

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

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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

April 20 - April 26

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Sat: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Sun: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41; John 10:1-10

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 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)
Mon	April 20	5:30 p.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
Tues	April 21	8:10 a.m.	Otto & Philemene (anniv) Berens+ and Kathy Berens+
Wed	April 22	8:10 a.m.	Robert & Faye Kehr+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	April 23	8:10 a.m.	Roman & Freda Wiesner+
Fri	April 24	8:10 a.m.	Ron Herl+
Sat	April 25	5:30 p.m.	Mike & Phyllis Murphy+
Sun	April 26	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	April 26	9:00 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+, Danny & Virginia Robinett+, and Bill Weber, Sr.+

Ministries for April 25 & 26

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Sharon Bittel	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Pat & Diane Kuhn	Cody & Megan Honas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Sharon Bittel Richard Bollig	Gordon & Geri Augustine Jackie Flax
Servers	Easton Aschenbrenner Brecklynn Fischer	Emma Flax Cayson & Shayden Boydston
Cantor / Musician	Amy Staab Cheryl Lang	Abby Serpan Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	April 26 (Sun)	Amy Hundson
Communion to Homebound	April 24 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	April 26 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	April 25 (Sat) 8:30 p.m. April 26 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenberger Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	April	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	April 19	Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:30am Lenten Series Study @ 10:30am
Wed	April 22	Earth Day Administrative Professions Day
Thurs	April 23	Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00am—5:00pm
Fri	April 24	Arbor Day No School (Teacher In-Service)
Sun	April 26	Musicians Planning Meeting @ 10:00am Lenten Series Study #9 @ 10:30am
Mon	April 27	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **“The Rescue Project” Lenten Study Series** will continue on the 8th session today, April 19th at 10:30am in the church basement.
- **YDisiples!** It’s a night of Fun & Fellowship on Wednesday, April 22nd! No meal will be served. We will be playing some Cabbage Football at 6:30pm then plan to go to DQ for the sweet treat! Please bring your own source of money for payment!
- Next weekend we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.
- **Religious Education Classes Near the End:** Students and Parents, we are nearing the end of our class time together! Our last class will be April 29th at 7:00pm. Thank you for sharing your students with us! We hope they will continue to deepen their faith throughout the summer!
- **2026 High School Senior Graduation Mass:** We invite any High School Senior and their family to a special “Senior Sending Forth” ceremony on Sunday, May 3rd at 9:00am Mass. We ask that you please wear your graduation cap and gown! If you plan to attend, please call or email Emily to let us know by Thursday, April 30th: 785-726-4522 or stmary@gbta.net.
- **SAVE THE DATE for Totus Tuus 2026!** We have scheduled our summer youth program, Totus Tuus, for the week of July 12-17! This program is offered to students entering 1st-12th grade! More information and registration forms coming soon!

Notes from the Pastor

Lenten Study Series. The 8th session for our Lenten study series “The Rescue Project” meets this Sunday, April 19 at 10:30am in the church basement. The 9th and final session will be next Sunday at 10:30am.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled for next weekend, April 25-26. The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

Senior Graduation Mass. Our High School Graduation Mass is Sunday, May 3. We will be honoring our seniors at the 9:00am Mass. Invitations have been sent to Seniors in our parish: Tracyn Bollig, Avery Boydston, Ethan Carroll, William Eck, Brody Fischer, Jaren Frickey, Gracelynn Hamel, Raegan Jimenez, Kia Mader, Augustus Peine, Leah Reed, Sienna Schmidt, Brendan Seibel, Kinzie Sunley, and Gavyn Wildeman. *If we have inadvertently missed someone who should be on list, let us know.*

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.
- ♦ **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 8th grade class is Sunday, May 17 at 9:00am Mass.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Offering: April 11 & 12

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,466.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,488.00

Total Giving.....\$6,951.00

This weekend’s collection is above by \$109.00.

Parish Organization

- **Card Night with the Knights:** Members of the Knights of Columbus are hosting a Card Night at the Knights Hall on Wednesday, April 22nd beginning at 7:00pm.
- **It’s A Birthday Social!** The Daughters of Isabella will be hosting a special night to celebrate birthdays among the members on Thursday, April 23rd beginning at 6:00pm at the Knights Hall! Come enjoy snacks, sweet treats and play Bingo!



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.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Gregory Wiesner**, who passed away March 27. 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,  
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

**Wednesday, April 22**

Administrative Professionals Day/Earth Day

**Friday, April 24**

**NO SCHOOL**—Teacher In-Service/Work Day

**Sunday, April 26**

HAC Writing Awards @ 1:00pm

# Congratulations!



Front Row: Landen, Wyatt, Bentley, Georgia, Noah  
Back Row: Charlotte, Karsyn, Fr. Dana, Paisley

- **Congratulations to the Famous Figures** who will be representing St. Mary's School at the Final Competition on Friday, May 1 in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center: Eli K., as Audie Murphy and Ainsley H., as Flo Hyman. Shaylie G., as Elizabeth Blackwell, is our alternate. All of our 5th graders did a wonderful job! ▼▼▼



**Congratulations to the Hays Arts Council Writing Winners!** The Awards Celebration will be held at FHSU Memorial Union Ballroom at 1:00pm on Sunday, April 26th! ▼▼▼

- **We are Taking Gift Card Orders!** 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 sent home with student(s) the first week of May. **Orders must be submitted and paid for by the end of the school day on April 23rd.** Submit an order form or shop online at [raiseright.com/shop](http://raiseright.com/shop). Instructions are on the bulletin insert. You are welcome to call the School Office to place an order as well!



