

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637



May 17, 2026 | The Ascension of the Lord

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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

May 18 - May 24

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
Sun: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; John 20:19-23

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	May 16	5:30 p.m.	Clarence & Alice Honas+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	May 17	7:00 a.m.	Duane Fisher+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Sun	May 17	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 17	11:00 a.m.	For the Cedar Bluff Lake Visitors
Mon	May 18	5:30 p.m.	Marvin+ & Barbara King
Tues	May 19	8:10 a.m.	Betty Clark+
Wed	May 20	8:10 a.m.	Donnie & Christine Aschenbrenner Fam.
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	May 21	8:10 a.m.	Judy & Darryl Schuler Family (liv/dec)
Fri	May 22	8:10 a.m.	Frank & Renee Schyrer+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	May 23	5:30 p.m.	Thomas & Bertillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	May 24	7:00 a.m.	Edward & Bertha Riedel+, Troy Riedel+, Duane Riedel+, and Joyce Richardson+ Families (liv/dec)
Sun	May 24	9:00 a.m.	Coleen Dinkel+ (anniv)
Sun	May 24	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for May 23 & 24

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Roberta Augustine	Alissa Rehmert
Presentation of Gifts	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family	Verla Seibel Lisa Cox
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Mindy Eck Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Theodore, Oliver, Georgia Meagher	Olivia & Vincent Eck Nolan Reed
Cantor / Musician	Allen Prout Amy Staab	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler Roberta Augustine	Wesley & Lindsay James Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	May 24 (Sun)	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	May 22 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	May 24 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	May 23 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. May 24 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	May	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	May 17	Confirmation Mass @ 9am Mass at Cedar Bluff Lake @ 11am
Tues	May 19	Fr. Dana's 25th Ordination Anniversary
Thurs	May 21	No Eucharistic Adoration
Mon	May 25	Memorial Day Parish Office Closed Memorial Prayer Service at Cemetery ~9:45am

Parish Announcements

- **Cedar Bluff Lake Masses** for the summer begins this Sunday, May 17th at 11:00am. All are welcome.
- **Fr. Dana Celebrates 25 years!** On May 19, 2026, will be Fr. Dana's 25th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood. You are invited to fill his mailbox by helping him celebrate this milestone by sending a note and/or card to the Parish Office.
- **No Eucharistic Adoration** on Thursday, May 21st.
- **Parish Directory:** We still have Parish Directories available if you haven't already picked one up. We are asking for a donation of \$10.00 to help cover the print cost. Donation envelopes are on the table with the Directories or you can stop by the Parish Office.
- **Join us on Memorial Day at the Cemetery:** We are planning to be a part of the Ellis VFW & Auxiliary's Memorial Day Services, on Monday, May 25th. They will begin at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, north of town at 9:00am and then come to St. Mary's Cemetery, approx. around 9:30am. More information next week.

“True surrender requires unwavering faith and humility. We are called by God to trust completely.”

-Julie Dortch Cragon Talking to God

Parish Offering: May 9 & 10

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,565.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,210.00

Total Giving.....\$5,775.00

This weekend's collection is under by \$1,070.00.

Notes from the Pastor

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

Blessed Potting Soil and Water. This past Friday, at the 8:10am Mass, in honor of St. Isidore, a container of potting soil and a container of water were blessed. These items are still available on a table in the back of the church for you to take home to your lawn, garden or field(s).

Memorial Day Service. The annual Memorial Day Service for St. Mary's Cemetery will follow the service at St. John's Luthern Church on Monday, May 25, which begins around 9:00am.

Family Consecration to the Sacred Heart. In the May SDNB, the Diocesan Office of Family Life invites families to consecrate their home and family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to entrust the family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This year, this invitation carries special significance as the Bishops of the United States will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12, 2026.

A home consecration is a beautiful and powerful act of devotion in which a family intentionally places their life under the lordship of Christ. This includes the Enthronement of an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home, a visible reminder that Christ is truly the center of family life.

To learn more about the Enthronement, you can check out the pamphlets I have in the back of the church. Or, check out the May issue of *Faith Magazine*, the May Register, and/or the Diocese of Salina website.

