



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Diocese: <http://salinadiocese.org>

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 16 - March 22

Mon: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tue: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wed: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thu: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Fri: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sun: Ezekiel 37:12-14; John 11:1-45

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	Mar 14	5:30 p.m.	Linda Kohlrus+
Sun	Mar 15	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 15	9:00 a.m.	Janetta Heroneme+
Mon	Mar 16	5:30 p.m.	Victor Werth+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Mar 17	8:10 a.m.	Thomas & Bertillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Mar 18	8:10 a.m.	William & Rose Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+
EGSC		10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Mar 19	8:10 a.m.	Mark Honas+
Fri	Mar 20	8:10 a.m.	Ignatz & Elizabeth Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Mar 21	5:30 p.m.	A.A. & Clara Herman+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 22	7:00 a.m.	George (anniv) & Elizabeth Amrein+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 22	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for March 21 & 22

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Melvin Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Daniel & Bailey Gottschalk
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Curtis Weber Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Cristi Werth	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Eugene Schuster Bob & Margie Mickelson	Mark & Sarah Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	March 22 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	March 20 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	March 22 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	March 21 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. March 22 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	March	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	March 15	Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am RCIA @ 2pm
M-F	March 16-20	SMS Spring Break
Mon	March 16	Last Day of Auction Tickets at regular price
Thurs	March 19	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri	March 20	Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm ...Ellis K of C Fish Fry 5:00-7:00pm
Sun	March 22	Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am

Parish Announcements

- This week we take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to *reveal Christ's love* to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collect at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.
- **Have you purchased your Auction Tickets Yet?** There is still time for you to get your tickets to this year's auction on Saturday, March 28th! Invite your family and friends to come and enjoy an evening of raising money for our school and church! Price is \$70.00 per person until March 17th, then it will increase to \$80.00. No more tickets will be sold after March 20th. We have a great list of items to be auctioned off! And have you heard that we are giving away \$10,000? Check out our auction website to purchase admission tickets, your chances for the Cash Raffle and/or browse the items up for auction at: <https://stmarysauction2026.charityauction.bid>.
- **No CCD Classes/YDisciples during Spring Break:** We wish our students a fun and safe Spring Break. We hope you all take some time to sit with Jesus as you relax from the school work. Some ideas for you: Walk the walking trail near the church and pray the rosary, come sit in the church on Thursday during Adoration for extra pray time, attend Stations of the Cross on Friday, and of course attend Mass on the weekends.

Parish Offering: March 7 & 8

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,076.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,500.00

Total Giving.....\$6,576.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$269.00.

Notes from the Pastor

Lenten Study Series. The 4th session for our Lenten Study Series, “The Rescue Project,” is this Sunday at 10:30am. in the church basement.

Stations of the Cross. Stations of Cross are on Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm. This Friday, be sure to support the Ellis Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00pm.

Auction Update: We are just two weeks away! We hope to see you at the biggest fundraiser of the year for the parish! Invite your family and friends to attend! There are still invitation cards on the table in the back of church to hand out!

- **Admission Tickets.** This is your last week to purchase tickets. Price will increase. As of print on Friday, we have sold 106 bidding numbers (a total of 175 people). Our goal is 180 bidding numbers (~300 people)! Help us spread the word to help increase the attendance!
- **Raffle Tickets.** We still have 266 Raffle tickets available out of 450! Remember, with each ticket you have four chances of winning up to \$10,000 cash! Want to help us sell tickets to family and friends who may not be able to attend the auction in person? We have raffle tickets available for you to take with you at the end of this Sunday's Mass and/or at the end of next Sunday's Mass, or you can stop by the Parish Office and pick some up. Tickets are numbered, so you will be assigned a series of numbers and would be responsible of selling and returning the filled-out ticket stubs.
- **Website:** Remember you can buy your admission tickets and raffle tickets online. You can also check out items being donated by going to the auction website: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2026.
- **Finalizing & Printing:** We will be finalizing the placement of items (as far as silent and live) by Thursday of next week (that is the plan). If you have donations you wish to donate, please get them turned in ASAP! We will begin printing books Friday, with hopes they will be available by next Saturday Mass time.
- **Pre-bidding** begins Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00pm and will end Thursday, March 26 at 10:00pm.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Last Fish Fry of the Season:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus will be having their last Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 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!
- **\$200 Scholarship Available:** The Ellis Daughters of Isabella, Circle 323, is accepting applications to award a \$200 scholarship! Applicants must be a member of the D of I, a daughter, granddaughter, or a niece (of a member). Applicants must be a senior in high school or attending an accredited college. For more information or an application form, please contact Lisa Morton at 785-726-1090. ***Applications due by April 1st!***
- **Let Us Continue to Make a Difference** for the Lenten Food Drive to support Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, a Capstone Project that William Eck, a St. Mary's School Alum and his friend Easton Werth, seniors at TMP-Marian High School, are hosting during the Lenten Season. Their goal is help stock Catholic Charities' shelves this spring so they can continue providing food to families in need in Hays and throughout NW 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 until 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

- **Spring 5th Quarter for EHS Students:** Set a reminder in your phone, High School Students, to attend the last Fifth Quarter of the school year on Friday, March 27th from 7:30-10:00pm at Ellis United Methodist Church! The 5th Quarter Volunteers want to take time to celebrate our Spring Sports, plus Activities and Clubs as there are no other Fridays a 5th Quarters are held after sporting events.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

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, 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, Leonard 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 16—Friday, March 20 : SPRING BREAK



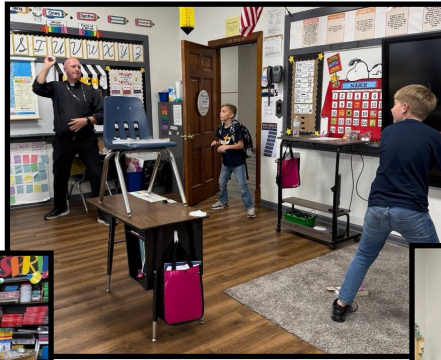
Race for Education 2026: Along side of raising money for our school and church at the Annual Auction, we are also raising funds for our Race for Education project: New Exterior Doors around the school! You may visit with a student and/or check out the school website for more information. Donations may be made by mail or stopping by the school office, placed in the church collection (marked “Race for Education”, or by PayPal on the school website! Race Day is Friday, April 17th at 9:00am! We hope you will come join us!

- **Needing Easter Chocolate for your Easter baskets?** Remember to shop at St. Mary’s School for your chocolate needs! We have a limited supply on certain flavors available for \$2.00 each. Stop by or call the School Office to place your order!



Graduating Seniors! We have a Scholarship For You! If you are a former St. Mary’s School graduate who is graduating from high school and plan to further their education by means of high education, then you are eligible to apply for a \$500 Scholarship from St. Mary’s Home & School Association. Applications are available by calling the School Office or emailing Mrs. Park at ppark@stmarysofellis.org! ***Applications are due by April 7, 2026!***

What a great surprise to have a visit from Bishop Vincke!



**We invite you to our 31st Annual Auction at
St. Mary’s School!**

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, Raffles, and Cash Drawings!

♥Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm. | Doors open at 5:00pm

This event is for those 21 years or older.

♥Individual Tickets are \$70.00 each (price increase after March 16th)

♥Cash Raffle Drawing Tickets are \$50.00 each

Call the Parish Office or visit our auction website to purchase your tickets today!

Menu: Charcuterie Table, Honey Pecan Chicken, Wedding Roast, Creamy Noodles, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Dinner Roll, Tea & Water, and Dessert Bar