

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

July 12, 2026
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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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

July 13 - July 19

Mon: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tue: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

Wed: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

Thu: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

Fri: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

Sat: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

Sun: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Matthew 13:24-43

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	July 11	5:30 p.m.	LeRoy & Lois Aschenbrenner Family (l/d)
Sun	July 12	7:00 a.m.	Syl & Jeannie Rome+
Sun	July 12	9:00 a.m.	Larry Brack+
Sun	July 12	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	July 13	5:30 p.m.	Jonathan Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	July 14	8:10 a.m.	Ida Mae Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	July 15	8:10 a.m.	Rose Dorzweiler+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	July 16	8:10 a.m.	Remy Mella+
Fri	July 17	8:10 a.m.	Nichole Diane Kuhn+ (anniv) and John F. Kuhn+ (anniv)
Sat	July 18	5:30 p.m.	Mike Murphy+ and Art Balthazor+
Sun	July 19	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	July 19	9:00 a.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
Sun	July 19	11:00 a.m.	Cory Eberle+ Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for July 18 & 19

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Brian Serpan
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family	Bailey Dinkel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld Sarah Eck
Servers	Aschenbrenner/ Swagerty Siblings	Cayson & Shayden Boydston
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Haas Girls
Ushers & Greeters	Rick & Nancy Cunningham Gary Luea	Gordon & Geri Augustine Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	July 19 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	July 17 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	July 19 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	July 18 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. July 19 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	July	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	July 12	Parish Brunch Potluck after 9am Mass Totus Tuus (Gr. 7-12) begins @ 7:30pm
M-F	July 13-18	Totus Tuus (Gr. 1-6), 9:00am-3:00pm
Thurs	July 16	<i>No Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Sun	July 19	Bible Study "Catholic Church History" @ 10:30am Building Blessing at Divine Mercy Radio @ 12:30p

Parish Announcements

- **Totus Tuus Begins This Week!** Students entering 7th-12th grades, we invite you to come join the Totus Tuus Team in the church basement from 7:30-9:30pm. Students who are entering 1st-6th grades will begin on Monday, July 13th at 9:00am! Don't forget to bring your own lunch and report to the school cafeteria, please! If you have registered for either session, that's okay! Show up and we'll get your signed in! A suggested small donation of \$15/student or \$40/family or 3+!
- **Heads Up—Additional Daily Mass Offered for Totus Tuus!** During the week of Totus Tuus, July 13-18, Fr. Dana will be celebrating Mass with the students at 11:30am (NOTE: *Time Change*). He will continue to keep the regular daily Mass times as normally scheduled. You welcome to attend Mass with the students at 11:30am, if you wish!
- **No Eucharistic Adoration during the month of July.** However, the church will remain open during daylight hours for you to come pray on your own time. We will resume Eucharistic Adoration in August.
- **Rosary Leaders for 9:00am Mass:** We are seeking volunteers to pray the Rosary before 9:00am Mass. This could be a once-a-month obligation. Please call/text Rita Younger to get on the list at 785-650-4225.
- **2027 Mass Dates Open:** The 2027 Mass Intention Book still has openings! All Masses are scheduled on *first come, first serve basis*. Call, email, or stop by the Parish Office to schedule your future Mass Intentions.
- **New Bible Study Beginning:** You are invited to join us for our next session of Bible study, which will begin on **Sunday, July 19th at 10:30am** in the church basement. We all know how our Catholic Church began, after Jesus himself had given Peter the keys of the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus was crucified, rose from the dead, and promised his disciples the gift to the Holy Spirit to guide and uphold them. Then, on Pentecost, the quaking disciples were granted power and authority to go out and take the Good News to people of all nations. And then—What happened “next”? With this next session, we will touch on just the basics as we explore Church history in those early years. Bring your Bibles if possible! This group is open to all age levels!

Notes from the Pastor

School Parking Lot Project. This project is set to begin this week. The parking area on the east side of school (driveway to Parish Office) will be blocked off for a few weeks. M&D Excavating from Hays will be doing the grading and prep work for the concrete pour. Eck & Eck Construction will then come and do the cement work. They will pour about a 20 x 20 feet section at a time. It will take several days.

The Geese Saga Continues. In my research, I found out that geese are highly reluctant to walk over low obstacles. A highly visible nylon line, for example, strung several inches off the ground so that geese are unable to walk under or easily step over the line may encourage them to move to a new location. So, I strung some nylon line along the edge of a portion of the walking path to see what would happen. A family of six geese entered from the west end of the walking path, where I didn't have string placed yet. I watched them as they walked along the path where the string was, but would not cross over the string into the field where a large flock of other geese were grazing. They walked up and down the walking path looking, apparently, for a way to cross over. They seemed lost and confused. I finally walked up behind them and guided them to the west end, where they were able to walk back down into the creek.

After from experimentation, I also discovered that using undiluted bleach on the dropping strains and scrubbing with a stiff scrubbing brush, I was able to remove most of the strains. I watered the section down, poured undiluted bleach onto the strains, waited a minute or two, scrubbed the stain and rinsed the section off.

