

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**July 19, 2026**  
**16th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**



## **Phone #s**

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## **E-Mail**

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## **Website**

Parish: [www.stmarysofellis.org](http://www.stmarysofellis.org)  
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 20 - July 26

Mon: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42  
Tue: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50  
Wed: Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18  
Thu: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17  
Fri: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23  
Sat: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28  
Sun: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Matthew 13:44-52

## **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 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)                      |
| Mon   | July 20     | 5:30 p.m.  | John Rupp+, Theresa Rupp+ (anniv) and Arlene Rupp+ |
| Tues  | July 21     | 8:10 a.m.  | Paul & Stella Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)          |
| Wed   | July 22     | 8:10 a.m.  | Anna Geist+ Family (liv/dec)                       |
|       | <b>EGSC</b> | 10:00 a.m. | For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)       |
| Thurs | July 23     | 8:10 a.m.  | Irene Steckline                                    |
| Fri   | July 24     | 8:10 a.m.  | Lucille Kuhn+                                      |
| Sat   | July 25     | 5:30 p.m.  | Joseph f. & Mary A. Weber+                         |
| Sun   | July 26     | 7:00 a.m.  | Berniece Shank+ (anniv)                            |
| Sun   | July 26     | 9:00 a.m.  | Coleen Dinkel+                                     |
| Sun   | July 26     | 11:00 a.m. | For the Parishioners                               |

## Ministries for July 25 & 26

| Ministry                       | 5:30 p.m.                            | 9:00 a.m.                                   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                  | Allen Weber                          | Megan Honas                                 |
| <b>Presentation of Gifts</b>   | Verla Seibel<br>(Need a Volunteer)   | Mark & Sarah Eck Family                     |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b> | Barney Boos<br>Duane Dorzweiler      | Curtis Weber<br>Peggy Seibel<br>Jackie Flax |
| <b>Servers</b>                 | Theodore, Oliver and Georgia Meagher | Hannah & Luke James<br>Alyvia Kraft         |
| <b>Cantor / Musician</b>       | Clyde & Cheryl Lang<br>Alan Heroneme | Amy Staab<br>Emily Mattheyer                |
| <b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>   | Rick & Nancy Cunningham<br>Gary Luea | Gordon & Geri Augustine<br>Greg Augustine   |

## Other Ministries

|                               |                                                    |                              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>7:00am Lector</b>          | July 26 (Sun)                                      | Eldon Pfeifer                |
| <b>Communion to Homebound</b> | July 24 (Fri)                                      | Barney Boos                  |
| <b>Ellis Good Samaritan</b>   | July 26 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.                           | John Gnad                    |
| <b>Rosary Leaders</b>         | July 25 (Sat) 5:30 p.m.<br>July 26 (Sun) 9:00 a.m. | Cindy Zerfas<br>Peggy Seibel |
| <b>Monthly Money Counters</b> | July                                               | Helen Fischer<br>Lisa Weber  |

## Meetings & Events

|       |         |                                                                                                     |
|-------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun   | July 19 | Bible Study "Catholic Church History" @ 10:30am<br>Building Blessing at Divine Mercy Radio @ 12:30p |
| Thurs | July 16 | No Eucharistic Adoration                                                                            |
| Sun   | July 26 | Musician/Cantors Meeting @ 10:30am                                                                  |
| Mon   | July 27 | Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm                                                                        |

## Parish Announcements

- **New Bible Study Beginning this Sunday, July 19 at 10:30am** in the church basement. With this new session, we will touch on just the basics as we explore Catholic Church History in the early years. Bring your Bibles if possible! This group is open to all age levels!
- **THANK YOU** to all who attended our Parish Brunch Potluck last Sunday to welcome in the Totus Tuus Team! There was great food and conversation shared around the table.
- **Colby CYO Fruit Sales:** Colby CYO is hosting their fruit sales again this year! If you wish to support this youth group, I'll be taking order until NOON on Monday, July 20th!!! They are only selling Freestone Peaches this year = \$43/full box; \$25/half box. *No Apple or Pears!* Call Emily at the Parish Office to place your order! Please make checks out to Colby CYO! Fruit will be picked up on August 11 and delivered to Ellis.
- **Totus Tuus Week was Awesome!** We had a small but mighty group of 28 students participate between the two age groups for the week! This year's team was fantastic! Always fun watching the youth of our parish dig deeper into our faith and ask really good questions! A Big Shout Out of appreciation to the parishioners and families who either provided lunch or hosted the team in the evening for supper! Pictures from throughout the week may be viewed on our Facebook page!
- **Musicians Meeting** will be Sunday, July 26 at 10:00am in the Rectory. All musicians and cantors are welcome to attend! Please bring your calendar as we plan through the Fall months.
- **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.
- **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.

