



# ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**April 12, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

## **Phone #s**

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## **E-Mail**

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## **Website**

Parish: [www.stmarysofellis.org](http://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 13 - April 19

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; John 3:1-8  
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15  
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; John 3:16-21  
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; John 3:31-36  
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; John 6:1-15  
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; John 6:16-21  
Sun: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; Luke 24:13-35

## **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

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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+                                                                |
| Mon                                                                 | April 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Joe & Bridget Urban & Larry Urban+ Families (liv/dec)                                   |
| Tues                                                                | April 14 | 8:10 a.m. | Katie Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)                                                          |
| Wed                                                                 | April 15 | 8:10 a.m. | John M. & Clara (anniv) Augustine, Frank+ & Juanita Augustine, and Jerry & Rose Duncun+ |
| <b>EGSC</b> 10:00 a.m. For the Residents & their families (liv/dec) |          |           |                                                                                         |
| Thurs                                                               | April 16 | 8:10 a.m. | Pat & Diane Kuhn Family (liv/dec)                                                       |
| Fri                                                                 | April 17 | 8:10 a.m. | Harold Wiesner+ Family (liv/dec)                                                        |
| Sat                                                                 | April 18 | 5:30 p.m. | Randy Amrein+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)                                                  |
| Sun                                                                 | April 19 | 7:00 a.m. | For the Parishioners                                                                    |
| Sun                                                                 | April 19 | 9:00 a.m. | John & Agnes (anniv) Befort+ and Manny Befort+ Families (liv/dec)                       |

## Ministries for April 18 & 19

| Ministry                       | 5:30 p.m.                          | 9:00 a.m.                                 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                  | Allen Weber                        | Geri Augustine                            |
| <b>Presentation of Gifts</b>   | Lisa Cox & Grandchildren           | Mark & Sarah Eck Family                   |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b> | Terry & Cindy Zervas               | Mindy Eck<br>Paula Wasinger<br>Lacie Haas |
| <b>Servers</b>                 | Theodore, Oliver & Georgia Meagher | Hannah & Luke James<br>Alyvia Kraft       |
| <b>Cantor / Musician</b>       | Brad Deines<br>Emily Mattheyer     | Guitar Choir                              |
| <b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>   | Matt & Jessica Meagher Family      | Craig & Becky Seibel Family               |

## Other Ministries

|                               |                                                      |                                |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>7:00am Lector</b>          | April 19 (Sun)                                       | Mike Augustine                 |
| <b>Communion to Homebound</b> | April 17 (Fri)                                       | Marilyn Kroeger                |
| <b>Ellis Good Samaritan</b>   | April 19 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.                            | Geoff Eck Family               |
| <b>Rosary Leaders</b>         | April 18 (Sat) 8:30 p.m.<br>April 19 (Sun) 9:00 a.m. | Allen Weber<br>Josita Dreiling |
| <b>Monthly Money Counters</b> | April                                                | Bob & Margie Mickelson         |

## Meetings & Events

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| Sun   | April 12 | <b>First Holy Communion @ 9:00am</b> Mass<br>NO Coffee & Donuts this month<br>Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am<br><b>Divine Mercy Prayer Service @ 3:00pm</b> |
| Mon   | April 13 | Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm<br>School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm                                                                                          |
| Thurs | April 16 | Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00am—5:00pm                                                                                                                     |
| Fri   | April 17 | SMS Race for Education @ 9:00am                                                                                                                            |
| Sun   | April 19 | Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:30am                                                                                                                            |

## Parish Announcements

- **“The Rescue Project” Lenten Study Series** will continue on the 7th session today, April 12th at 10:30am in the church basement.
- **Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service:** You are invited to a special prayer service this Sunday, April 12th at 3:00pm.
- **No Coffee & Donuts** this weekend as we take time to celebrate our 2nd graders in making their Holy First Communion.
- **Parish Council March Minutes** have been published on the church website. Reminder: This minutes are unofficial pending council approval.
- **Parish Directory Update:** I am working on the final touches on the Parish Directory; hoping to begin printing this week. With that comes a task of binding the books together. Volunteers will be needed to help complete this task! If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please call the Parish Office and we will let you know when we plan to start the process. My goal is to have them out to you before the end of April! Thank you for being patient.
- **Are you New to St. Mary’s Parish?** To become a registered member of St. Mary’s Parish, please stop by the parish office to pick up a registration form or visit our church website to fill out online under “Home” tab! By registering at St. Mary’s Church you will be up-to-date on the latest happenings at the church, our school and within the community.

