interpreting the deposit of faith? The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the deposit of faith has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone, that is, to the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, and to the bishops in communion with him. To this Magisterium, which in the service of the Word of God enjoys the certain charism of truth, belongs also the task of defining dogmas which are formulations of the truths contained in divine Revelation. This authority of the Magisterium also extends to those truths necessarily connected with Revelation.

Further reading: CCC 85-90, 100

17. What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium? Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium are so closely united with each other that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls. *Further reading: CCC 95*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting:** Members let's kick off the new year with a business meeting to discuss upcoming events on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00pm, followed by cards and fellowship.
- **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.
- **TMP-M Seeks Custodian:** TMP-Marian is in search of a custodian! This position requires light kitchen duties as well as maintenance and cleaning. Open to either full time or part time applicants. Benefits include (full time only): Money toward individual or family health insurance plan, Matching up to 3% of salary into a retirement plan, Free school lunches! Additional information about the position may be found at: <https://www.tmp-m.org/o/tmpm/page/employment-opportunities>

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Travis Paul Honas**, who was baptized here on January 3, 2026. Son of Samuel & Abigail (North) Honas.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Ronald "Ronnie" Herl**, who passed away January 8, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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.

Parish Offering: New Years Day & Jan. 3 & 4

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

New Year's Day Collection.....\$2,079.00

Weekly Offertory Loose Plate = \$1,916 + Adult Envelopes = \$4,596

Total Giving.....\$8,591.00

This weekend's collection is above by \$1,746.00.

School Announcements

Monday, January 12

Home & School Meeting @ 6pm
School Council Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday, January 14

St. Mary's School Spelling Bee @ 2pm in Gym

Thursday, January 15

Birthday Lunch



SAVE THE DATE:
JANUARY 25
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
CARNIVAL
Mass @ 9:00am
followed by Soup Lunch,
Carnival Games, and
Raffle Prizes!

Catholic Schools Week 2026
JANUARY 25 - 31, 2026

- **Home & School January 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!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

St. Mary's Carnival Help: The School Carnival is one of the major fundraisers for St. Mary's School. Our success depends on all families helping with donations and volunteering. We appreciate each and every one of you and thank you for your continued help with these activities to kick off Catholic Schools Week! Would you be willing to volunteer to help work a carnival game? What about help serve the soup luncheon? Make a donation toward prizes for games, cakewalk, Raffle, etc.? Please call or stop by the School Office if you are willing to lend a helping hand! (*High School Students—this is a great opportunity for community service hours!*)

Work Shifts during Carnival:

- ☐ Set-up Friday, Jan. 23 @ 3pm
- ☐ Work Game Booth, Sunday, Jan 25 @ 10am-Noon
- ☐ Work Game Booth, Sunday, Jan 25 @ Noon-2pm
- ☐ Clean-up following carnival @ 2pm

Work Shifts at the Soup Lunch

- ☐ Kitchen Help @ 7am-9:30am
- ☐ Kitchen Help @ 9:30am-Noon
- ☐ Kitchen Help @ 12pm-2:30pm

Donations Needed:

- ☐ Carnival small prizes (box of fruit snacks or granola bars, suckers, small toys, bracelets, tattoos, etc.)
- ☐ Cakes for the Cakewalk (small cakes, 6 cupcakes, etc.)
- ☐ Items for Country Kitchen Concessions (bake sale items, breads, cookies, trail mixes, candies)
- ☐ Carnival Prize Donations (big or small, used in our Prize Central Room)

Thanks to a gracious donor, we have all the pop covered this year for our Pop Ring Toss Game!

- **Carnival Game Tickets are Now on Sale:** You may purchase Game Tickets NOW until the end of the school day on Friday, January 23 for a special price of (5) tickets for \$1.00! The day of the carnival, tickets will be (4) for \$1.00. You may stop in the School office to get tickets or send money to school with a student for tickets to be sent home! *Watch for an announcement for when Raffle Chances will be available!*

Community Announcements

- **Ellis Alumni Association Class Contacts Meeting:** The first Class Contacts meeting will be this Sunday, January 11 at 2:00pm at the EHS Alumni Room. This year's Alumni Banquet honors classes ending in 1's and 6's. ALL classes are encouraged to attend the special 125th Anniversary event in May. Rules have changed for this year's Golf Tournament; if you can't attend Jan. 11, please contact the Alumni Association for information.
- **Ellis Food Box January Distribution** is this Monday, January 12 from 3:00-6:00pm at 210 Madison! Use our convenient drive-thru for pick up! No income restricts! Open to residents living within the USD 388!



Diocese Announcements

- **Celebrating the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Hope,** with over 695,300 Memorares prayer and cards returned.
- **Kansas March for Life:** The Kansas March for Life will be held at the Topeka Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, January 28. Please join us! Go to <http://kfl.org/marchforlife/> for more information.
- **College Scholarships:** There are three scholarship opportunities available for the 2026-2027 school year. The application process is online and open NOW! Students are encouraged to apply by **March 1, 2026** at givecfds.org/scholarships.