

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**January 18, 2026
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



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Parish: www.stmarysofellis.org
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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 17 - Sept. 13, 2026

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 19 - January 25

Mon: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Tue: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Wed: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

Thu: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

Sat: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

Sun: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Matthew 4:12-23

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	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
Mon	Jan 19	5:30 p.m.	Margaret Wiesner+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Jan 20	8:10 a.m.	Joseph F. & Mary A. Weber+
Wed	Jan 21	8:10 a.m.	LaVerne Dinkel+ and David Dinkel+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Tim Kohl+ and Don Kohl+
Thurs	Jan 22	8:10 a.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
Fri	Jan 23	8:10 a.m.	Andrew "Andy" Kuhn+
Sat	Jan 24	5:30 p.m.	John & Anna Hammerschmidt+ Fam. (l/d)
Sun	Jan 25	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Jan 25	9:00 a.m.	Lawrence Locker+

Ministries for January 24 & 25

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	School Students
Presentation of Gifts	Brian & Michelle Frickey Family	School Students
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Sarah Eck Geri Augustine Jackie Flax
Servers	Caleb, Landon, & Mason Schield	School Students
Cantor / Musician	Amy Staab Cheryl Lang	School Students
Ushers & Greeters	Darren & Alyson Johnson Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	Cody & Megan Honas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	January 25 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	January 23 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	January 25 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	January 17 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. January 18 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	January	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Parish Offering: January 10 & 11

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$967.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$10,829.00

Total Giving.....\$11,796.00

This weekend's collection is above by \$4,951.00.

Meetings & Events

Sun	Jan. 18	Musicians Planning Meeting @ 10:00am
Mon	Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School (Teacher In-Service) Parish Office Closed
Thurs	Jan. 22	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm
S-S	Jan. 25-30	Catholic Schools Week
Sun	Jan. 25	School Carnival & Soup Lunch 10am-2pm
Mon	Jan. 26	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **Parish Prayer List:** We will be refreshing our list on after this weekend. Please notify the Parish Office to keep or add your loved one's name to it.
- **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.
- **YDisciples:** Let's continue on with great discussion of the series: *NEVER ALONE, Life of the Holy Spirit*, Session 3 (Empowered) & Session 4 (Alive) - Wednesday, January 21! Meal served at 6:30pm with group breakout following.
- **School Carnival—Sunday, January 25:** We invite you to join us in the school gym next week Sunday as we share the excitement of Catholic Schools Week with our students, teachers and staff! One kind reminder: Please use the South-East Gym Door to enter and please utilize the church parking lot and surrounding side streets to park for the event. We ask the lot behind the school is used for Handicap Parking Only!
- **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

Auction Update: Save the Date for our 31st Annual Auction on Saturday, March 28, 2026!

- **Procurement Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 20 @ 5:30pm:** I'm hosting another meeting with the Procurement Committee this week, in the church basement, to continue reviewing last year's auction donors and donations and brainstorming ideas for this year's auction. **We could use more help!** The big push right now is the procurement of items, both silent and live auctions. Again, this committee is not just about soliciting items, but coming up with ideas for items to procure, promoting items, setting up and displaying items on the night of the auction, etc. With some cash donations, the committee will be able to purchase items to create unique baskets; another area this committee can help with and focus on. If anyone has connections to businesses and friends who could be asked for a donation (monetary or item), please come to the meeting and help us or let us know.
- **Letter to Businesses** will be going out this week.
- **Letters to Parishioners and Guests:** A guest list for potential bidders (parishioners, SMS Alumni, past participants) is being drafted and will be sent out very soon.
- **Auction Website:** We are working designing the auction website. This year's theme is a fun one to work with, "Follow the Yellow Brick Road!"
- **A Save the Date:** A business sized, "You are invited to attend St. Mary's 31st Annual Auction" card has been created. The idea is to hand these out to people (friends, relatives, businesses, etc.) as a more personal invitation to attend our auction. These will be made available to parishioners to give out to personally invite people to our auction.

Catholic Schools Week begins next Sunday, January 25 –January 31. The theme this year is: "Catholic Schools: United in Faith & Community." It is a great blessing to have a Catholic School in our parish, especially in the world we live in today. Our school will participate in this annual celebration with activities for students, families, and parishioners Everyone is invited to come to the School Carnival next Sunday, from 10:00am—2:00pm to enjoy soup, games and raffle prizes.

