

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

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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 26 - February 1

Mon: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:22-30
Tue: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
Wed: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
Thu: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25
Fri: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34
Sat: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41
Sun: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Matthew 5:12a

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 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+
Mon	Jan 26	5:30 p.m.	Berniece Shank+
Tues	Jan 27	8:10 a.m.	David F.+ & Alice Fox
Wed	Jan 28	8:10 a.m.	Frank & Anna Schuster+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Jan 29	8:10 a.m.	Jeannie Keller+
Fri	Jan 30	8:10 a.m.	Syl Rome+
Sat	Jan 31	5:30 p.m.	Lawrence+ & Norma Lang, William & Rose Augustine+ and Ignatz & Rosa Lang+ Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 1	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 1	9:00 a.m.	Gilbert Augustine+

Ministries for January 31 & February 1

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zervas	School Students
Presentation of Gifts	Sandy Honas Gary Luea	School Students
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Barney Boos	Lacie Haas Paula Wasinger Curtis Weber
Servers	Chase Aschenbrenner Maverick Swagerty	School Students
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	School Students Emily Mattheyer
Ushers & Greeters	Darren & Alyson Johnson Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	School Students

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	February 1 (Sun)	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	January 30 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	February 1 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	January 31 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. February 1 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	February	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Jan. 25	School Carnival & Soup Lunch <i>POSTPONED!</i>
M-F	Jan. 25-31	Catholic Schools Week
Mon	Jan. 26	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tue	Jan. 27	SMS Talent Show @ 2:00pm
Thurs	Jan. 29	Celebrating our Nation at 8:10am Mass Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri	Jan. 30	CSW Mass w/Bishop at IHM @ 10am
Sun	Feb. 1	School Carnival & Soup Lunch 10am-2pm
Mon	Feb. 2	Home & School Assoc. Meeting @ 6pm School Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **School Carnival POSTPONED!** Due to extremely cold temps, we have rescheduled our School Carnival and Soup Lunch to *next Sunday, February 1st, 10:00am-2:00pm!* We invite you to join us in the school gym as we wrap up our Catholic Schools Week celebration with our students, teachers and staff! One kind reminder: Please use the South-East Gym Door to enter and utilize the church parking lot and surrounding side streets to part for the event. There will only be Handicap Parking available behind the school!
- **Thursday, January 29 Daily Mass—Celebrating our Nation during Catholic Schools Week:** Our students will be celebrating a special Mass for our nation at 8:10am Mass. We invite past/present service men and women to attend with us as we have a flag procession, patriotic music, prayers and petitions for our country!
- **YDisciples:** You are invited to join us for Session 5 (Pray for Release of Holy Spirit) of *NEVER ALONE, Life of the Holy Spirit* on Wednesday, January 28! Meal at 6:30pm with group discussion to follow.
- **Blessing of Throats:** The Feast of St. Blaise is Monday, February 2. we will have the blessing of throats at each of the weekend Masses on January 30 & February 1, and Monday, February 2 at 5:30pm Mass.
- **Parish Prayer List:** We have refreshed our list! Please notify the Parish Office to add your loved one's name to it.

Parish Offering: January 17 & 18

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,095.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,707.00

Total Giving.....\$4,802.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$2,043.00.

Notes from the Pastor

Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is this week, January 25–January 30. Because of the weather, the carnival and the soup lunch have been rescheduled to next Sunday, February 1. *Mass with the Bishop* for our school is 10:00am Friday, January 30 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Feast of St. Blasé (Blessing of Throats). The Feast of St. Blasé, bishop and martyr is next Monday, February 2nd. It has been a tradition is to bless people's throats on this feast. To keep the tradition going, we will have the blessing of the throats after the weekend Masses, January 31 & February 1, at Monday's 5:30pm Mass (the actual feast day) and again on Tuesday, February 3 (school Mass).

First Reconciliation & First Communion. Our second graders are preparing for their First Reconciliation, which is scheduled for Sunday, February 15 at 2:00pm. A Parents/Students meeting is set for Sunday, February 8th at 2:00pm, in the church basement, to talk about the sacrament and to go over what we will be doing. First Communion is set for Sunday, April 12th at 9:00am Mass.

Auction Update (Saturday, March 28):

- ♦ *Business Letters have been sent.* A list of potential business donors, to send a "Request for Donation/Sponsorship" letter to was finalized this week and were mailed out. The Procurement Committee will follow up with businesses during the month of February. We need a lot more help in this area!
- ♦ *Auction Meeting, Tuesday at 5:30pm.* The procurement committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 27 at 5:30pm in the church basement to begin splitting up businesses to follow-up with. We will also begin brainstorming ideas for items. We would like to have ideas of what we might be able to ask for when approaching a donor. We need more brainpower! Please consider joining us! Over the last 23 years that I have been involved with auctions, I have accumulated a lot of material on auctions and the procurement of items. I'll be sharing some of that knowledge with the group on Tuesday.
- ♦ *Letters to parishioners and guests* will be going out the first week of February.
- ♦ *Business size invitation cards* have been created and will be made available next week for you, as parishioners, to hand out to friends and family members to invite them to attend the auction.
- ♦ *Auction website* has been created and should be able to launch next week.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Henry Michael Wiesner**, was baptized on January 17, 2026. Son of Isabella Wiesner.

