

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

August 2, 2026
18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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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

August 3 - August 9

Mon: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36
Tue: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matt 14:22-36
Wed: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28
Thu: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Matthew 17:1-9
Fri: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7, Matthew 16:24-28
Sat: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20
Sun: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Matthew 14:22-33

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	Aug 1	5:30 p.m.	Norman Rupp+
Sun	Aug 2	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 2	9:00 a.m.	Ray & Lorine Kohl+
Sun	Aug 2	11:00 a.m.	For the Travelers and their families
Mon	Aug 3	5:30 p.m.	Gilbert & Janet Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Aug 4	8:10 a.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
Wed	Aug 5	8:10 a.m.	Randy Amrein+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Aug 6	8:10 a.m.	Robert & Faye Kehr+
Fri	Aug 7	8:10 a.m.	Carolyn Gatschet+
Sat	Aug 8	5:30 p.m.	Irene LaBarge+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 9	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 9	9:00 a.m.	Ron Herl+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 9	11:00 a.m.	Cory Eberle+ Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for August 8 & 9

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zerfas	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Melvin & Gini Augustine
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boss Richard Bollig	Gordon & Geri Augustine Jackie Flax
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Olivia & Vincent Eck
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Emily Mattheyer Sophie Seibel
Ushers & Greeters	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Brad & Tava Deines <i>Need Volunteers</i>

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	August 9 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	August 7 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	August 9 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	August 8 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. August 29 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	August	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Aug 2	Bible Study @ 10:30am in church basement SMS Back-2-School Swim Bash @ 6:30pm
Thurs	Aug 6	Eucharistic Adoration, 9am-5pm
S-S	Aug 8-9	Seminarian Collection
Sun	Aug 9	Second Sunday, Coffee & Donuts at 10am Bible Study @ 10:30am
Mon	Aug 10	<i>National S'mores Day!</i>
Tues	Aug 11	St. Mary's Home & School Assn. Meeting @ 6pm St. Mary's School Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **Eucharistic Adoration resumes on Thursday, Aug. 6,** beginning at 9:00am until 5:00pm.
- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts:** As the last few weeks of summer break begin to wind down, be sure to join us in the church basement after 9am Mass on August 9th to catch up with family and friends before school year starts! We will have donuts, orange juice, coffee and a special treat to celebrate National S'mores Day!
- **Bible Study Group** will be meeting on Sundays at 10:30am in the church basement this month!
- **Support the Seminarians:** We invite you to participate in the annual Seminary Collection, next weekend, August 8 & 9. This vital collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, summer ministry, books, room and boarding expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment for future seminarians. Every contribution makes a significant impact, regardless the size!

Community Announcements

- **Ellis Food Box Pantry Open on Monday, August 3rd from 3:00-6:00pm.** Located at 210 Madison Street, use our convenient drive-thru to pick up your *FREE* box of goodies. No worries of leaving your vehicle! Food Boxes are available for those living in USD 388 who needs the help that the food box brings.

- **Gibson Health Mart Delivering to Ellis:** Gibson's Health Mart of WaKeeney is now delivering to Ellis on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons! Deliveries include prescriptions, over the counter medications and more! Call 785-743-5753 for more details!



Notes from the Pastor

School Parking Lot Project. One more pour on Monday and the cement work will be done. Some finishing touches still need to be done. It will probably be a couple more weeks before it is open for use. It's looks great!

Financial Update: I attached a screenshot to the right of the Profit & Loss Budget Performance for 2025-2026 fiscal year. Note that we started out in the red with a budget deficit of ~\$66,000. We ended with a net income of ~\$72,000. Ordinary Income was up 10% over budget; Fundraiser income (#iGiveCatholic and Auction) was up 20% over budget, and Extraordinary Income was up 274% (*We had two unexpected donations totaling \$30,000*). Expenses were down 7% under budget. I pray for another good year! Thanks for your support! ►►►

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). I am planning on offering a RCIA class, starting after Labor Day. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, let me know. This is also an opportunity for those Catholics who are interested in updating their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith to attend. Tentatively the day and time of the class will be Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

Statement from the Bishop. Our bishop has asked pastors to make the following statement in regards to a priest in our diocese:

"Many of you are aware that one of our priests, Fr. Ryan McCandless, was arrested for indecent sexual contact with a minor. The legal system will now handle this matter through its regular channels to its end. I realize that our whole diocese, in addition to this family, is wounded and is in pain because of this very serious allegation.

To anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse—whether by someone in the Church or elsewhere—I am deeply sorry for the pain you have endured. I am also deeply sorry for the hurt, anger, confusion and disappointment this has caused throughout our diocese.

Nothing I can say today can erase that pain. We pray for the healing of all those involved and for our diocese. Jesus knows the wounds we are carrying and wants to heal them.

What can we do? Keep our eyes on Jesus. Despite incredible trials, betrayals, and difficulties, the saints prayed to Jesus and went about doing good. We trust that where sin abounds, God's grace abounds even more. Our God desires to bring healing, hope and peace even in the most difficult moments.

Please know of my love and prayers for each of you."

