



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

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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

March 2 - March 8

Mon: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

Tue: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

Wed: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

Thu: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:1-31

Fri: Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun: Exodus 17:3-7; John 4:5-42

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 28	5:30 p.m.	Otto & Philomene Berens+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 1	7:00 a.m.	John Rupp+, Theresa Rupp+, and Arlene Rupp+ (anniv)
Sun	Mar 1	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Mar 2	5:30 p.m.	Blenda Shannon+, Fred Nurse+, and Kay Plante+
Tues	Mar 3	8:10 a.m.	Evelyn Rupp+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Mar 4	8:10 a.m.	Dennis Schoenthaler+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Mar 5	8:10 a.m.	Carl Steckline+
Fri	Mar 6	8:10 a.m.	Eddie & Fidelia Honas+
Sat	Mar 7	5:30 p.m.	Henry & Mary Weigel+ Family (liv/dec) John M. & Clara Augustine+
Sun	Mar 8	7:00 a.m.	Kenneth Fisher+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 8	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for March 7 & 8

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zerfas	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	Mel & Gini Augustine
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Peggy Seibel Paula Wasinger Jackie Flax
Servers	Theodore & Oliver Meagher	Emma Flax Cayson & Shayden Boydston
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Youth Choir Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	March 8 (Sun)	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	March 6 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	March 8 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	March 7 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. March 8 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Roberta Augustine Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	March	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber
Coffee & Donuts	March	McCaffery Family

Meetings & Events

Sun	March 1	Rite of Sending & Enrollment @ 9am Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am Youth Choir Practice @ 2:00pm Rite of Election for RCIA @ 3pm @ St. Nick's
M-F	Mar 2-6	Read Across America Week at SMS
Wed	March 4	YDisciples gather @ 6:30pm CCD Classes meet at 7:00pm
Thurs	March 5	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri	March 6	SMS Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm Ellis K of C Fish Fry 5-7pm
Sun	March 8	Daylight Savings Time Youth Choir sings at 9am Mass Coffee & Donuts following 9am Mass Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am

Parish Announcements

- **Lenten Study Series: “The Rescue Project”** is held in the church basement at 10:30am on Sundays. It’s not too late to join us!



Youth Choir Practice, 2:00pm March 1st for Sunday, March 8th Mass: 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 this Sunday, March 1st at 2:00pm in the church. Please RSVP to Nancy C. by calling or texting 785-726-1096.

- **YDisciples:** It’s time we focus on one of the pillars of Lent, *Almsgiving*. Let’s plan to meet in the church basement at 6:30pm for a light meal together before heading up to the church to maintain our holy space, dusting pews, vacuuming and cleaning sacred items—reflecting love for God and others. Let this be a form of service that cleanses the soul, symbolizing inward purification through humble, hands-on labor for the community.
- **Second Sunday—Daylight Savings and Coffee & Donuts:** Be sure turn your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th so you can make it church on time on Sunday, March 8th and to join us in the church basement for coffee, *Daylight* donuts, orange juice and fellowship following 9am Mass.
- **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. Our next soup supper will be March 13. If you would like to make a meatless soup, provide fresh veggies, fruit, bread and/or a dessert for this gathering, please contact the Parish Office a week ahead of time!

Notes from the Pastor

Lenten Study Series. The 2nd session for our Lenten study series “The Rescue Project” is this Sunday at 10:30am in the church basement. Still a great time to join!

Stations of the Cross. Stations of Cross are Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm. This Friday is the K of C Fish Fry.

Auction Update:

- I guess I can’t count! I said we had four weeks left last week, but it was five weeks. Now we have only four weeks!
- **Items** are coming in. You can check out items being donated by going to the auction website. Again, the final list will change as we begin packaging some items together and then assigning them to the silent and live auctions.
- If you are **donating an item** (cash or tangible), send or bring in your donation or call and let us know, so we can enter your donation into the system. We would to have the item or description of the item by the end of this week March 6th, so we can work on finalizing the items for the auction website and auction book.
- Please **invite** your friends and relatives. You can pick up a pack of the business size invitation cards on the table in the back of the church and hand them out. As Friday, at the time of printing this bulletin, we have sold 84 admission tickets. Our goal is 300, so we still have a ways to go. Don’t wait until the last minute.
- Buy your **raffle tickets** for the cash give away. We are selling a maximum of 450 tickets, and you have four chances of winning cash. We have sold 103 tickets at the time of printing of the bulletin..
- **Visit our Website.** Remember you can buy your admission tickets, raffle tickets and/or make a cash donation online, along with browse all of the items up for auction. charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2026

Have a good week! Fr. Dana



Parish Organizations

- **Fish Fry Season:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus invite you to their Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 6th 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! The last Ellis Fish Fry of the Lenten season is March 20.
- **Lenten Food Drive:** This Lenten season, William Eck, a St. Mary’s School Alum and his friend Easton Werth, both seniors at TMP-Marian High School, are hosting a Lenten Food Drive to support Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas as part of their senior Capstone Project. The goal of this effort is to help stock Catholic Charities’ shelves this spring so they can continue providing food to families in need in Hays and throughout Northwest Kansas. This is a meaningful way for our parish to serve those who are struggling and to live out our faith during Lent. The food drive will run through the Lenten season, ending Holy Thursday, April 2nd. **Catholic Charities has requested specific food items:** Jiffy Mix, Pudding or Jello Mixes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Canned Soup, Instant Potatoes, Cereal, Canned Vegetables or Fruit, and Peanut Butter. You can find our collection box at the entrance of St. Mary’s Church here in Ellis. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Community Announcements

- **Ellis Community Blood Screening:** The Ellis Co. Health Department will be hosting a Community Blood Screening at City Hall in the Council Room, Monday, March 2nd from 8:30am-9:30am. Payment is due at the time of service. ****Fasting for 12 hours prior is recommended****

Parish Offering: February 21 & 22

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,173.61

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,350.00

Total Giving.....\$4,523.61

This weekend’s collection is below by \$2,321.39.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Dianne Durler, Joe & Arlene Ebert, Cody Fisher, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Nathan Honas, 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.

