

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**



HOLY WEEK

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Parish: www.stmarysofellis.org
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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 30 - April 5

Mon: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tue: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:32-33
Wed: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
Thu: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; John 13:15
Fri: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 18:1-19:42
Sat: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Matthew 28:1-10
Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; John 20:1-9

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 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)
Mon	Mar 30	5:30 p.m.	Evelyn Rupp+ Family (liv/deco)
Tues	Mar 31	8:10 a.m.	Jim & Rose O'Rourke+, Kevin O'Rourke+ and Sean O'Rourke
Wed	April 1	8:10 a.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	April 2	7:00 p.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Fri	April 3	3:00 p.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Sat	April 4	8:30 p.m.	Gordon Milam+
Sun	April 5	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	April 5	9:00 a.m.	Eddie & Fidelia Honas+

Meetings & Events

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	No Eucharistic Adoration Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm
Fri	April 3	No School & Parish Office Closed Good Friday Service at 3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena begins at 5:30pm
Sat	April 4	Decorate the Church @ 9am Divine Mercy Novena at 5:30pm Holy Saturday Vigil at 8:30pm
Sun	April 5	Easter Sunday Masses at 7:00 & 9:00am Divine Mercy Novena at 5:30pm
Mon	April 6	No School & Parish Office Closed Divine Mercy Novena at 6:00pm

Ministries for Holy Week: Holy Thursday—Easter Sunday: April 2 - April 5

Ministry	Holy Thursday 7:00pm	Good Friday 3:00pm	Holy Saturday 8:30pm	Easter Sunday 7:00am	Easter Sunday 9:00am
Lector	Megan Honas	Allen Weber Mindy Eck	Richard Bollig Amy Hundson		Allen Weber
Offertory Procession	Gary & Millie Haas	XXX	Pat & Diane Kuhn	<i>Volunteers</i>	Bailey Dinkel Family
Eucharistic Ministers	John & Andrea Zody Amy Hudson	Sarah Eck Peggy Seibel Amy Hudson	Sharon Bittel John & Andrea Zody	<i>Volunteers</i>	Paula Wasinger Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Emily Mattheyer Alyson Johnson	Nancy Cunningham Volunteers	<i>Volunteers</i>	Guitar Choir
Servers	Hunter, Breckyn, Brielle Honas	Olivia & Vincent Eck Emma Flax	Aschenbrenner/ Swagerty Siblings	<i>Volunteers</i>	Hunter, Breckyn, Brielle Honas
Ushers & Greeters	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	Craig & Becky Seibel Family	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	April 5 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	April 3 (Fri)	<i>No Communion</i>
Ellis Good Samaritan	April 5 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	<i>No Communion</i>
Rosary Leaders	April 4 (Sat) 8:30 p.m. April 5 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	<i>Volunteers</i>
Monthly Money Counters	April	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Parish Offering: March 21 & 22

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,479.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$6,647.00

Total Giving.....\$8,126.00

This weekend's collection is above by \$1,281.00.

Parish Announcements

- **Pick Up Your Auction Winnings on Sunday:** If you have auction items to pick up, please make arrangements to pick them up this Sunday, March 29th between 9:00-11:00am in the school gym! All outstanding balances may be paid at this time as well.
- **Lenten Communal Penance Service (Confessions)** is set for Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday) at 4:00pm. All are welcome.
- **Sing for Easter Vigil:** We are inviting anyone who would like to sing on Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil to a practice on Sunday, March 29th at 7:00pm in the church. You are welcome to call/text Nancy C. to let her know you are interested so she can make sure enough music is prepared.
- **Volunteers for Feet Washing on Holy Thursday:** We need 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 10 more 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.
- **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.
- **CCD & YDisciples:** We will have the opportunity to attend the 7th grade’s Musical Stations of the cross on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00pm. Your teacher/mentor will make the decision to attend. Parents—we invite you to attend as well!
- **No Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Thursday.**
- **Holy Land Collection:** We will be taking up a special collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday.
- **Lenten Rice Bowls:** Remember to drop off your Rice Bowls this week. Place them in the box near the musicians area.

Parish Announcements

- **Update on Parish Directory:** Due to the demands of planning and preparing for the Parish Auction, along with other strict deadlines of the Parish Office, we have delayed the production of the Parish Directory. Our hopes are to get it published soon after the auction. We apologize for the delay in getting it to you—yet hope you understand.

Notes from the Pastor

Lenten Study Series. The 6th session for our Lenten study series “The Rescue Project” is this Sunday at 10:30 am. in the church basement.

Lenten Confessions. Our parish Lenten Communal Penance Service is scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 29 at 4:00pm.

Parish Auction. Thanks to all the donors, bidders, supporters, and volunteers who had a hand in this year’s auction. Details will be given next week!

Divine Mercy Novena. I invite you to participate in the Divine Mercy Novena starting Good Friday at 5:30pm, posters will be hung up this week with a full schedule, along with on our website.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of Hudson Cole Lawrence Gottschalk who was born and passed away on March 21, 2026.

The son of Jordan Gottschalk & Dacia LaBarge.

May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, 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—Thursday, March 30–April 2

State Assessments begin for Grades 3–6

Friday, April 3

No School—Good Friday

Monday, April 5

No School—Easter Monday



Race for Education 2026: We are gearing up for our Race for Education 2026 in April! Donations are being accepted now up to Race Day, April 17th, for 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!

- **Thank YOU** for your support toward this year’s Auction!
- **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 7th

Parish Organizations

- **\$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!***
- **Lenten Food Box Drive Ends Thursday** to support Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas! If you still wish to make a difference by donating food items, be sure to drop them in the box before Holy Thursday! Thank you for all your support!

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week symbols, such as the cross, crown of thorns, palms, and chalice, represent the faith, sacrifice, and devotion commemorated in the final days of Jesus Christ's life leading up to Easter.

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28 @ 4:00pm

Sunday, March 29 @ 7:00am & 9:00am

No Procession for the Gym—palms will be blessed in the back of church

Lenten Communal Penance Service @ 4:00pm

Musical Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 1 @ 7:00pm

They will be presented by the 7th Grade CCD Students

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00pm

Seeking volunteers to have feet washed.

Good Friday:

Friday, April 3 @ 3:00pm

Holy Saturday:

Saturday, April 4 @ 8:30pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 @ 7:00am & 9:00am