



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

March 22, 2026
Fifth 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 23 - March 29

Mon: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11
Tue: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wed: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Luke 1:26-38
Thu: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sun: Isaiah 50:4-7; Matthew 26:14-27:66

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 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
Mon	Mar 23	5:30 p.m.	Irene LaBarge+
Tues	Mar 24	8:10 a.m.	Donnie & Christine Ashcenbrenner Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Mar 25	8:10 a.m.	David Fox, Sr.+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Mar 26	8:10 a.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
Fri	Mar 27	8:10 a.m.	Ron Herl+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Mar 28	4:00 p.m.	Frank+ & Juanita Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 29	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 29	9:00 a.m.	Gilbert & Janet+ Augustine Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for March 28 & 29

Ministry	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Paula Wasinger
Presentation of Gifts	Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Sharon Bittel Duane Dorzweiler	Lacie Haas Sarah Eck Mindy Eck
Servers	Aiden & Rylan Aschenbrenner	Addalyn & Ainsley Haas
Cantor / Musician	Abby Serpan Cheryl Lang	Cristi Werth Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Eugene Schuster Bob & Margie Mickelson	Mark & Sarah Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	March 29 (Sun)	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	March 27 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	March 29 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	March 28 (Sat) 4:00 p.m. March 29 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	March	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	March 22	Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am RCIA @ 2pm
Mon	March 23	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	March 25	YDisciples Lenten ABC Night @ 6:30pm CCD Classes resume @ 7pm
Thurs	March 26	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm Chrism Mass (Salina) @ 11:30am
Fri	March 27	Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm ...Lenten Soup Supper following
Sat	March 28	31st Annual Parish Auction ...Mass @ 4:00pm ...Doors Open @ 5:00pm
Sun	March 29	Palm Sunday Auction Pick Up @ 9-11am Lenten Communal Penance Service @ 4pm Holy Saturday Choir Practice @ 7pm
Wed	April 1	Musical Stations @ 7pm
Thurs	April 2	Holy Thursday @ 7pm
Fri	April 3	No School Parish Office Closed Good Friday @ 3pm
Sat	April 4	Decorate the Church @ 9am Holy Saturday Vigil @ 8:30pm
Sun	April 5	Easter Sunday ...Mass at 7:00am & 9:00am

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.*

Parish Offering: March 14 & 15

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$913.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,343.00

Total Giving.....\$6,256.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$589.00.

Parish Announcements

- **Auction Week!!!** We still have a couple Admission Tickets available if you haven't already purchased them! We'd love to have you join us for a great evening of fun, raising money for our school and church. There is still time to purchase Cash Raffle tickets before the big night on Saturday! Stop by or call the Parish Office to buy your chance! **Online Pre-Bidding** begins on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00am and will close on Thursday, March 26th at 10:00pm. See Fr. Dana's column for more information!
- **CCD & YDisciples:** We will resume classes on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00pm. **YDisciples**—we will gather for a light supper at 6:30pm and then head up to the church for Adoration, Benediction and Confessions.
- **Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup Supper:** We will host our last Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, March 27th. Stations begin at 5:30pm with Supper to follow. Thank You to the Ellis Daughters of Isabella for volunteering to host our Soup Supper!
- **Mass Time for Saturday, March 28 is 4:00pm:** Just a reminder that Mass will be at 4:00pm this evening! Please plan to park in the church parking lot and the surrounding streets if planning to attend the Auction. The back parking lot behind the school will be blocked off for Handicap Parking Only.
- **No Procession for Palm Sunday:** As tradition, we have always processed from the school gym to the church with the palms, however, this year because of the Auction, we will not be processing to the church on Saturday or Sunday. You can pick up the palms at all entrances of the church and go straight to your pew. Father will do the blessing of them palms in the back of church and bless them from there.
- **Lenten Communal Penance Service (Confessions)** is set for Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday) at 4:00pm. All are welcome.
- **Musical Stations of the Cross:** The 7th Grade CCD Class has been preparing to share Musical Stations of the Cross this year. Please joins them and other CCD Classes on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.
- **Preparing for Holy Week:** We will be needing volunteers to have feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you or someone in your family would like to volunteer, please let Emily know at the Parish Office! We are looking for (12) volunteers.
- **Easter Lilies:** We invite you to make a minimal donation to the parish for Easter Lilies. If you wish to have flowers "in memory" of loved ones, please include their name(s) with your donation. Put into the collection basket or drop by the Parish Office. Please note *Easter Flowers* on the envelope. If you wish to purchase your own flowers, we ask that you deliver them close too, but no later than Saturday, April 4 at 9:00am.

Notes from the Pastor

Lenten Study Series. The 5th session for our Lenten study series "The Rescue Project" is this Sunday at 10:30 am. in the church basement.

