

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

March 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday



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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 25 - May 31

Mon: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34

Tue: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31

Wed: 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45

Thu: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52

Fri: 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26

Sat: Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33

Sun: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; John 3:16-18

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 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
Mon	May 25	5:30 p.m.	Evelyn Rupp+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	May 26	8:10 a.m.	Ralph Waldschmidt+
Wed	May 27	8:10 a.m.	LaVerne Dinkel+ & David Dinkel+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	May 28	8:10 a.m.	Rosita Augustine+ (anniv)
Fri	May 29	8:10 a.m.	Eddie & Fidelia Honas+
Sat	May 30	5:30 p.m.	Julius & Dorothy Urban+
Sun	May 31	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 31	9:00 a.m.	Laurian+ & Janice Leiker Family (liv/dec)
Sun	May 31	11:00 a.m.	For the Travelers

Ministries for May 30 & 31

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Ethan & Britny Cox Family	Gordon & Geri Augustine
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Sharon Bittel Duane Dorzweiler	Paula Wasinger Lacie Haas Curtis Weber
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Sophie, Adeline, Brandt Siebel
Cantor / Musician	Emily Mattheyer Allen Prout	Amy Staab Olivia Eck
Ushers & Greeters	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler Roberta Augustine	Wesley & Lindsay James Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	May 31 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	May 29 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	May 31 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	May 30 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. May 31 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	May	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	May 24	Mass at Cedar Bluff Lake @ 11:00am
Mon	May 25	Memorial Day (Parish Office Closed) ...Memorial Day Service at Cemetery ~9:30am
Thurs	May 28	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
S-S	May 30-31	Mission Appeal Weekend (Visiting Priest)

Parish Announcements

- **Memorial Day:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance to Memorial Day. We invite you to join us at St. Mary's Cemetery at approximately 9:30 a.m. to honor and pray for those who have served our country, in conjunction with the Ellis VFW & Auxiliary's Memorial Day Services. Full schedule of Services on the back page of this bulletin.
- **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 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! Registration forms are available on the church website and/or by emailing Emily at the Parish Office. They will soon be available to pick up in the back of church as well.

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 Offering: May 16 & 17

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$881.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,505.00

Total Giving.....\$5,386.00

This weekend's collection is under by \$1,459.00.

Did you know if you attend Mass at any church of the Heartland Parishes: You can put your SMC envelope in their collection and it will be sent to SMC? In other words, if you find yourself attending Mass at another parish in the area, it would be safe to say your tithing envelope will make it back to SMC!

Notes from the Pastor

Memorial Day Service. The Memorial Day Service for St. Mary's Cemetery will be following the service at St. John's Church, which begins around 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 25.

Maintenance Items.

- Thanks to Rick Cunningham and his side kick, Junior, for fixing the cracks and the peeling paint on church ceiling and walls this past week. Thanks to Buck Honas for the use of his scaffolding!
- A small scaffolding was set up and the top of the fans were cleaned.
- South tower (steeple), above the stairs to the choir loft, was cleaned up. During a heavy rain, water pours down the walls onto the floor. There is tin floor and drain in the tower, but there was so much dirt accumulated that, I believed, kept it from draining well. About a 100lbs and dirt was removed. Surprisingly, no bat droppings were found. I believe, because of the aluminum louvers, the bats have a hard time landing and crawling into the louver openings. We may consider, however, placing ¼" mesh screen on the inside to close up the louver opening and gaps just to be sure bats can't eventually find a home.
- Cletus Gross and Charles Kinderknecht are working at remodeling the school library. All funds for this project have been completely donated.

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.