School Announcements

Monday, March 2—Friday, March 6

Read Across America Week

Dr. Seuss Theme

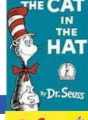
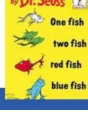
Friday, March 6

End of 9 weeks

Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm

Last day for Baby Bottle Campaign

- **Read Across America Week with Dr. Seuss!** St. Mary's School will celebrate Read Across America Week with activities, throughout the week of March 2, around the theme of Dr. Seuss. Our School Cooks have put a little fun into the menu the week too! Watch for the details on the March Lunch Menu. *NOTE:* Our activities schedule varies a little bit compared to WGS due to our Mass schedule.
- **Baby Bottle Campaign Ends March 6th:** We are still collecting donations for the Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas Baby Bottle Campaign —helping provide essential support for mothers and families in need. Bring in spare change, cash, or checks to help fill up our bottles. Every little bit adds up to make a big difference! Join us in giving hope and making an impact!
- **Stations of the Cross:** You are invited to join St. Mary's School in praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, March 6 and March 13th at 2:30pm.
- **Shine Up Your Smile for Spring Picture Day, March 11th:** We will be taking our school spring pictures on Wednesday, March 11th. Students may wear clothing other than their school uniform, yet please follow dress code rules.

March 2nd-6th		
Read Across America Week		
Monday	Wear animal print and bring a stuffed animal	
Tuesday	Wear silly or mismatched socks	
Wednesday	Wear your clothes inside out/backwards and wacky hair	
Thursday	Wear favorite/silly hat	
Friday	Wear red and blue and eat goldfish	



Come Join Us at Preschool/Kindergarten Round-up: 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 from 8:00-10:00am and Incoming Kindergarten students visit from 1:00-3:00pm! Please RSVP to St. Mary's School Office by March 7th if your child would like to see our school! **Parents Information Meeting is on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00pm at St. Mary's School!**

- **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 park@stmarysellis.net.
- **Open Teaching Positions:** 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.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES

Education & Screening

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, employees, educators, as well as volunteers who minister with minors are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about safe environment compliance requirements, please contact your parish/school safety coordinator or visit www.salinadiocese.org

Reporting & Victim Assistance

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline/800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, use one of the confidential diocesan reporting resources below:
Phone: 866.752.8855
Website: reportandprotect.com

Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior, currently, or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service provides a confidential
Hotline: 800.276.1562
Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities as they investigate reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including, but not limited to church personnel.

Any questions in regards to education, reporting, or victim assistance can be directed to the Safe Environment Office
Diocese of Salina
785.827. 8746



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of SALINA

7-2025

St. Mary's Annual Auction

March 28, 2026

Follow the
Yellow Brick Road for an evening
of bidding on Silent & Live Auction items,
Dinner catered by Dickinson Catering,
Open Bar, Games and Cash Drawings!
This event is for those 21 years or older.

Admission Tickets

🌸 Individual Tickets are \$70.00 each

This ticket not only grants you entry to the event but also lets you participate in the festivities, enjoy drinks from the open bar and a delicious meal catered by Dickinson Catering/Kitchen-N-Stitchen! Don't miss out on this opportunity to support a great cause while indulging in an evening of excitement and entertainment.

🌸 Reserve a Table for \$50.00 (seats 8 guests)

By reserving a Table, you are making a meaningful contribution to our cause while enjoying a fun evening surrounded by friends.

Donations

🌸 **Silent & Live Auction Items Needed:** We are currently taking donations of items to be apart of the Silent and Live auctions. These may be however small, big, certificates, homemade, unique, whatever you think others would find fun to bid on! *Please notify the Parish Office of your item donation As Soon As Possible (no later than March 6th) to be included into the book.*

🌸 **Cash Donation:** No monetary gift is too small! Remember you are supporting a great cause! (All donations are tax-deductable)!

🌸 **Special Item:** We are continuing to raise funds to pave of the parking lot on the East side of the school. Because the cost is greater than what was collected from last year's auction, and possibly will be with this year's funds, we're hoping to get closer to the amount needed. It is currently a "rock-filled" area. By paving the area it will be a safer to walk on for all, make it more handicap accessible and children will be able to play in the area during the winter months instead of the church parking lot.

Raffle Tickets

We are giving away \$10,000!!! You could be a lucky winner to take up the big winnings from one of the biggest nights yet! Each raffle ticket will be entered into the drawing for (4) chances to win cash!
First Prize = \$5,000, Second Prize = \$2,500, Third Prize = \$1,500 and Fourth Prize = \$1,000!

🌸 Raffle Tickets are \$50.00 each

Website

🌸 <https://stmarysauction2026.charityauction.bid>

We hope you will visit the auction website! On it, you will see all the items that have been donated, all the sponsors & donors, be able to purchase admission tickets, raffle tickets, and/or make a monetary donation.