

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637



April 19, 2026 | Fourth 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 27 - May 3

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-8; John 10:11-18

Tue: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wed: Acts of the Apostles 12:24 - 13:5a; John 12:44-50

Thu: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Fri: Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Sat: Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

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 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.+
Mon	April 27	5:30 p.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
Tues	April 28	8:10 a.m.	Berniece Shank+
Wed	April 29	8:10 a.m.	Cathy Kutina+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	April 30	8:10 a.m.	David Fox+
Fri	May 1	8:10 a.m.	Mary Henderson+
Sat	May 2	5:30 p.m.	Frank+ & Juanita Augustine Family (l/d)
Sun	May 3	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 3	9:00 a.m.	Larry M. Cox+

Ministries for May 2 & 3

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zervas	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family	Jordan & Emily Mattheyer Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Sharon Bittel Barney Boos	Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld Curtis Weber
Servers	Meagher Siblings	John & Dean Hickert Sutton Dinkel
Cantor / Musician	<i>To Be Determined</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>
Ushers & Greeters	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler Roberta Augustine	Wesley & Lindsay James Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	May 3 (Sun)	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	May 1 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	May 3 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	May 2 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. May 3 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zervas Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	May	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	April 26	Musicians Planning Meeting @ 10:00am Lenten Series Study #9 @ 10:30am
Mon	April 27	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	April 29	SMS Spring Music Concert @ 6pm YDisciples Cookout @ 6:30pm Last Class of CCD @ 7pm
Thurs	April 30	Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00am—5:00pm
Fri	May 1	May Day! ☼ National School Principals Day & School Lunch Hero Day!
Sun	May 3	“Sending Forth” Graduation Mass @ 9am
M-F	May 4-8	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!

Parish Announcements

- **Parish Directory is Finally Ready:** Our Parish Directory is finally ready for you to pick up! You can pick up a copy in the back of the church or stop by the Parish Office. We are asking for a donation of \$10.00 to help cover the print cost. Donation envelopes are on the table with the Directories. We initially printed 100 copies, and can always print more as needed!
- **St. Mary's School Spring Music Concert:** We ask that if you plan to attend the Music Concert on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm; please park in the church parking lot and surrounding streets. Those who need handicap parking my park behind the school if needed.
- **YDisciples & 8th Grade Class Cookout & Games!** Come wrap up the year with a cookout and games on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30pm! Let's welcome and encourage the 8th Grade students to join our fun group!
- **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.

Notes from the Pastor

Lenten Study Series. The 9th and final session is this Sunday at 10:30am.

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 Graduation Mass. Our High School Graduation Mass is next Sunday, May 3. We will be honoring our graduating seniors at the 9:00am Mass. Ellis High School Graduation is Saturday, May 9.

6th Grade Promotion Mass. This special Mass for our 6th Grade students will be a on Wednesday, May 13 at 8:10am.

The Feast of St. Isidore. The Feast of St. Isidore is Friday, May 15. We will celebrate it at our 8:10am Mass. The celebration will include: a blessing of water that will be used to bless seeds to be planted (or a sampling of seeds to be planted) and any soil that is brought in; a blessing of a container of potting soil from which you can take some home to add to your field, garden or yard; praying the litany of Saint Isidore. *We will have a table setup for anyone to bring seed to be blessed. You don't have to attend Mass to have your seed blessed, just bring your seed sometime before Friday Mass and place it on the table to pick up later on Friday. There will also be blessed water available to take home.*

Confirmation. Confirmation for our 8th grade class is Sunday, May 17 at 9:00am Mass with Bishop Vincke. Everyone is welcomed.

Lake Masses. Masses at Cedar Bluff Lake for the summer will begin Sunday, May 17. Mass time will be 11:00am.

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.

