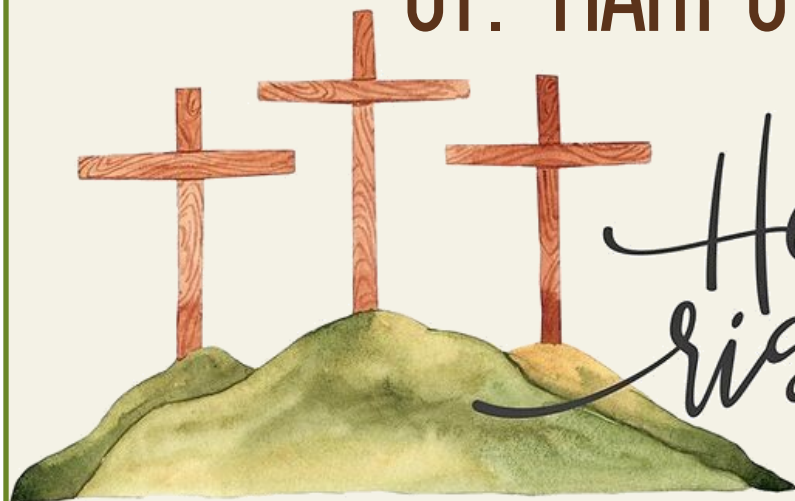


ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637



April 5, 2026

**Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

Phone #s

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SMS Principal: ppark@stmarysellis.net

Website

Parish: www.stmarysofellis.org

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

April 6 - April 12

Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tue: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thu: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Fri: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sun: Acts 2:42-47; John 20:19-31

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	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+
Mon	April 6	5:30 p.m.	Joe Wiesner+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	April 7	8:10 a.m.	Agnes & Pete Plante+, Belnda Shannon+, Kay Plante+, and Fred Nurse+ Families (liv/dec)
Wed	April 8	8:10 a.m.	Alfred & Josephine Urban+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	April 9	8:10 a.m.	Joseph F. & Mary A. Weber+
Fri	April 10	8:10 a.m.	John & Alice Gabel+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	April 11	5:30 p.m.	Don R. Younger+
Sun	April 12	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	April 12	9:00 a.m.	Joyce Riedel-Richardson+

Ministries for April 11 & 12

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Roberta Augustine	Richard Bollig
Presentation of Gifts	Sarah & Becklyn Fischer Preston Browning	1st Communion Students
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Barney Boos	Sarah Eck Peggy Seibel Richard Bollig
Servers	<i>Volunteers</i>	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield
Cantor / Musician	Trilogy	Haas Girls
Ushers & Greeters	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	April 12 (Sun)	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	April 10 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	April 12 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	April 11 (Sat) 8:30 p.m. April 12 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	April	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Parish Offering: March 28 & 29

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,167.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,437.00

Total Giving.....\$4,604.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$2,241.00.

Meetings & Events

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
Tues	April 7	SMS Easter Classroom Parties @ 2:30pm Divine Mercy Novena begins at 5:30pm
Wed	April 8	2nd Gr. First Communion Practice @ 7pm
Thurs	April 9	Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00am—5:00pm Divine Mercy Novena begins at 5:30pm
Fri	April 10	SMS Famous Figures in the Gym @ 2:00pm Divine Mercy Novena begins at 5:30pm
Sun	April 12	First Holy Communion @ 9:00am Mass NO Coffee & Donuts Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am Divine Mercy Prayer Service @ 3:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **Pray the Divine Mercy 9 Day Novena:** At the time of this bulletin's publication, we have already completed Day 1 & Day 2 of the Novena, but would still like to invite you to pray the Divine Mercy Novena with us at 5:30pm in the church for the next week. Father Dana will be pray the Novena each day at 5:30pm with the exception of Monday, April 6 at 6:00pm and Saturday, April 11 at 5:00pm. See the Novena schedule included in this bulletin and on our website. We also have daily intentions on our Facebook page posting at 5:00pm for you to follow along. Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter, April 12th; a special prayer service will be held at 3:00pm.
- **Lenten Rice Bowls:** Remember to drop off your Rice Bowls this week. Place them in the box near the musicians area.
- **Happy Easter!** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 6th.
- **Easter Lily names** will be printed in next week's bulletin to make sure we have all names accounted for.
- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts** have been cancelled for the month of April due to the celebration of our 2nd Graders making their First Communion!
- **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 7th session for our Lenten study series, "The Rescue Project," is next Sunday, April 12 at 10:30am in the church basement.

Parish Auction. Thanks to all the donors, bidders, supporters participating in our auction, along with the any volunteers. It was a great success. We don't have final numbers yet, but it will be the best auction in terms of dollars raised, around \$150,000, which includes the Special Item. The Special Item brought in around \$35,000.

Divine Mercy Novena & Novena for Moisture I invite you to participate in the Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday. See the Divine Mercy insert for details.