## Sharing Events

- **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.

## Notes from the Pastor

**Lenten Study Series.** The 7th session for our Lenten study series "The Rescue Project" meets this Sunday, April 12, at 10:30am in the church basement. We will continue on with the 8<sup>th</sup> session the following Sunday at 10:30am.

**Divine Mercy Sunday.** We will have a special prayer service on this Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12), beginning at 3:00pm. I will also be hearing confessions from 1:00pm–2:00pm.

### **Reminders:**

- ♦ **St. Mary's School Spring Concert.** Come listen to our students perform their musical talents on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00pm.
- ♦ **YDisciples & Confirmation Class Cookout.** Our YDisciples will host the Confirmation Class on the final day of Religious Education classes on April 29th for a BBQ and fun, beginning at 6:30pm.
- ♦ **Senior "Sending Forth" Mass.** Our High School Graduation Mass is planned for Sunday, May 3 at 9:00am. We will be honoring our seniors during Mass. Graduation is Saturday, May 9 at 2:00pm.
- ♦ **6th Grade Promotion Mass.** This special Mass for our 6th Grade students will be a on Wednesday, May 13 at 8:10am.
- ♦ **Last Day of School.** Watch for End of the Year events under the School Announcements. Last Day of School is May 14th, with early dismissal.
- ♦ **Feast of St. Isidore.** Mass at 8:10am will include Blessing of Seeds and Soil on May 15th.
- ♦ **Confirmation.** Confirmation for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is Sunday, May 17 at 9:00am Mass.

*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*



## **PRAYER FOR RAIN**

O God, heavenly Father, who by the Son Jesus Christ has promised to all those who seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech thee, in their necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to they honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Celebrating 35 Years!*

It's Official! The St. Mary's Guitar Choir has been sharing their music ministry from the choir loft for 35 years! What an amazing accomplishment.

We still have many of the original members.

Members that have raised their children in the choir loft and now welcome their grandchildren.

If you happen to see one of our singers - please thank them for their talent, generosity and tenacity!

We wouldn't be where we are today if we didn't rejoice together. As the director I can't even begin to share how incredibly grateful I am for each of them and for what gifts they bring to the loft. We are a family now and all precious in the eyes of God.

- Cheryl Lang

## **Parish Prayer List**

*Please Remember in Prayer*

**Congratulations! Jaxon Schwartz** who was baptized, received First Holy Communion & Confirmation, **Talon Pyle** received Holy Communion and Confirmation, **Laura Sofferson and Devin Henderson** who made a Profession of Faith in the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Communion and received Confirmation and at Easter Vigil on April 4!

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Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as they make their Holy First Communion this Sunday, April 12th

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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, 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.*

## **Parish Offering: April 4 & 5**

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

Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection....\$858.69

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$2,144.25

Adult Envelopes.....\$6,251.00

**Total Giving.....\$8,395.25**

**This weekend's collection is above by \$1,550.25.**

# School Announcements

**Monday, April 13**

Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm

School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

**Friday, April 17**

Race for Education @ 9:00am

- **Home & School Meeting:** All parents/guardians are invited to attend our monthly meetings! Our next one is this Monday, April 13th at 6:00pm in the school office. The more participation and willingness to volunteer for upcoming events help us be successful! This month we will be discussing upcoming events such as Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, 6th Grade Promotion Celebration, end of the school year plans, and more. Hope to see you on Monday!