Community Announcements

- **Don't Miss Out—Summer Food 4 Kids Program Enrollment Ends May 20!** Be sure to sign up in time to take advantage of this important program. Enrollment is quick and easy-stop by in person or call the Alliance Office at 820 Washington or 785-726-2660.
- **Divine Mercy Radio's Spring-Care-A-Thon** is happening April 28—May 1. Check out the back page for more information.
- **NWKS Area Agency on Aging "Information Day"** event is happening on Wednesday, May 6th from 9:00am-3:00pm at Big Creek Crossing, Hays, KS. There will be Vendors/Presentations, Bingo at 2:15pm, door prizes and lots of giveaways. This is an opportunity for older Kansans and caregivers to learn about community services, Medicare, fraud, employment assistance, financial assistance, and much more. The first 100 attendees will receive a gift bag from *Women Who Lead*—packed with fun, useful items you won't want to miss. Enjoy complimentary coffee, donuts, hot dogs, chips and snacks while supplies last throughout the day! For more info contact NWKAAA at 785-628-8204.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Walter "Walt" Floyd Gasper**, who was baptized here on April 19, 2026.

Son of Austin & Sadie (Dinkel) Gasper.

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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 18 & 19**

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,940.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,537.00

**Total Giving.....\$5,477.00**

**This weekend's collection is under by \$1,368.00.**

## **School Announcements**

**Wednesday, April 29**

St. Mary's Spring Music Concert @ 6:00pm

**Friday, May 1**

May Day! & Principals Day

HAC Famous Figures at Beach/Schmidt @ 8:20am

- **Thank You Notes for Teachers/Staff:** Home & School is planning to make a "Thank You" wall of notes for our teachers & staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. If you plan to attend the SMS Spring Music Concert, we will have a table set up for you to take the opportunity to write a note, or two, to our teachers.
- **Pre-Registrations:** If you haven't already paid your pre-registrations fees to the school office, we suggest that you get them turned in before the end of the school year!
- **Last Day of SMART Program** will be Thursday, May 7th. It will not be available on May 11-13, the last week of school. Please make other arrangements for that Monday-Wednesday.
- **St. Mary's Discount Cards still available!** We still have cards available for \$20.00 each! Call the School Office to place your order—this is a great way to support St. Mary's School and save money while you are at it! They also make great graduation gifts!
- **St. Mary's School Last Day of School:** Our last day of school will be May 14th, as originally scheduled! Due to a junior high track meeting scheduled for the morning of May 12th, our 6th Grade Promotion Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 13th at 8:10am, followed by a family reception and signing of the wall. Then on Thursday, May 14th, we will host our Awards Assembly beginning at 8:30am, followed by the annual 6th Graders vs 6th Grade Parents/Staff Volleyball Game. We will dismiss at 11:40am with the 6th Graders leading as they ring the bell at St. Mary's. Reminder: Buses will not run on Thursday, May 14th. Please arrange transportation for drop and pick up on this day.



## **Community Announcement**

- **"Behold, I Make all Things New."- Rev. 21:5:** Tune into Divine Mercy Radio's Spring Care-a-thon on April 28th-May 1st, for insightful conversations to grow in your faith and be renewed in our relationship with Christ. This spring, we are celebrating God's new creation! And as always, we will have entertaining and informative guests and great prizes to give away. For a full schedule of guests and how to listen, visit [dvmercy.com](http://dvmercy.com).



Some guests of interest to you: Tuesday: Fr. Curtis Carlson at 10am, Wednesday: Fr. Brian Lager @ 10am, and Bishop Vincke at 3pm. Thursday: Lester & Donetta Robben at 8am, Deacon Bill Meagher @ 9am, Friday: Fr. Fred Gatschet at 2pm & Mark Gaschet at 3pm.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**We cannot thank you enough for your generosity you shared by giving so many canned and boxed goods during our Lenten Food Drive. We, along with Catholic Charities, are incredibly grateful for such a large contribution! Many in need will be helped with these gifts.**

**Sincerely, William Eck and Easton Werth**