## **Notes from the Pastor**

**Totus Tuus -- "Summer Youth Program."** Thanks to the Totus Tuus team for their great work and teaching. We had about 10 junior and senior high schoolers attending the evening sessions, about 18 elementary students attend the day sessions. Thanks to those who hosted the team, fed them during the week, and everyone else who participated. Thanks to Emily, our parish secretary, for coordinating the program.

**The Geese.** They seemed to have temporarily moved on. I haven't seen them for a few days. The feed crop that is growing along the creek is probably too high now for them to feed on. I believe the "children" of one family of geese I have been watching are now learning how to fly. I saw a group of five flying around the parish, which I believe is one of the families.

**School Parking Lot Project.** Eck & Eck Construction will start pouring cement Monday. Cement will be poured in sections. Most of it will probably be poured this week.

I took some of the good grass that was growing along the small strip of cement of the parking lot and have tried to transplant in areas that were bare or weed infested. I pray the grass will take hold and spread! I'm trying to keep those sections I transplanted watered.

**School Doors Project.** Race for Education project this year was for replacing the outside entrance doors of the school. The current doors were beginning to have problems, not closing tightly and not latching well. New doors have been ordered and installation will begin sometime at the end of July and/or the beginning of August.

**Church Ramp (South side).** Construction of the ramp will begin after the school parking lot project is completed. Probably sometime in August.

**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 information, 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**

- **You Are Invited To Our Building Blessing at Our New Location:** You are invited to join Divine Mercy Radio for our Building Blessing this Sunday, July 19th at 12:30pm at our new location, 709 Main Street, Hays! Bishop Vincke will be there! The Tiger Station, across the street, will be 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!
- **The Baby Bottle Campaign** was a success because of you! Your generous gift of \$352.42 received supports Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Support Program, giving women the resources and encouragement they need to choose life for their babies. Thank you being part of his mission of love and compassion!
- You are invited to **American Historical Society of Germans from Russia's 56th Annual Convention** hosted by the Sunflower Chapter 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 402-474-3363 for more information.



### **Parish Offering: July 11 & 12**

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$930.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$7,489.86

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$646.00

**Total Giving.....\$9,065.86**

**This weekend's collection is above by \$2,220.86**

## **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.*

## **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>



**Enrollment Packets are Ready & Enrollment Date Set:** St. Mary's School Enrollment Date has been set for Preschool - 6th Grade on Thursday, July 30th from 12:00-6:00pm in the school cafeteria. Enrollment Packets may be picked up in the back of church this weekend and next, or in the school/parish office during the week.

- **SAVE THE DATE for St. Mary's School's Back-To-School Bash;** St. Mary's Home & School Association invites all St. Mary's School Families to the Ellis Pool on August 2, 2026 from 6:30-8:30pm for a Free Swim & Pizza! Call or text Megan Honas at (785) 650-1041 by Thursday, July 30th so we can make sure to order enough pizza!
- **School Uniforms:** If you are needing new uniforms for the upcoming school year, we have (2) options for you to shop from: Gone Logo Online Store—<https://stmarysapparel26.itemorder.com/> (orders need to be placed before August 12th) OR Hays Tees Online Store: [https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/ellis\\_stmarys/](https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/ellis_stmarys/) (orders need to be placed before September 3rd). All you need to do is use your email address to place an order at either store. Remember! We do have a School Clothes Closet that you can look through during enrollment which include an assortment of uniform attire. All school closet items are \$2 each.
- **St. Mary's School Turns 125!** We are excited to share with you that St. Mary's School is celebrating it's 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!
- **St. Mary's Home & School Sponsorship Drive Happening Now:** 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.
- **St. Mary's School Alumni, Colton Metzler, named 2026-2027 Shriners Children's International Patient Ambassador:** Colton is a 2021 SMS graduate and a senior this school year at Ellis High School, was recently selected as one of the International Ambassadors to represent the healthcare system at local and international events with Shriners Children. He will be able to continue sharing his inspiring story of perseverance and how Shriners Children's has made a dramatic difference in his life. Watch his full story at: <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/our-international-patient-ambassadors>. Congratulations, Colton!!!



## **Community Announcements**

- **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! Learn more or register your kids here: <https://vbspro.events/p/clc2026vbs>.