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Ordinary Income/Expense

	Jul 25 - Jun 26	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
4000 · Ordinary Income	407,560.71	371,030.00	109.85%
4100 · Fundraisers	161,428.77	133,800.00	120.65%
4200 · Extraordinary Income	51,492.00	18,800.00	273.89%
4300 · Miscellaneous Income	828.32	1,380.00	60.02%
Total Income	621,309.80	525,010.00	118.34%
Expense			
5000 · Clergy	40,950.50	41,520.00	98.63%
5100 · Staff Persons	48,448.64	46,632.00	103.9%
5200 · Buildings	984.83	3,070.00	32.08%
5300 · Grounds	3,380.04	3,900.00	86.67%
5500 · Taxes	3,463.49	3,702.30	93.55%
5600 · Office Expenses	10,642.37	11,042.00	96.38%
5700 · Utilities	15,212.80	16,256.00	93.58%
5900 · Insurance	25,302.00	25,303.68	99.99%
6300 · School Subsidy	385,508.46	418,589.31	92.1%
6400 · Liturgy	7,427.14	11,250.00	66.02%
6500 · Religious Education	1,328.91	4,600.00	28.89%
6710 · Parish Tax	4,047.00	4,100.00	98.71%
6700 · Misc. Accounts	2,177.00	1,395.00	156.06%
Total Expense	548,873.18	591,360.29	92.82%
Net Ordinary Income	72,436.62	-66,350.29	-109.17%

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Catherine "Katie" Eberle** who passed away on July 28, 2026.

May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Preston Browning, 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, 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, Lee Stueve, 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 25 & 26

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,128.00  
Adult Envelopes.....\$7,756.41  
Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$333.00  
**Total Giving.....\$9,217.41**

**This weekend's collection is above by \$2,372.41**

## School Announcements

- Don't forget the **Back-2-School Bash** is this Sunday, August 2nd, 6:30-8:30pm at the Ellis Swimming Pool! Free Swim, pizza and water sponsored by St. Mary's Home & School Assn.!



**Parents/Guardians of St. Mary's School Students:** Did you know that if your student(s) are attending St. Mary's School, you are automatically a member of the St. Mary's Home & School Association and are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings? Yes, that's correct! You are a part of an organization that supports our school in many ways! We invite you to join us at our first meeting of the school year on **Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00pm at the school!** At this meeting we will discuss upcoming fundraisers and special events and more!

- St. Mary's School Apparel:** Show your pride for St. Mary's School by wearing some of our school apparel! We have two vendors to choose from for ordering. *All St. Mary's Kindergarten-6th grade students are required to wear St. Mary's polo shirts and t-shirts throughout the school year.* To place an order, enter your email address at either site! Take note of each vendors deadline. Orders places after the designated date could have a late fee.

★Gone Logo = <https://stmarysapparel26.itemorder.com/> (Orders must be placed by August 12th)

★Hays Tees = [https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/ellis\\_stmarys/](https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/ellis_stmarys/) Orders must be placed by August 23rd

REMINDER: St. Mary's School does have a "School Clothes Closet"! All items from the closet are \$2.00 each.



**Railer Pee Wee Cheer Camp!** The Ellis High School Cheerleaders invite all mini cheerleaders in PreK-6th Grades, to join them on **August 22nd from 9:00-11:00am** in the EHS Gym for a fun morning of learning cheers, dance routine, playing games and having fun! Registration is now OPEN! Go to [ww.ellisrec.org](http://ww.ellisrec.org) to register online or by downloading the registration form and returning it to the ERC Office! **Registration Deadline is August 21st**, with a fee of \$30.00 (includes a T-shirt). All cheerleaders will then perform at the EHS Varsity Football game on September 4th at the end of the second quarter and during half-time!



**Sponsorship Drive:** St. Mary's Home & School Association is still accepting donations for their annual Sponsorship Drive! If you'd like to become a sponsor for this school year, you can pick up a donation form from the school bulletin board in the back of church or at the school office! Donations need to be sent in no later than September 15th if you'd like your name printed on our sponsorship board!



**2026 Ellis Police Department School Supply Drive:** We are excited to announce our 2026 School Supply Drive, **July 27th - August 14th!** Last year was insanely successful and resulted in approximately 120lbs of school supplies being donated to schools in our community. Every donation stays local and directly benefits students and teachers! At the end of the supply drive, officers will divvy up the donations evenly between St. Mary's School and Washington Elementary and deliver the supplies during in-services, the week of school starting. This year, donations can be dropped off at the Ellis Public Library and the City of Ellis Clerk's Office during normal business hours. A few items are in high demand this year, such as: Thick-tipped Washable Markers, Expo Markers (Black or Dark Blue), 5" Scissors, Colored Pencils, Jumbo Glue Sticks, Big Pencil Erasers, and Sandwich Bags, but ANY school supply item(s) received will be graciously accepted and used! Thank you all in advance for helping us equip students & teachers for success during the 2026-2027 school year!

## ★ ★ ★ ELECTION DAY

AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> 2026

*"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, #13, USCCB).*

As August 4th approaches, I ask you to keep our nation, our state, and all who seek public office in your prayers. Please take time to learn about the issues and candidates, reflect prayerfully, and participate in the election. Thank you for being faithful Catholic citizens and for seeking God's will as we work together for the common good.

Bishop Vincke