You can also contact me to do a home consecration. I will have pictures of the Sacred Heart available that can be used for the Enthronement.

News from the Diocese:

Priesthood Ordination. The date for the priesthood ordinations for deacons Luke Friess and Benjamin King will be Friday, June 12 at 2:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. You are welcomed to attend.

100% Federal Tax Credit - The State of Kansas recently opted into the Federal Tax Credit program for schools. This will allow donors to give \$1,700 to ACE, which is our partner as a Scholarship Granting Organization, and pick which school you would like your funds to go to. Qualifying students can then apply to receive help with the cost of education. Additional guidance, communication tools, and promotional resources will be shared as we move closer to implementation.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Decorations at St. Mary's Cemetery for Memorial Day:** To all who decorate graves at St. Mary's Cemetery for Memorial Day—We ask that you please have any decorations that are not in mounted vases or secure to gravesites removed by Monday, June 1st. Otherwise they will be discarded in order to keep the cemetery tidy, mowed and trimmed.
- **SAVE THE DATE for Christmas in July Craft Fair!** The Daughters of Isabella are hosting a festive and fun-filled day on July 18th from 9:00am-2:00pm. Explore a wide variety of handmade crafts, unique gifts and local creations! They are currently taking Booth Reservations for any vendors wanting to participate! Contact Lisa M. via text at 785-726-1090! Spaces are limited and there will only be one vender per direct sales company allowed, so as to ensure a variety for all participants! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to shop local, support small business, and get into the holiday spirit—just a little early!

Diocese of Salina

- **Assistance with FAITH article:** Katie Hamel is working on an article featuring moments with the Eucharist from across the diocese. Please send your responses to the following prompt by May 29th to KatieHamelWriting@gmail.com: *Share about a moment with the Eucharist where you knew, without a doubt, of God's unwavering love for you.*

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations to our to 8th Grade Students who are going to be Confirmed on Sunday, May 17, 2026!

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk,  
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, Shirley Pitner,  
Cathy Sherfick, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger,  
Leonard Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, Jill Urban,  
Karla Weimer, 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**

- **Ga-Ga-Ball!** St. Mary's Students are enjoying the newest addition to the playground equipment, a Gaga Ball Pit! Gaga Ball is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder, gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running and jumping, while trying to hit the opponents with a ball below the knees! Fun and easy, and quite popular for our students! The Gaga Ball Pit was purchased with grant funds provided by Blue Cross Blue Schield and installed by Mr. Cletus, Fr. Dana and friends of St. Mary's!



**School Office Hours** for the summer will vary. If you happen to need the school and no one answers, please call or stop by to see Emily at the Parish Office!

- **Save Money This Summer with St. Mary's Discount Cards!** These discount cards feature 22 businesses who give a discount when purchasing! Start using them now through June 2027! Grab one today and start saving money at the participating businesses! A card is just \$20.00 each! Call Emily at the Parish Office or stop in to place your order!

### **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 thy honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!** **6th Graders!**



## **Community Announcements**



**Ride for the Wall** Comes through Ellis on Sunday, May 17th. The annual Run for the Wall riders will leave Oakley, after lunch and fueling, at 1pm and head east on I-70. Estimated time to pass through Ellis is as early as 1:45pm. Usually there are about 15 'scout riders' ahead of the large group of riders. Bring your kids, grandkids, friends and flags to show your support as these riders head to Washington DC.



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.

- **Volunteers Needed for Memorial Day Band:** Calling Alumni, Parents, Students and Community Members to play in the Memorial Day band! **Rehearsal will be Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00pm** in the EHS/EJH Band Room. Memorial Day Band will play on Monday, May 25th. Bus leaves at 8:00am. If you are interested, please reach out to Renetta Dawson at [rdawson@usd388.com](mailto:rdawson@usd388.com).
- **German Sausage Meal on Saturday, May 23rd:** The Ellis Memorial VFW Post 9139 will be serving up lunch on Saturday, May 23rd from 11:30-1:30pm in Chrysler Park. Meal includes German Sausage or Hamburger on a Bun, Sauerkraut, Beans, Onions, Mustard, Catsup, Chips, Cookie & Water...All for a Free Will Donation! Meals served for dining or to-go!