I have combined the Divine Mercy Novena with a Novena for Moisture. Praying both novenas together, I hope will be a powerful prayer for needed moisture. Booklets for the novenas are available in the back of the church for those who would like to pray the novenas.

First Holy Communion is next Sunday, April 12 at the 9:00am Mass. All are invited to celebrate with our 2nd Grade Class!

Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter, April 12. We will have a special prayer service on beginning at 3:00pm in the church. I will be hearing confessions from 1:00pm– 2:30pm.

Prayer of Entrustment to the Divine Mercy

O Lord, our God. We place our trust in You, Because you are mercy itself. We repent of our sins and turn to You for mercy. We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will. Help us to forgive others as You forgive us. We promise to be merciful by our deeds, words and prayers. Though we have fears because of human weakness, we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy. We entrust to You the future of our planet, our Church, our nations, our families and all our needs. With loud cries we implore your mercy on us and on the whole world. Look upon us, created in your image and likeness. Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into the living images of mercy. May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of Your mercy forever. Amen!

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- ***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!***
- **Meeting & Cards:** The Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00pm in the Knights Hall for a meeting, followed by cards.
- **Cooks Choice Potluck & Monthly Meeting:** The Daughters of Isabella will gather on Thursday, April 9th for a Cooks Choice Potluck at 6:00pm, followed by a Business meeting at 6:30pm in the Knights Hall.

Community Announcements

- **Ellis Food Box Pantry April Distribution** is set for April 6th from 3:00-6:00pm.
- **Candlelight Lasagna Supper:** Stay and Savor or Grab and Go! The St. John Luthern Church, north of Ellis, is hosting a Free Will Donation, Lasagna Supper on Sunday, April 19th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. It's a time for some good eating and fellowship! Sponsored by St. John Women.
- **Ellis Recreation Encourages You to Move Your Body!** They have a **100 Mile Challenge** that started April 1st, "running" through May 18th! Get out and enjoy the outdoors by taking a walk or running! Keep track of your distances and log them on our handy tracker. When you reach 100 miles, you ear a free t-shirt! You can find our mile tracker form on our website: www.ellisrec.org or at the ERC Office! ***Walk With Ease***, is an exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. This is an 8-Week program, on Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning May 5th -June 25th, from 9:30am-10:30am. It's free to participate! Pre-Registration is required! Call the ERC Office for more information and/or to sign up!

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, Jill Urban, 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, April 5

No School—Easter Monday

Friday, April 10

Famous Figures @ 2:00pm

- **Famous Figures Are Coming to St. Mary's School:** We invite you to join us in the school gym on Friday, April 10th at 2:00pm to watch our 5th Graders present their Famous Figures! Top 3 contestants will represent St. Mary's at the 30th Annual Final Competition on May 1st in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.



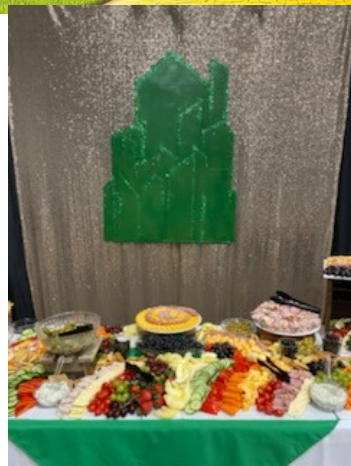
SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's Race for Education is Friday, April 17th: We are gearing up for our Race for Education 2026 in April! Donations are being accepted now up to Race Day, April 17th, for new exterior doors around the school! You may visit with a student and/or call the School Office for more info. 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!

- **SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's Spring Music Concert** is set for Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00pm. You are in for a real treat as we welcome the 5th & 6th grade Ellis Band performing along with the St. Mary's School students!



St. Mary's Home & School Scholarship Deadline Approaches! 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 10th.**

THANK YOU to ALL who Followed the Yellow Brick Road to the 31st Annual Auction!



Cash Raffle Winners

Bernita Augustine (\$5,000), John Zody (\$2,500),
St. Mary's School (\$1,500), Tom Weber (\$1,000)



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026

A Day of Extraordinary Graces, a Day of Mercy, An Opportunity to help sinners to come back into full union, with Christ and His Church.

On that day "the very depths of My tender Mercy are open..."

The Promise to All Souls Observing Divine Mercy Sunday

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. *The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.* On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. [Diary 699]



Plenary Indulgence Granted for Divine Mercy Sunday.

On June 13, 2002 Pope John Paul II granted a plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Conditions given for this plenary indulgence:

1. Sacramental Confession (preferably before Divine Mercy Sunday)
2. Reception of Holy Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday)
3. Prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff (Our Father, Hail Mary, and a Glory Be.)
4. Participation in the prayers and devotions held in honor on Divine Mercy**
 - on Divine Mercy Sunday,
 - in any church or chapel,
 - ***in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin.***

** Instead of participating in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, a person, who in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g., Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!);

Divine Mercy Novena

We will pray the novena as a parish (see schedule below) leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena can be prayed at home. The Novena will be prayed, starting on Good Friday (April 3), at 5:30 p.m. each day, except the Monday (April 6) & Saturday (April 11). On Monday we will pray the Novena after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, on Saturday we will pray it at 5:00 p.m. before Mass.