Geese are interesting creatures. They mate for life. They are able to sleep with one eye open and half of their brain awake allowing them to remain vigilant against predators (called unihemispheric sleep). During a 4 to 6 week summer period, an adult goose will shed their primary flight feathers at which time they are grounded and remain close to the water for safety.

Diocesan News

Seminarian Dinners. Seminarian Fundraising Dinners will be held Wednesday, July 29th in Salina at the Hilton Garden Inn and Thursday, July 30th in Colby at the City Limits. If you would like to attend, tickets are \$60 and may be purchased by July 13 at bit.ly/semsofsalina.

2026 Eucharistic Conference, This year's conference will be hosted by the FHSU Comeau Campus Center. You can check out the website for the schedule, speaker info, and other details. The conference is scheduled for the weekend of July 31st and August 1st. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2/>

News in Surrounding Area

- **Building Blessing at Our New Location:** You are invited to join Divine Mercy Radio for our Building Blessing on Sunday, July 19th at 12:30pm at our new location, 709 Main Street, Hays! Bishop Vincke will be there as well! We will be having the Tiger Station open specially for us from 12:30-3:00pm with 10% discount on all Combos that are purchased! We hope you will come celebrate with us!
- **Full-Time Maintenance Technician at St. Joseph Parish, Hays:** The person in this position assists with operations and repair for the rectory, church campus, buildings and cemeteries. The Technician works with maintenance team and reports to Maintenance Supervisor. To request a full job description and benefits information, contact Ann Pfeifer, Parish Business Administrator, at 785-625-7356. You can email or hand-deliver a resume to stjoffice@stjoehays.com or 215 W 13th St, Hay. The position will begin immediately. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
- You are invited to **American Historical Society of Germans from Russia's 56th Annual Convention** hosted by the Sunflower Cher of Hays on August 5-7 at Hilton Garden Inn, Hays, KS. Full convention schedule and registration may be found at AHSGR.org or by calling 402474-3363 for more information.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Ed Collins,
Henry Dinkel, Dianne Durler, Joe & Arlene Erbert,
Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Brandon & Jordan Gabel Family,
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, Elizabeth Newton, Cheryl Noles, Ramona Patten,
Shirley Pitner, Cathy Sherfick, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger,
Leonard Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, Jill Urban,
Shirley Wagner, Dale Wasinger, Karla Weimer,
Kathy Wiesner, Leon Wiesner, Brandy Womack,
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: July 4 & 5

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,201.00
Adult Envelopes.....\$3,527.00
Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$1,017.00
Total Giving.....\$5,745.00

This weekend's collection is under by \$1,100.00

School Announcements



School Supply List: We have the 2026-2027 School Supply Lists available on the school website, Facebook page and in the back of church. You may also find them online using this QR Code: <https://app.teacherlists.com/schools/75347-st-mary-catholic-school>



- **St. Mary's Home & School Sponsorship Drive Kicks Off:** As we kick off this year's Sponsorship Drive of annual support, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your commitment or making a first-time gift. St. Mary's Home & School Association is responsible for purchasing necessary supplies needed by teachers and staff in the school for the students, for example, technology or upgrading existing equipment, new textbooks or classroom subscriptions, as well as hosting Back-2-School Swim Party, Popsicle Social at Meet the Teacher Night, Teacher Appreciation Week, and more! Your generosity is not only a blessing to our students today—it is an investment in the future of Catholic education! Thank you for your continued support and your belief in our school mission. Donations may be made now through September 15. Donation forms may be found in the back of church or at the Parish Office until school starts.
- **Enrollment Date Set:** St. Mary's School Enrollment Date has been set for Thursday, July 30th from 12:00-6:00pm. Enrollment Packets will be available in the back of church starting next weekend, July 18-19!
- **St. Mary's School Turns 125!** We are excited to share with you that St. Mary's School is celebrating its 125th birthday this year! We are planning to have a special event to celebrate on August 22, 2026, beginning at 6:30pm! We hope you will make plans to join us! Help us spread the news to all St. Mary's School families, past & present! Details are still being finalized, but can tell you to expect FUN, FOOD, and MEMORIES! More info coming!