**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!

| HAC WRITING CONTEST WINNERS FOR 2026 |       |            |       |       |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|-------|-------|------------|
| POETRY                               |       |            |       |       |            |
| Gr.                                  | Place | Student    | Gr.   | Place | Student    |
| K                                    | 1     | Jentry D.  | 4     | 2     | John D.    |
| K                                    | 2     | Layton B.  | 4     | HM    | Dean H.    |
| K                                    | 3     | Avery G.   | 5     | 1     | Brielle H. |
| K                                    | HM    | Brynlee H. | 5     | 3     | Ainsley H. |
| 1                                    | 1     | Clara S.   | PROSE |       |            |
| 1                                    | 2     | Addisyn N. | Gr.   | Place | Student    |
| 1                                    | HM    | Mason M.   | K     | 3     | Ella G.    |
|                                      |       |            | 5     | 3     | Shaylie G. |
|                                      |       |            | 6     | 3     | Hattee D.  |

- **ANNOUNCEMENT:** St. Mary's School last day of school will be Thursday, May 4th. More information next week!

## Community Announcement

- **Give Home This Spring. Give Blood.** The Ellis High School STUCO is hosting another Ellis Community Blood Drive event on Friday, April 24 from 9:00am-3:00pm in the Ellis High School Gym. Please consider donating or helping spread the word about this opportunity to support those in need in our community. If we reach our goal, the American Red Cross will support our high school with a scholarship. We appreciate your support. How to Sign Up: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Ellis> or by contacting Derek Schoenthaler, 785-726-3151 or [dschoenthaler@usd388.com](mailto:dschoenthaler@usd388.com).



**National Drug Take Back Day** is set for Saturday, April 25th, from 10:00am—2:00pm at the Ellis Police Department, 815 Jefferson Street. They will be collecting unwanted, expired, or unused prescription or over-the-counter drugs. You do not need to be an Ellis Community Member to participate and there is no cost associated with disposal! They are not able to collect any creams, balms, liquids, inhalers, needles or sharps, or anything containing a battery. Illicit drugs will also not be accepted. For more information or to find a Take Back Day location, please visit the DEA's website at [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com)

- **EHS Alumni's 125th Annual Reunion:** All classes, regardless of graduation year, are invited to attend this year's milestone celebration! There are many activities and events planned for the big celebration! We invite you to attend our Annual Banquet on May 23rd! Tickets are on sale now until May 1st and can be purchased at the EHS Alumni Office, Equity Bank, Golden Belt Bank or Vemno. Tickets are \$30 for the Banquet & Dance, and \$10 at the door for the dance only. All banquet tickets need to be paid in advance.

# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



**I**n nearly 75 dioceses in the United States and its territories, funds from Catholic Home Missions are a lifeline for churches in rural areas where small Catholic populations are unable to sustain basic pastoral ministries without outside assistance.

In southern Illinois, the challenges facing the Diocese of Belleville are particularly acute. Most of the diocese's 28 counties are rural and have small Catholic populations, while the cities within the diocese are among the poorest in the entire country. Although the diocese lacks necessary material resources, it is blessed with dedicated men and women who faithfully carry out their mission to share the Gospel in ministries including catechesis, Hispanic/Latino ministry among the area's growing Spanish-speaking population, and campus ministry for the students at Southern Illinois

University (SIU) in Carbondale and other college campuses in the area.

The Newman Center campus ministry located on the SIU campus strengthens the faith of Catholic young adults with faith formation programs, fellowship, and prayer, as well as community service opportunities beyond campus. By participating at Sunday and weekday Masses and in student-led retreats, weekly dinners, and outreach to families in need, these students grow in their faith and prepare to be church leaders. Working with the diocesan vocation director, the campus ministry program helps nurture priestly vocations—a record of success made possible through support received from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which funds the full-time campus minister's position. For more information about Catholic Home Missions, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

If you prefer to donate online, see QR code.



## What Is a "Home Mission" Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and its former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered home mission dioceses.

## CHMA FINANCIALS 2024



### Totals by Program Area

|                                                              |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| • Diocesan and Parish Assistance                             | \$2,485,000 |
| • Faith Formation                                            | \$2,045,000 |
| • Vocations and Formation of Deacons, Priests, and Religious | \$1,810,000 |
| • Special Grants*                                            | \$938,475   |
| • Cultural Ministries**                                      | \$725,000   |
| • Strengthening Marriage and Family Life                     | \$125,000   |
| • Life and Dignity of the Human Person†                      | \$50,000    |

**Total: \$8,178,475**

\*Special Grants include the following:

- Support for the Installation of a New Home Mission Bishop
- Support for USCCB Initiatives (Eucharistic Revival, Synodal Journey)
- Diocesan Professional Development Opportunities

\*\* Including Hispanic/Latino, Black, Asian, and Native American ministries.

† Including ministries for persons with disabilities.



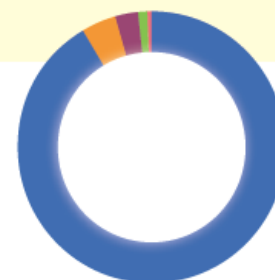
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### Catholic Home Missions Appeal

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| • Grants and Donations                | \$8,076,036 |
| • Program Costs                       | \$478,207   |
| • Promotions and Fundraising Expenses | \$389,274   |
| • Administrative Expenses             | \$98,290    |
| • Allocations – Internal Grants       | \$29,825    |

**Total Expenses: \$9,071,632**



*Strengthening the Church at Home*