Day		Time
1	Good Friday	5:30 p.m.
2	Holy Saturday	5:30 p.m.
3	Easter Sunday	5:30 p.m.
4	Monday after Easter	6:00 p.m. (after 5:30 Mass)
5	Tuesday after Easter	5:30 p.m.
6	Wednesday after Easter	5:30 p.m.
7	Thursday after Easter	5:30 p.m.
8	Friday after Easter	5:30 p.m.
9	Saturday after Easter	5:00 p.m. (before 5:30 Mass)

Divine Mercy Sunday

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Confessions (an opportunity for the fallen away to return)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service. Service will include:

- Readings from Scripture
- Readings from the diary of St. Faustina
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (Sung)
- Litany in Praise of the Divine Mercy
- Prayer of Entrustment
- Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy
- Benediction

For more information about the Divine Mercy go to the following websites:

www.thedivinemercy.org
www.divinemercyfilm.com
www.feastofmercy.net

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

From the Diocese



At the heart of the Resurrection of Jesus is St. Mary Magdalene. Out of love for Jesus, she went to the tomb early on Easter Sunday. When she found the stone rolled away, she ran to tell the disciples. The disciples came and left, while Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. Jesus appeared to her, although she did not recognize him. He asked her, "Whom are you looking for?" This question is a question of the heart.

Whom are we looking for? The first question that Jesus asked in the Gospel of John is "What are you looking for?" In the depths of our heart, amidst all the questions of life, what we are looking for is Jesus-- the One who looks for us, the one who desires to give

us his life now and for eternity.

I love what happens next! Jesus calls her by name. Jesus knows us by name! This is also a glimpse of heaven. When we die, Jesus will call us by name. Mary is so excited she grabs Jesus. He said, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" What a blessing to be united with Jesus!

A couple of hopeful passages from the Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom in the year 400A.D.

Let no one grieve at their poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one mourn that they have fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Happy and Blessed Easter to you and your families!

+ Gerald J. Veneke



—Upcoming Events—

— 4/2

Holy Thursday, Chancery Closed

— 4/3

Good Friday, Chancery Closed

— 4/5

Easter Sunday

— 4/6

Easter Monday, Chancery Closed

— 4/11

Transitional Deacon Ordination
Sacred Heart Cathedral, 10a.m.

— 4/12

Divine Mercy Sunday

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

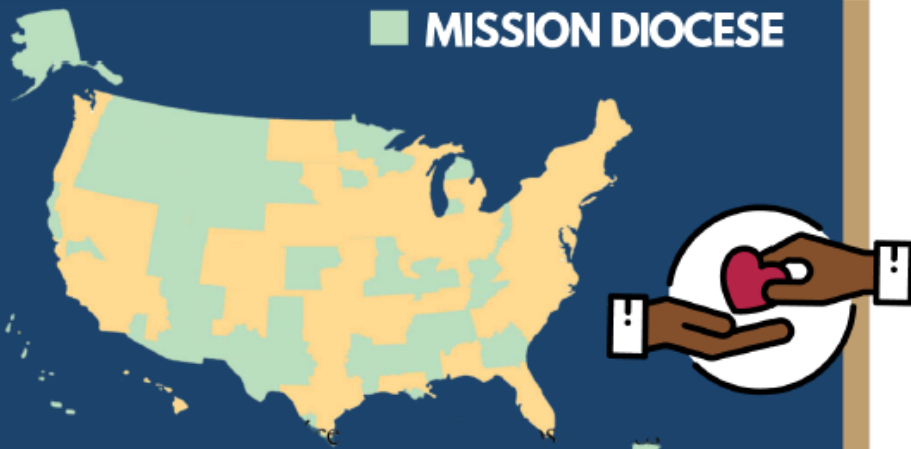
Catholic Home Missions

Surprisingly, the Catholic Church is poorly established in many parts of our country.

The Bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency, offering financial support to these dioceses.

The Salina Diocese is directly supported by this appeal!

MISSION DIOCESE



To Give: Anytime during the month of April, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Catholic Home Missions"

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska was the first saint canonized in the new millenium! On April 30th, 2000, during her canonization, Pope St. John Paul II named the Sunday after Easter the **Sunday of Divine Mercy**, inspired by St. Faustina's visions of Jesus.



HOLY
WEEK

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

SMALL BEADS

For the sake of His
sorrowful **Passion**,
have mercy on us and
on the whole world.

BIG BEADS

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body
and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your
Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus
Christ, in atonement for our sins and
those of the whole world.

AT THE END:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. x3

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