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.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Quarry to Glory—Volga German Church Tour:** Enjoy a visit to beautiful historic Volga German churches in Ellis & Rush Counties traveling by motor coach on June 20th. Get a glimpse of the area's history and an understanding of the strong religious values of the early settlers. The Roman Catholic influences, artistic Gothic style and beautiful stained glass are dominant features of these historic limestone churches, yet each is unique: St. Catherine (Catherine), St. Francis of Assisi (Munjour), Basilica of St. Fidelis (Victoria), Holy Cross (Pfeifer), St. Ann (Walker), and St. Anthony (Schoenchen). The tour includes historical presentations at each location, special side tours along the way including stops at two additional churches, an authentic German Buffet Lunch and a Volga German snack. **Registration is open NOW! Don't wait to reserve your seat, as there are limited seats available. Call (785) 260-7930 or visit <https://www.kansaspostrocklimestone.org/events>.** Tickets are \$75.00 per person! Bus loading begins at 7:30 a.m. at from Hays Big Creek Crossing (Mall) Parking Lot.
- **SAVE THE DATE for Christmas in July Craft Fair!** The Ellis 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 (early)!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Sister Donna Otter**, who passed away May 19th.

She served in Ellis from 2000-2005. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, Leon 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



**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!

## Community Announcements



**Ellis VFW Memorial Day Services:** The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ellis Memorial Post 9139, will be holding Memorial Day Services at the local Ellis cemeteries this year on **Monday, May 25, Memorial Day**. The services begin at St. John's Cemetery (North of Ellis) at 9:00 a.m., *proceeding to St. Mary's Cemetery (~9:30/9:45 a.m.)*, then to Big Creek Bridge, the Memorial Park downtown. A short break at the VFW Post for refreshments before finishing at the Mount Hope Cemetery. Ceremonies will be ending shortly before Noon. **Volunteers Needed on Sunday** to help with decorating the graves of our fallen comrades beginning at 3:00 p.m., beginning at St. Mary's Cemetery by putting small American Flags on each veteran's grave. From there will proceed to Mt. Home Cemetery and do likewise. There are over 450 graves in all, so that becomes quite the task! **Volunteers for Monday Morning** will be greatly appreciated as we will raise the large American Flags in the Avenues of the Flags at both cemeteries, starting at 7:00 a.m. at St. Mary's, then move to Mt. Hope. There are 50 flags raise at half mast in honor of all deceased Veterans.



**Annual Ellis Art Walk** is set for Saturday, June 6th in conjunction with the City Wide Garage Sales.

Details are still being finalized, though event will take place in the late morning and into the early afternoon hours. Watch here for more info. Local artists interested in participating or displaying their artwork during this event are encouraged to contact the Ellis Chamber of Commerce at 785-726-2660.

- **First Responders Appreciation Barbeque** is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Frontier Park East Shelter House in Hays, KS. This special event is for all active & retired responders and their families. Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and refreshments! Sponsored by All Ellis County Knights of Columbus Councils!

# Congratulations!

to the following students on making their Confirmation on Sunday, March 17, 2026



Back row: Elijah Wagner, Bodhi Amrein, Caleb Schield, Myles Vine, Kyle Yates, Front row: Fr. Dana, Alyvia Kraft, Adalyn Nilhas, Charly Amrein, and Bishop Vincke.

### MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and  
put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from  
our midst and  
wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve  
to be called your sons  
and daughters.  
Keep in your mercy  
those men and women  
who have died in the  
cause of freedom and  
bring them safely  
into your kingdom of  
justice and peace.  
We ask this through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

- Prayer from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

dosp.org

- **CHANGE OF DATE: Ellis Food Box Pantry Open on June 8th:** We received word the food truck is going to be coming a week later. Next distribution date is Monday, June 8th (*not June 1st*) from 3-6 p.m. If you are in need of extra food items during the summer months, you are welcome to come to the drive-thru at the Ellis Food Box Pantry! No income restrictions, though you must live within the USD 388 district. **Summer Food Program** will also be available this day as well. Children's food boxes are only distributed to families who have signed up. If you have not signed up yet, please stop by the Ellis Alliance Office or call 785-726-2660.