

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday on February 18

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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 16 - February 22

Mon: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
Tue: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
Wed: Joel 2:12-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Fri: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
Sat: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
Sun: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

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	Feb 14	5:30 p.m.	Ralph & Rosie Berens+
Sun	Feb 15	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 15	9:00 a.m.	Janet Augustine+
Mon	Feb 16	5:30 p.m.	Dreiling & Dorzweiler Families (liv/dec)
Tues	Feb 17	8:10 a.m.	Jane Jacobs+
Wed	Feb 18	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
		8:10 a.m.	Fred & Katie Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
		EGSC 10:00 a.m.	Schoenberger & Wiesner Families (liv/dec)
		7:00 p.m.	Edger & Rosemary Bittel+, Elaine Bittel+ and Wayne King+
Thurs	Feb 19	8:10 a.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
Fri	Feb 20	8:10 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+, Virginia & Danny Robinett+ and Bill Weber, Sr.+
Sat	Feb 21	5:30 p.m.	Clifford "Cliff" Kreutzer+ (anniv)
Sun	Feb 22	7:00 a.m.	Albert & Jennie Pfeifer+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 22	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for February 21 & 22

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Megan Honas
Presentation of Gifts	Roberta Augustine Clarence Rupp	Wesley & Lindsay James Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Sharon Bittel Duane Dorzweiler	Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld Lacie Haas
Servers	Theodore & Oliver Meagher	Hunter, Breckyn, Brielle Honas
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Cristi Werth	Sophie Seibel Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	February 22 (Sun)	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	February 20 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	February 22 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	February 21 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. February 22 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Allen Weber Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	February	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Feb. 15	First Reconciliation @ 2:00pm
Mon	Feb. 16	President's Day
Wed	Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday ...Mass Times @ 7am, 8:10am, & 7pm
Thurs	Feb. 19	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri	Feb. 20	No School (Teacher In-Service) Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm K of C Fish Fry 5:00-7:00pm
Sun	Feb. 22	Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18 @ 7:00am, 8:10am, 7:00pm

All Ministries for Ash Wednesday Mass will be Volunteer or covered by School/CCD Students.

Parish Announcements

- **First Reconciliation this Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2:00pm:** Please keep our 2nd Grade students as they make their First Reconciliation this afternoon.
- **Students Attend Ash Wednesday Mass:** Start your Lent off on the right foot by attending Ash Wednesday Mass starting at 7:00pm. **CCD Students:** Please meet your teacher in the school cafeteria by 6:45pm so we can walk over together. Parents, we invite you to attend with us. **YDisciples:** Let's meet up in the south wing where the musicians lead us. No meal served this event.
- **Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Suppers:** Each Friday during Lent, Fr. Dana will lead the **Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm**. When the Ellis Knights of Columbus are not hosting their Lenten Fish Fry, we will host a **Lenten Soup Supper** following Stations, in the church basement. These soup suppers will be February 27, March 13 and March 27. If you would like to make a meatless soup, provide fresh veggies, fruit, bread and/or a dessert for these gatherings, please contact the Parish Office a week ahead of time!
- **Youth Choir to Sing, March 8th:** Students who are in the 3rd grade and older are invited to come sing with us on Sunday, March 8th at 9:00am Mass! A required practice will take place on Sunday, March 1st at 2:00pm in the church. Please RSVP to Nancy C. by calling or texting 785-726-1096 by February 23rd.
- **Make Plans to Attend the 31st Annual Auction** on Saturday, March 28th! We are accepting donations items or monetary gifts! We ask that items to be auctioned off be turned into the Parish Office by March 1st (or at least let us know what you plan to donate!) Reserve your seat for you, family and friends for \$70.00 each! Tickets include a bidding number, appetizers, drinks at the open bar, dinner catered by Kitchen-N-Stitchin' Dickerson's Catering! Don't forget to get your chances to win \$10,000!

Notes from the Pastor

Lenten Study Series. I'll be leading this year's Lenten study series called "*The Rescue Project*" that the Diocese is encouraging parishes to host. According its website: "*The Rescue Project*" is an experience of the Gospel surrounded by conversation, food, and prayer. It seeks to proclaim the Gospel in a compelling and attractive way over nine weeks in a small group format and is for anyone and everyone."