Community Announcements

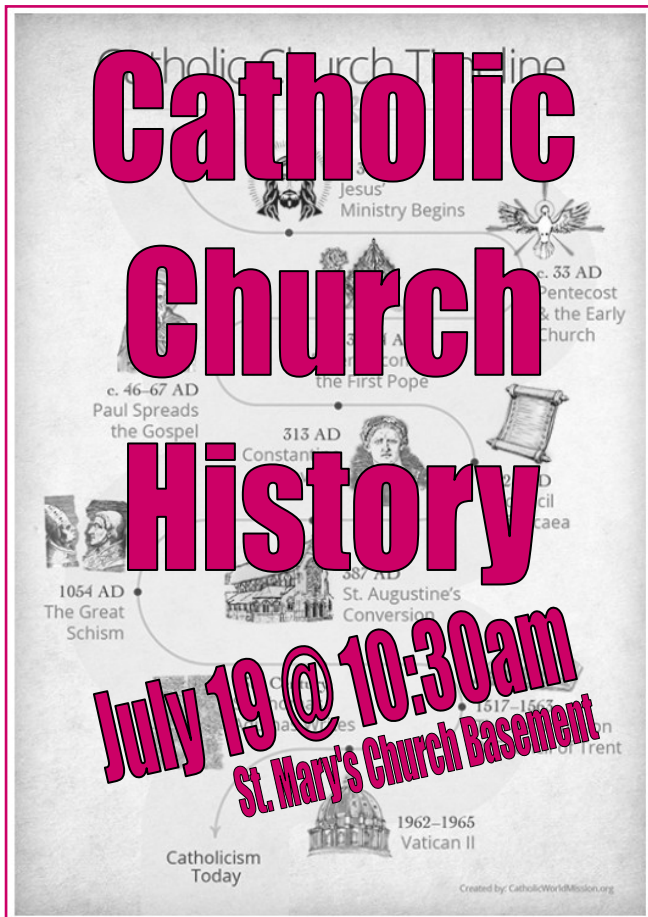


Sunflower Summer is Back! Kansas Tourism is excited to announce the launch of the 2026 Sunflower Summer program, inviting Kansas families to enjoy a season with unforgettable adventures across the state. The program covers admission costs for eligible students and one adult/guardian per attraction, per session. Download the Sunflower Summer app for all locations! Program started July 9th and runs through August 2. **Local & Area Sunflower Summer participants:** **ELLIS:** Ellis Railroad Museum & Doll Display and Cedar Bluff State Park **HAYS:** Fort Hays Historic Site and Sternberg Museum of Natural History.

- **Rainforest Falls—Exploring the Nature of God:** The Ellis Christ Lutheran Church's annual Vacation Bible school will be held each evening from 5-8pm, July 26-29! Be sure to get your kids and grandkids registered for this year's program! When you drop your kids off at 5:00, they will head to the basement to eat supper and then enjoy a night of learning about Christ while having tons of fun! Learn more or register your kids here: <https://vbspro.events/p/clc2026vbs>.



Malay's Market Delivers to Ellis! Malay's Market in WaKeeney is offering grocery delivering services to Ellis! For a small \$5.00 fee (no minimum or maximum) they will deliver your groceries from their store to your door, twice a week, on Tuesday & Friday afternoons! Place an order by calling Malay's Market at (785) 743-2031 or shopping online at www.shopmalaysmarket.com!



From the Diocese



On July 26, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis remarked, "Mary grew up in the

home of Joachim and Anne: she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will."

July 26 is a good day to thank our living and deceased grandparents. I never met my father's parents. They both died by the time my dad was nine years old. However, I remember when I asked my father, near his death at the age of 80, if he still thought of his parents even though they died over 70 years ago. He replied, "All the time." We never forget our parents (and grandparents too). I hope to meet my grandparents in heaven.

My mom's parents died in their 80s. I have a lot of fond memories of getting together with my cousins at my grandparents' house. When my grandmother died, my heart was moved for my mother who was crying at her mother's death. She really missed her!

May God bless our grandparents!

+ Gerald L. Veneke

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:



Church in Africa

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years. This fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

To Give:

Anytime during the month of July, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Church in Africa"



-Upcoming Events-

— 7/4

Independence Day

— 7/18

Catholic Charities Green Tie
Catholic Charities, Salina, 5p.m.

— 7/19

150th Volga Celebration Mass
Catharine, 9a.m.

— 7/25

Czech Festival Mass
Wilson, 4p.m.

Plainville School Auction

Plainville, 4:30p.m.

— 7/26

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

— 7/29

Seminarian Dinner

Hilton Garden Inn, Salina, 5:15p.m.

— 7/30

Seminarian Dinner

City Limits, Colby, 5:15p.m.

— 7/31

Eucharistic Conference
FHSU Campus, Hays

**POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR
WORLD GRANDPARENT'S DAY**

Scan the QR Code to read
his message online



Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

JESUS HAS GRANDPARENTS!?

Jesus was fully God AND fully man, which means he had grandparents just like you and me! Their names are St. Joachim and St. Anne. We don't know much about them, but we know they raised Mary and passed down their faith to her - the same faith Mary would pass on to Jesus!



WORLD GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our Church recognizes the importance of grandparents and the elderly by celebrating them on July 26! On this day, think about who your grandparents are, ask questions about their lives, get to know them! If your grandparents have died, ask your parents about what they were like- there might be many fun stories to hear. Like Sts. Joachim and Anne, they may have passed their faith and hope down to you.



MEET OUR NEW PRIEST!

Fr. Luke Friess was ordained by Bishop Vincke on June 12th. He is looking forward to being a spiritual father to those in his parish. Unscramble the words to learn more about him!

FAVORITE COLOR _____ (ELUR)

FAVORITE ANIMAL _____ (SOREH)

FAVORITE SAINT St. _____ (EESRTHE)

FAVORITE FOOD _____ (RQR BETAMALS)

AS A KID, HE WANTED TO BE A _____ (MOTSEROLOGITE)



FR. LUKE