

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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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

February 2 - February 8

Mon: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40

Tue: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43

Wed: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6

Thu: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

Fri: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

Sat: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Sun: Isaiah 58:7-10; Matthew 5:13-16

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 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+
Mon	Feb 2	5:30 p.m.	Julius & Dorothy Urban+
Tues	Feb 3	8:10 a.m.	Roberta Augustine+ (anniv)
Wed	Feb 4	8:10 a.m.	Gay Henderson+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Engelbert & Regina Erbert+ Family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Feb 5	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy & Lois Aschenbrenner Family (l/d)
Fri	Feb 6	8:10 a.m.	Sr. Doris Flax
Sat	Feb 7	5:30 p.m.	Paul & Stella Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 8	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 8	9:00 a.m.	Marvin King+

Ministries for February 7 & 8

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Roberta Augustine	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	Pat & Diane Kuhn	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Barney Boos	Sarah Eck Mindy Eck Peggy Seibel
Servers	Brecklynn Fischer Rylan Aschenbrenner	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft
Cantor / Musician	Men's Choir	Cheryl Lang Abby Serpan
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	February 8 (Sun)	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	February 6 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	February 8 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	February 7 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. February 8 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Peggy Siebel
Monthly Money Counters	February	Bob & Margie Mickelson
Coffee & Donuts Host	February	Bernice Karlin

Meetings & Events

Sun	Feb. 1	School Carnival & Soup Lunch 10am-2pm
Mon	Feb. 2	Groundhog Day! Feast Day of St. Blaise Home & School Assoc. Meeting @ 6pm School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tue	Feb. 3	Auction Procurement Meeting @ 5:30pm
Thurs	Feb. 5	Eucharistic Adoration @ 12:00pm-5:00pm
Sun	Feb. 8	World Marriage Day Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass First Reconciliation Parent/Student Mtg @ 2pm
Mon	Feb. 9	No School Daily Mass at 8:10am, not 5:30pm Ellis Co. Spelling Bee @ FHSU @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **School Carnival & Soup Luncheon is THIS 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 the Gym and utilize the church parking lot and surrounding side streets to park for the event. There will only be Handicap Parking available behind the school!
- **YDisciples:** We hope you will join us this week to learn how to recognize God's work in each of our lives! Gather in the church basement on February 4 at 6:30pm for a delicious meal with small groups to follow. Bring a Friend!
- **Eucharistic Adoration Opening Late Thursday:** Due to the funeral Mass for Cory Eberle on Thursday, February 5, Eucharistic Adoration will be open at 12:00pm until 5:00pm. Please keep the Eberle family in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Mass Intentions Rescheduled:** Due to Fr. Dana attending "Continuing Formation Days" for Priests next week, Feb. 9-12, a few Mass intentions for that week have been rescheduled to this week and the following week.
- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts** will be next Sunday, February 8th following 9:00am Mass! Come join us for fellowship, donuts and coffee or orange juice in the church basement!
- **First Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting:** Our 2nd Grade students are preparing for their First Reconciliation. A parent/student meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8 at 2:00pm in the church basement. Please enter on the south side stairs.

Notes from the Pastor

Feast of St. Blaisé (Blessing of Throats). The Feast of St. Blasié, bishop and martyr is 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 Mass this weekend, after 5:30pm Mass on Monday and again on Tuesday, February 3 after 8:10am Mass with the students.

World Marriage Sunday is next Sunday, February 8. It is a day of prayer, support and promotion of marriages and families. A special blessing will be given to married couples at our weekend Masses.

Priest Renewal Days. Our Annual Priest's "Continuing Formation Days" this year is scheduled for Monday, February 9 thru Thursday, February 12. Consequently, there will be no Masses that week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 10-12. Mass on Monday, February 9 will be at 8:10am instead of 5:30pm, so I can make my way to Wichita before 4:00pm.

First Reconciliation. We will have a 2nd Grade Parents/Students meeting next Sunday, February 8 at 2:00pm in the church basement to talk about the sacrament and to go over what we will be doing. Their First Reconciliation is scheduled for Sunday, February 15 at 2:00pm.