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Denice Allen, 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, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Ramona Patten, 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.*

## 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 are 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](http://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 for high school seniors, specifically, in the Diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). (\$1,000)

## Happy Catholic Schools Week!



**"Why do you love  
St. Mary's Catholic School?"**

**Share with us!**

*With it being Catholic Schools Week –  
We invite each of you to take some time and stop by the big  
bulletin board in the back of church!  
Grab a marker and write up on the white paper the reason  
you love St. Mary's Catholic School!*

**Let's show our LOVE to our  
students, teachers, staff, and SMP community!**

# School Announcements

## Catholic Schools Week | United in Faith and Community

### ★ Sunday, January 25: Celebrating Our Parish

**POSTPONED** until Sunday, February 1st: School Carnival and Soup Luncheon from 10a-2pm! (See photo for details)

### ★ Monday, January 26: Celebrating Our Community

Students & Staff can make a free-will donation or bring a non-perishable food item for a **FREE DRESS DAY!** A donation will be made to the Ellis Food Pantry!

### ★ Tuesday, January 27: Celebrating the Students

You are invited to come to the **St. Mary's Student Talent Show** in the school gym at 2:00pm!

### ★ Wednesday, January 28: Celebrating Vocations

Students may "Flash Forward to the Future" by dressing for the job or vocation they feel God is calling them to.

### ★ Thursday, January 29: Celebrating Our Nation

We invite you, especially past/present service men and women, to a special Mass at 8:10am where we will have a flag procession, patriotic music, prayers and petitions for our country!

### ★ Friday, January 30: Celebrating Staff and Volunteers

Students will attend CSW Mass with Bishop & surrounding Catholic schools at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays, at 10am. St. Mary's Home & School Assoc. will be providing a special lunch and treats to all teachers and staff! In the afternoon, students & staff will participate in "Rock like St. Peter"—Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament, followed by a "Light Up Your Life with Jesus" dance party!

### ★ Saturday, January 31: Celebrating Families

We acknowledge the role of families in Catholic education and celebrate your contributions to the success of our school! **THANK YOU!**

- **Tickets & Baked Goods!** There is still time to purchase Game Tickets & chances for Raffle Prizes! Game Tickets are (5) tickets for \$1.00 before Friday, January 30th in the school office or the day of the Carnival for 25 cents each. We now have over 40 awesome prizes for all ages! Raffle Tickets are (1) for \$1.00, (6) for \$5.00, or (10) for \$12.00! **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 an/or cake/cupcakes, items may be dropped off to the School on Friday, January 30th during the school day or Sunday, February 1 between 8:00-10:00am in the school gym. See you at the Carnival!

- **Job Openings:** We have (2) teaching positions for the school year 2026-2027. If you or someone you know may be interested in teaching at St. Mary's School, please contact the School Office for an application by calling Mrs. Patti Park at 785-726-3185 or emailing [ppark@stmarysellis.net](mailto:ppark@stmarysellis.net). Applicants will be subject to a background check. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

- **Congratulations to all of the Classroom Spelling Bee Participants:** Here are the students who will be representing St. Mary's School at the Ellis County Spelling Bee on Monday, February 9 @ 7:00pm at Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center at FHSU. We invite you to join and support these students if you can!

(R-L) 1st Place: Shayden B., 2nd Place: Adalie H., 3rd Place: Landon S., 4th Place: Shaylie G., Alternate: Ainsley H.



**Catholic Schools Week**  
JAN. 25-30

- Sun.** Celebrating our Parish  
Soup Luncheon/Carnival: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Mon.** Celebrating our Community  
Free-Dress with free-will donation or non-perishable item
- Tues.** Celebrating our Students  
Student Talent Show
- Wed.** Celebrating Vocations  
Flash Forward to the Future  
Dress for the job or vocation you feel God is calling you to
- Thurs.** Celebrating Our Nation  
Wear red, white, and/or blue with your khakki pants or slacks
- Fri.** Celebrate Staff and Volunteers  
Mass with Bishop at IHM - 10:00  
Rock like St. Peter  
Virtue Crew Rock Paper Scissors Tournament  
Light up Your Life with Jesus  
Dance Party for students and staff



**St. Mary's SCHOOL CARNIVAL**  
**RESCHEDULED**  
**Sunday, February 1, 2026**  
**10:00am—2:00pm**  
Carnival Games & Soup Luncheon  
Chili, Green Bean Dumpling, Chicken Noodle, Cinnamon Roll, Relishes, & Drink  
\$8.00 for Adults, | \$5.00 for Kids

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

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