**This Friday, St. Mary's Race for Education:** You are invited to come cheer on the students and staff as they walk/run around the playground beginning at 9:00am on Friday, April 17th for our annual Race for Education!. We are still accepting donations for new exterior doors for our school building! You may visit with a student and/or call the School Office for more info. Donations may be made by mail or stop by the school office, placed in the church collection (marked "Race for Education", or by PayPal on the school website!

- **Breaking News!!! The New St. Mary's Discount Cards are AVAILABLE!** Students & Staff are selling discount cards again this year for \$20.00 each to continue raising money for a new basketball court on the east side of the playground equipment! We are so close to reaching the amount we need to make it happen! These discount cards can be used over and over at all of the locations listed on the card until June 2027! Ask a student, staff member or call the School Office to place your order—this is a great way to support St. Mary's School and save money too! ▶▶▶▶▶▶
- **Do you know a Soon-To-Be-Graduate and need a gift? Making plans to travel this summer?** St. Mary's Home & School Association is collecting Scrip Card orders now through April 23rd. Gift cards will be ready to pick up or send home with student(s) the first week of May. Grab an order form for the School Bulletin Board in the back of church or shop online at [raiserright.com/shop](http://raiserright.com/shop). You are welcome to call the School Office to place an order as well! *Orders must be submitted and paid for by the end of the school day on April 23rd.*
- **You Are Invited to St. Mary's Spring Music Concert** on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00pm in the school gym. The 5th & 6th grade Ellis Band will be performing alongside with the St. Mary's School students!



## *Easter Lilies In Memory Of:*

- ✠ Al Weber by Vicki Weber ✠ Gay & Mary Henderson by Paula Lerch  
 ✠ Coleen Dinkel by Fred Dinkel Family ✠ Donna Honas and Mark Honas by Norbert Honas Family  
 ✠ Gilbert & Janet Augustine by Pete & Sandy Waldschmidt Family ✠ Dave Dreiling,  
 Earl & Luella Lambrecht, Fritz & Martha Dreiling, and Greg Lambrecht by Gail Dreiling  
 ✠ Don R. Younger by Rita Younger & Family ✠ Marion Dorzweiler, Leslie Dorzweiler,  
 Joe & Anna Dreiling and Leo & Mary Dorzweiler by Rose Dorzweiler ✠ John Rupp, Theresa Rupp,  
 and Arlene Rupp by Their Family ✠ Jim & Agnes Wannamaker, Jennifer Simpkins, Doris Shubert  
 and Adair & Rosalie Shubert by Bruce & Jackie Shubert ✠ Rudy & Agnes Waldschmidt,  
 Ronnie & Diane Waldschmidt, Richard Waldschmidt, Ernest & Muriel Fink and Rick Fink by  
 Ernie & Connie Fink Family ✠ Francis Flax, Marjorie Flax, Jonathan Flax, Fred Taylor by  
 Rod & Bernie ✠ Ralph & Julie Honas, Pete & Mary Ann Karlin, Mark & Agnes Pfannenstiel by  
 Mark & Bernice Karlin ✠ Metzler Family (liv/dec) ✠ Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)  
 ✠ Paul & Stella Augustine by Melvin & Gini Augustine ✠ Laurian Leiker by Janice Leiker Family ✠ Harold Bittel,  
 Leslie Dorzweiler, Marion Dorzweiler by Dennis Bittel Family Taylor ✠ Gary Lynn, John, Marge, Larry, and Sybil Luea and  
 Mildred Jinks by Gary & Shyrl Luea ✠ Nichole Diane Kuhn, Kaden Lee Shannon, Clarence & Alice Honas,  
 John F. & Bernadine Kuhn, and David F. Kuhn by Pat & Diane Kuhn Family ✠ Phillip & Anna Flax by Their Family  
 ✠ Albert & Jenny Pfeifer by Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer ✠ Ernest Sr. & Rosemary Pfeifer, Irvin & Darleen Werth by  
 Dave & LuAnn Pfeifer Family ✠ Marian Dorzweiler and Tom & Tillie Windholz by Duane & Karen Dorzweiler.