We will meet be on **Sunday Mornings at 10:30am** during Lent and a few weeks into Easter. Our TRUTH Bible Study group normally meets at this 10:30am time, but they have graciously let us use this time for the next few weeks and invite you to join them in this Lenten Study Series. Please consider attending.

Auction Update:

- ♦ The *Procurement Committee* is working hard contacting businesses for their support in donations and monetary gifts.
- ♦ There is *five weeks* before our auction! Call the Parish Office to reserve your tickets or your chances for the cash raffle! You can also visit our auction website to purchase them online. You can also give a cash donation or make a donation to the special item via the auction website.

Visit: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2026.

- ♦ *Accepting Item Donations.* We are now accepting donations for the silent and live auctions. If you have an auction item to donate, let us know by March 2, so we can list it on website and in the auction book.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers. We will be offering a soup supper on the Fridays that the Knights of Columbus doesn't have a Fish Fry. It will follow the 5:30pm Stations of the Cross. This Friday, the K of C will be hosting their Fish Fry .

March 1st. On Sunday, March 1, during the 9:00am Mass we will be celebrating our Confirmation Class and Members in RCIA. *The Rite of Sending* takes place in the parish with the RCIA members, in which the parish "sends" the catechumens and candidates to the bishop. The *Rite of Enrollment* is for our Confirmation class. This Rite is being celebrated along with the Rite of Sending for our RCIA catechumen and candidates. The two Rites parallel each other in that both groups are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Lastly, the *Rite of Election* is a special ceremony marking the transition from one RCIA period to the next for those catechumens seeking to enter the Catholic Church. A parallel rite, the *Call to Continuing Conversion*, is celebrated for the baptized, which brings them closer to their full reception into the Church. This will take place in our parish at the 9:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 1. *The Rite of Election* for the western part of the Diocese is Sunday March 1 at 3:00pm at St. Nick's in Hays.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Fish Fry Season:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus invite you to their first Lenten Fish Fry of the year on Friday, February 20th from 5:00-7:00pm at the Knights Hall! Menu includes: Baked & Fried Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Noodles & Beans, Coleslaw, Tea, Water and Coffee. All you can eat for \$15.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for ages 6-12, and Free for 5 years and younger! Future Ellis Fish Fry dates are March 6 and March 20.
- **Lift High the Cross:** Hays K of C Council 6984 is sponsoring a project called Lift High the Cross during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday, February 11th. For a donation of \$20.00, members from the Hays K of C will put up a wooden cross in your front yard. They will be put up the first weekend of Lent. Sign up now by calling Emily at St. Mary's Parish Office or Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Office, 785-625-7339!
- **Join us for the CRS Rice Bowl:** Make a difference this Lenten season: Fast, Give, Pray, Change Lives. Every gift you give helps a child thrive, brings hope to a family and rebuilds a community. Pick up your Rice Bowl from one of the entrances of the church.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Nash Carter Bergling**, who were baptized on February 7, 2026. Son of Blake & Haley (Pletcher) Bergling.

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Congratulations! **Baylor Lyn Rose**, who were baptized on February 7, 2026. Daughter of Trent Rose & Hannah Johnston.

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Congratulations! **Oliver Paul Younger**, who were baptized on February 8, 2026. Son of Landon & Abby (Burton) Younger.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Dianne Durler, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cody Fisher, 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, Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Dean Neuberger, 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.**

### **Parish Offering: February 7 & 8**

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,317.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$9,206.00

**Total Giving.....\$10,523.00**

**This weekend's collection is below by \$3,678.00.**

## **School Announcements**

**Monday, Feb. 16**—Baby Bottle Campaign Kick-Off  
**Wednesday, Feb. 18**—Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:10am  
**Thursday, Feb. 19**—Hays Arts Council Performance  
**Friday, Feb. 20**—No School: Teacher In-service/Work Day



**Baby Bottle Campaign Kick Off:** St. Mary's School is excited to partner with Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas for the Baby Bottle Campaign, February 16 through March 6—this campaign supports Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Support Program, which serves mothers and babies across all 31 counties of our diocese. *How it works:* Each classroom has a large baby bottle, and for 2 weeks, students, families, staff are encouraged to bring in spare change, cash, or checks to help fill it up. Even small amounts of change collected make a real and tangible difference. Join us in giving hope and making an impact!