Auction Update:

- ◆ *Procurement Committee Meeting, Tuesday at 5:30pm.* The Procurement Committee will be meeting at 5:30pm in the church basement on Tuesday, Feb. 3 to begin splitting up businesses and to continue brainstorming ideas for items. We need help making phone calls to businesses as a follow-up on letters sent. We have a "script" to follow for a volunteer to help out can use in making calls. If you have some extra time, give Emily a call and we help set up you up with a list!
- ◆ *Letters to parishioners and guests* have been printed and will be mailed out Monday.
- ◆ *Business size invitation cards* have been created and are available for parishioners to hand out to friends and family members inviting them to attend the auction. Be sure to stop the table in the back of church to grab some! They are in "packets" of five cards.
- ◆ *Auction website* has been created is ready for viewing!

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Offering: January 24 & 25

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$521.00
Adult Envelopes.....\$3,164.00
Total Giving.....\$3,685.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$3,160.00.

Diocese Announcements

- **2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Next week is the kick-off for the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Through the Appeal, ministries that pass on the faith to our youth, support and care for our clergy, and strengthen families across the diocese are made possible. Our parish is asked to take part in this shared mission with a goal of \$13,500. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Give online at appeal.givecfds.org
- **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.
 - ★ 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)

- **SAVE THE DATE: Together in Holiness** is a one-day conference, grace-filled experience designed with busy families in mind. **Together in Holiness** is a marriage enrichment initiative that inspires couples to grow together in holiness and empowers and equips parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. The first annual **Together in Holiness** conference will be held on Saturday April 18th at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays! Early Bird Couple registration is \$54 or early Bird Individual is \$35 (ending March 2nd). Registration is now open, and interested couples can sign up and learn more <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th26-slks/>.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Henry Dinkel,
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, 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.***

School Announcements

Sunday, Feb. 1—School Carnival & Soup Luncheon

Friday, Feb. 6—SOUP-ER BOWL Sports Shirt Friday

Monday, Feb. 9—No School (Teacher in-service)
- Ellis Co. Spelling Bee @ FHSU @ 7pm



- **SOUP-ER BOWL Sports Shirt Friday:** Students and staff may wear any sport, any team shirt on Friday, Feb. 6th! No donation required! We will be enjoy soup for lunch that day!
- **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. Applicants will be subject to a background check. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.



We appreciate all of our parents & families, donors, student volunteers, teachers/staff and community supporters who contributed to make our Catholic Schools Week so special! We are grateful for each and every one of you for your ongoing support to help keep our school thriving year after year!

Community Announcements



Groundhog Supper: St. John Lutheran Church is hosting their annual Groundhog Supper this Sunday, February 1st from 5:00-7:00pm at their church, north of Ellis on the blacktop road! It's time for some good eating and fellowship! Stay and Savor or Grab and Go! Free Will Offering! They invite you to enjoy a hearty breakfast-style meal! Sponsored by the St. John Women.



Valentine Cookie Grams: The EHS Cheerleaders are excited to announce that they will be offering Valentine Cookie Grams again this year! Cookies made by Kathy's Creations! Order forms are available online at https://aptg.co?Nt_H42 or at each of the local school offices. Cookie Grams are \$3.00 for one cookie or \$5 for two cookies. Orders are due by Friday, February 6th! All orders will be delivered on Friday, February 13th. Show your love and support to the EHS Cheerleaders by surprising your favorite student, friend or family members with a cookie!

- **Ellis Food Box Pantry February Distribution** will be held on Monday, February 9th from 3:00-6:00pm! If you or someone you know could benefit from a food box, encourage them to visit the Ellis Food Box Pantry. Participants must live within the USD 388 district. No income requirements. No need to get out of your vehicle, just pull in our drive-thru circle drive!
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** Your future starts here. Let the following businesses help you pay for college!
 - ♦ **Golden Belt Telephone** has a couple of scholarship opportunities available. For more information about the following scholarships, visit GBT.net/about/community/scholarships.
 - * FRS Scholarship, due Feb. 16,
 - * WTA Trade School Scholarship, due Feb. 27,
 - * GBT General Scholarship, due March 16.
 - ♦ **Todd Keller-Shelter Insurance** is accepting scholarship applications now for \$1,500 Shelter Insurance Foundation Scholarship! If you are graduating from high school this year, contact Todd for an application by calling 785-621-4411 or emailing toddkeller@shelterinsurance.com.
- **Ellis Municipal Pool is Hiring for this Summer:** There are many opportunities to help out at the pool this summer: Assistant Pool Manager, Lifeguard, and Pool House Attendant! Applications may be picked up at the Ellis High School Office, City Office (815 Jefferson) or on their website: ellis.ks.us *under the Contact Us tab). Application Deadline if February 13th. Drop off completed applications at the City Office!