Chrism Mass. This year the Chrism Mass is in Salina at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday, March 26th at 11:30am. You are all invited to attend if you wish. If you wish to join the Diocesan Choir for this special Mass, please contact psauers@shcathedral.com or the call the Sacred Heart Cathedral office for more information.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers. Stations of Cross are Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. This Friday it will be Soup Supper in church basement.

Auction Next Saturday. Our Parish Auction is next Saturday! Doors open at 5:00pm. Admission tickets, for those who have purchased one, are available for pick up. Auction books are also available. You can pick up your admission tickets and books at the Parish Office this week or at the Check-In Table the night of the auction. We ordered a few extra meals, so if haven't you purchased a ticket, we may still be able to accommodate you.

- **Online Pre-Bidding** begins Tuesday, March 24, at 6:00am. It ends on Thursday, March 26 at 10:00pm.
- Pre-Bidding allows guests, or those unable to attend, to preview and bid on the Silent Auction Items ONLY. To pre-bid, sign-in to the auction website with your email address or Access Code (provided in a receipt email when you purchased admission tickets). You can then begin bidding on items. If you did not purchase an Admission Ticket, you will need to register before you can pre-bid.
- If you are not attending in-person, you can have someone who is attending bid for you. Or, you may want to use the "Buy-it-Now" option, and you automatically win the item. Most Buy-it-Now amounts are around 1.5-2 times the value of the item, a few are a little lower. You can consider the extra amount paid over the value as a convenience fee or as an extra donation.
- After the Online Pre-Bidding closes, bidding continues the night of the auction for those attending in-person. The last online pre-bid amount for an item will then be the starting bid for the night of the auction.

Auction website: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2026

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

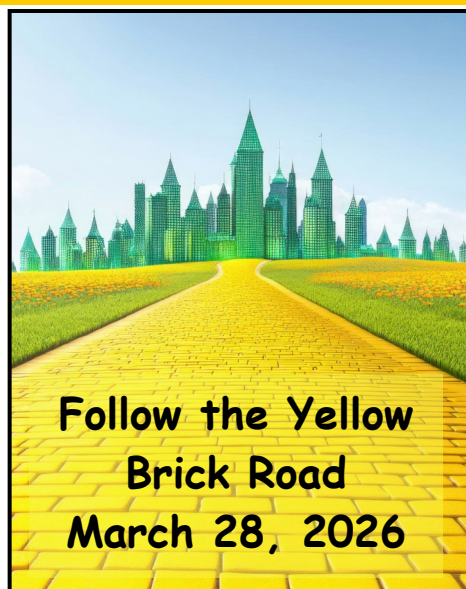
Parish Organizations

- **Men's Card Night** at the Ellis Knights Hall is set for Wednesday, March 25th beginning at 7:00pm.
- **BUNCO NIGHT** at the Ellis Knights Hall on Thursday, March 26th beginning at 6:00pm. Call up your lady friends and invite them out to come play! Light snacks will be provided! Sponsored by the Ellis Daughters of Isabella.
- **\$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!*
- ***NEW* \$1,000 Scholarship Available:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus Council #2133 is accepting applications to award \$1,000 to high school student planning to further their education after graduation. Applicants must be a member of K of C, a son, grandson or nephew (of a member). If student is not already a Knight, they will be strongly encouraged to join. For more information or a application form, please contact Mrs. Carroll at the Ellis Jr/Sr. High School. *Applications due by April 8th!*
- **Last Week to Make A Donation** for the Lenten Food Drive to support Catholic Charities of Northern 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 support!

Community Announcements

- **Spring 5th Quarter for EHS Students:** This Friday, March 27th—High School Students, make plans to attend the last Fifth Quarter of the school year 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. Food, Games, Create Memories!

 **Make Active Habits Stick! Lunch 'N Learn on March 24th at Arthur's Pizza & Mexican Foods, 12-1pm:** Is it hard to fit regular exercise into your routine? Come learn how to combat barriers with proven habit-formation techniques. Plan for setbacks, adapt to life changes, and find support! If you wish to attend, please call the ERC Office by Monday, March 25th to make sure they have enough pizza available. This event is sponsored by the Ellis Rec, Arthur's Pizza and K-State Extension.



\$10,000
Cash Give Away

Grand Prize: \$5,000
2nd Prize: \$2,500
3rd Prize: \$1,500
4th Prize: \$1,000

\$50 per chance



St Marys Auction

WINE PULL

\$25 per ticket

CHEERS!

WIN a bottle of wine
valued between \$25 - \$250

Online Pre-Bidding for Silent Auction Items ONLY

Opens Tuesday, March 24 @ 6:00 a.m. | Closes Thursday, March 26 @ 10:00 p.m.

If you have purchased an Admission Ticket, you are already registered using your email address provided upon order or the Access Code at the top of your bidding ticket.

If you have not purchased a ticket, you will need to sign in with your email address!
Call the Parish Office if you have any questions or need help getting access to online!