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendar to join us for Pre-School/Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Mary's School on Thursday, March 12th! Incoming Preschool students visit in the morning and Incoming Kindergarten students visit in the afternoon. More information to come soon!



**The Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to St. Mary's on February 24th and 26th 3:45-7:00pm! The same days as our Parent Teacher Conferences! It will be in the basement of St. Mary's, behind the library. Come check out the books!! Start exploring together: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmarygradeschool2>

- **St. Mary's Home & School Scholarship Opportunity:** We are offering the opportunity to any former St. Mary's School graduate that is now graduating from high school who will future their education by means of higher education to a \$500 scholarship from St. Mary's Home & School Association. *Applications are due by April 7, 2026.* Applications are available by contacting the School Office or Mrs. Park at [ppark@stmarysellis.net](mailto:ppark@stmarysellis.net).

### **100 Days of School**

Kindergarten celebrated 100 Days of School last week Friday! Each created a project featuring 100 of "something"! They are so creative!



## **School Carnival Raffle Winners**

- **Handheld Digital Microscope** – Emmett Gregory
- **\$50 Cash** - Lois Aschenbrenner
- **30-Day Ellis Pool Pass & Remote-Control Car**—Lexi Wenkamp
- **Magnetic Building Blocks**—Gerri Weber
- **Wireless Headphones & Tablet**—Curtis Weber
- **1-Year Combo Value Meals**—Frances McCaffery
- **Waterproof Bluetooth Speaker**—Jody Pattan
- **\$50 Cash Prize**—Amber Wagner
- **2 All-Day Mission Passes to Cosmosphere**—Vincent Eck
- **Cardboard Construction Kit**—Steve Seibel
- **\$50 Cash Prize**—Ava Deutscher
- **10 Day Passes to Hays Aquatic Park**—Mary Kay Weber
- **Nerf Set w/Moveable Target**—Gerri Weber
- **Stadium Basket with Froze Frogger Card**—Seth Dinkel
- **Stanley Mini Soft Cooler**—Macie Allen
- **1-Year Happy Meals**—Jacob Kinderknecht
- **\$50 Cash Prize**—Avery Gottschalk
- **Movie Projector**—Stephanie Johnson
- **McKenna Movie Basket**—Chelsea Wenkamp
- **Electric Scooter**—Jacob Kinderknecht
- **Vera Bradley Lunchbox with Owola**—Adeline Seibel
- **Wireless Headphones & Tablet**—Brandt Seibel
- **Ball Pop It Set**—Lois Aschenbrenner
- **Smartwatch**—Gerri Weber
- **Lego Set**—Stacy Befort
- **M-Bot**—Paden Neil
- **30-Day Ellis Pool Pass & Remote-Control Car**—Kathy Zerfas
- **\$50 Cash Prize**—Susie Wichert
- **Larks Basket**—Landon Johnson
- **\$50 Cash Prize**—Jentry Dinkel
- **Nintendo Switch Lite**—Kathy Zerfas
- **3D Doodler**—Bernie Taylor
- **\$50 Cash Prize**—Avery Gottschalk
- **Instant Camera Kit w/Accessories**—Jenna Cunningham
- **\$50 Ellis Hometown Foods Gift Card**—Becky Fox
- **Circuit Exploration Kit**—Kathy Zerfas
- **KC Basket**—Lois Aschenbrenner
- **Bath & Body Set with Candles**—Mary Waite
- **Coffee Blanket**—Rose Dunkin
- **Tortilla Blanket**—Phyllis Rupp
- **\$100 Cash Prize**—Curtis Weber
- **\$100 Cash Prize**—Truette Crabtree



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 We believe.  
 We care.*