First Reconciliation & First Communion. Our 2nd Graders are preparing for these two sacraments. Dates have been set: First Reconciliation will be on Sunday, February 15 at 2:00pm. Holy First Communion will be on Sunday, April 12 at 9:00am Mass.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **BUNCO with Ellis Daughters of Isabella:** Mark your calendars to join the Ellis D of I Ladies on Thursday, January 22 at 6:00pm for a fun evening at the Knights Hall! Snacks provided!
- **TMP-M Seeks Custodian:** TMP-Marian is searching for 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>

Diocese Announcements

- **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.
 - ★ **Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship:** Applicant must be an active, registered member of Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. (approx. \$500.)
 - ★ **Marymount Memorial Education 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. (Range from \$1,000-\$3,000)
 - ★ **Susie Deges Scholarship:** For high school seniors, specifically, in the Diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). (\$1,000)

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.

School Announcements

Monday, January 19
No School—Teacher In Service

Tuesday, January 20
Mr. Tebo's Virtue Crew LOFT Lunch

★ **SAVE THE DATE: Catholic Schools Week 2026!** We invite you to help us kick off Catholic Schools Week with Mass on **Sunday, January 25th** at 9:00am featuring our students in the ministries! Following Mass, head on over to the school gym for our annual School Carnival! Soup Luncheon and Carnival Games will begin at 10:00am! Soup Lunch served in the cafeteria. Menu is Chicken & Noodle, Green Bean Dumpling and Chili, along with a Cinnamon Roll and fresh veggies! There will be all sorts of games going on in the gym for all ages! **Purchase your Game Tickets Early: (5) tickets for \$1.00 before Friday, January 23rd in the school office or the day of for 25 cents each.** Don't forget to purchase your chance to win a Raffle prize! We have included a sheet of them in this week's bulletin for you to fill out and return to the carnival! **Raffle Tickets are (1) for \$1.00, (6) for \$5.00, or (10) for \$12.00!** Kountry Kitchen Concessions will be open with tasty treats to purchase to help sooth your thirst or appetite throughout the day! We can't wait to see you at the Carnival!

- ★ **Sunday: Celebrating Our Parish**
- ★ **Monday: Celebrating Our Community**
- ★ **Tuesday: Celebrating Our Students**
- ★ **Wednesday: Celebrating Vocations**
- ★ **Thursday: Celebrating Our Nation**
- ★ **Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff & Volunteers**
- ★ **Saturday: Celebrating Families**



SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Sunday, January 25, 2026
10:00am—2:00pm

Soup Luncheon: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Chili, Green Bean Dumpling, Chicken Noodle, Cinnamon Roll, Relishes, & Drink
\$8.00 for Adults | \$5.00 for Kids

Carnival Games: 10:00am - 2:00pm

- Game Tickets 25¢ each
- Raffle Tickets \$1.00 each
- Raffle Drawing 1:30pm

St. Mary's School Gymnasium | 605 Monroe, Ellis, KS



Bake Sale Items Needed: We are in need of bake sale items (brownies, pies, cookies, breads/rolls, candies, "Grab & Enjoy" snacks, etc. for the Kountry Kitchen Concession Stand at the Carnival! We are also needing Cakes and/or Cupcakes for the Cake Walk! Purchased baked goods are welcome for the Cake Walk as well. If you wish to donate bake sale items and/or cake/cupcakes, items may be dropped off to the School on Friday, January 23rd during the school day or Sunday, January 25 between 8:00-10:00am in the school gym.

Community Announcements



National Popcorn Day at the Ellis Rec: Join us to Celebrate National Popcorn Day at the ERC Office on Monday, January 19th, 10:00am-2:00pm! Free to attend! Lots of varieties and toppings to create your own!

- **Ellis Fire Department Pancake Fundraiser - Wednesday, January 21:** Let your local firefighters cook dinner for you and your family on Wednesday, evening beginning at 5:00-7:30pm at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall! Enjoy pancakes, sausage, and drinks by giving a free will donation.
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** Your future starts here. Let Golden Belt Telephone help you pay for college. They are accepting Scholarship Applications now for the following: *FRS Scholarship, due Feb. 16, *WTA Trade School Scholarship, due Feb. 27, and *GBT General Scholarship, due March 16. For more information on these scholarships, visit GBTA.net/about/community/scholarships



ELLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pancake FUNDRAISER
FREE WILL DONATIONS

Wed., Jan. 21, 2026
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall

Let Your Local Fireman Cook Your Dinner!

Pancakes • Sausage • Drinks