

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

August 16, 2026
20th 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 17 - August 23

Mon: Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22

Tue: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

Wed: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thu: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 1:14

Fri: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

Sun: Isaiah 22:19-23; Matthew 16:13-20

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 15	5:30 p.m.	William & Rose Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+
Sun	Aug 16	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 16	9:00 a.m.	Patten & Kingsley Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 16	11:00 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Mon	Aug 17	5:30 p.m.	George & Elizabeth Amrein+ Family (l/d)
Tues	Aug 18	8:10 a.m.	Mark Honas+ (anniv)
Wed	Aug 19	8:10 a.m.	Claudia Bailey+ and James & Ailene Bailey+ Family (liv/dec)
EGSC		10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Aug 20	8:10 a.m.	Gay Henderson+ (anniv)
Fri	Aug 21	8:10 a.m.	Rose Egger+
Sat	Aug 22	5:30 p.m.	Berens & Erbert Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 23	7:00 a.m.	Syl & Jeannie Rome+ and Dennis Rome+
Sun	Aug 23	9:00 a.m.	Kyle Urban+ (anniv)
Sun	Aug 23	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for August 22 & 23

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Melvin Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Austin & Keidra Hickert Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Sharon Bittel Duane Dorzweiler	Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld Sarah Eck
Servers	Theodore, Oliver, and Georgia Meagher	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Abby Serpan
Ushers & Greeters	Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	Bailey Dinkel Family Brad & Tava Deines

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	August 23 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	August 21 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	August 23 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	August 22 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. August 23 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	August	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sat	Aug 15	Assumption of Blessed Mary
M-T	Aug 17/18	SMS Teacher In-Service Days
Tues	Aug 18	SMS Meet the Teacher Night @ 6:00pm
Thurs	Aug 20	First Day of School!SMS dismisses at 12:40pm (No Busses) Eucharistic Adoration, 9am-5pm
Sat	Aug 22	St. Mary's 125th Birthday Celebration @ 6:30p ...East School Parking lot

Parish Announcements

- **St. Mary's Bible Study** meets every Sunday at 10:30am in the church basement! Any and all are welcome to attend. They are currently studying the Book of Acts. Bring your Bible, if you can, and join us!
- **School Mass Music Helper:** St. Mary's School is in search of a volunteer to help with music on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings at 8:10am Mass throughout the school year. Our students enjoy cantering, especially if they have someone accompanying them! If you play the piano, organ, guitar, or any other instrument, and are willing to help them throughout the school year, please contact Emily at the Parish Office for more info and to schedule! Our first school Mass with students is Aug. 25th.
- **YDisciples: Join us for a "Family Dinner" Night on Wednesday, August 26th!** High School students, you are invited to come join us on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00pm for a "Family Dinner" together, followed by games and fellowship as we prepare for the upcoming school year! Meal prep begins at 6:00pm in the church basement! Bring a Friend! *See our "Family Dinner" shopping list for donations needed to make the meal in the back of church under big bulletin board!
- **Time to Enroll in Religious Education (CCD)!** As a new school year begins, so does a new year of learning more about the Catholic faith for our young parishioners! St. Mary's Religious Education (formally known as CCD) is open to students who are not currently attending St. Mary's School and are entering 1st-8th grades. You can find the registration form on the church website, under "Faith Formation", the back of church, or by contacting the Parish Office! There will be some changes happening in the schedule of Sacraments as we adjust to the Restored Order, more information to come about this.

Parish Offering: August 8 & 9

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,437.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,841.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$959.00

Total Giving.....\$6,237.00

This weekend's collection is under by \$617.00

Notes from the Pastor

School Beginning! It is hard to believe summer vacation is coming to an end. School will be starting Thursday, August 20. I am looking forward to meeting and spending time with all the children.

Religious Education: Restored Order. As you may know the Diocese is transitioning to what is called the Restored Order of the Sacraments of Initiation. In the Restored Order, infant Baptism is first, followed by Confirmation, and concluding with the Eucharist (First Holy Communion) in the third grade. Children will receive Confirmation and First Communion together during the same Mass.

The transition to Restored Order also requires those who will be in third grade thru eighth grade this year to be confirmed. We have a plan for preparing and confirming this group.

We will be holding an informational meeting to present the plan for parents on Wednesday, September 2 after the CCD Mass. A letter will be sent out to parents (and parishioners) with information about the restored more prior to the meeting.

YDisciple/Youth Program. Our high school youth program, YDisciple, will start soon. We are planning to send out letters of invitation to high school students (Freshmen thru Seniors) and parents soon. They will be having a Kick-Off Night on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00pm! All are welcome to attend! They will then start meeting in the church basement on Wednesday, September 2. More details will be given in the letters of invitation.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). I'm 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. The class is tentatively planning for Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

Catholic Trivia

250. How are the sacraments of the Church divided? The sacraments are divided into: the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist); the sacraments of healing (Penance and Anointing of the Sick); and the sacraments at the service of communion and mission (Holy Orders and Matrimony). The sacraments touch all the important moments of Christian life. All of the sacraments are ordered to the Holy Eucharist "as to their end" (Saint Thomas Aquinas). *Further reading: CCC 1210-1211*

251. How is Christian initiation brought about? Christian initiation is accomplished by means of the sacraments which establish the foundations of Christian life. The faithful born anew by Baptism are strengthened by Confirmation and are then nourished by the Eucharist. *Further reading: CCC 1212, 1275*

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **YDisciples "Family Dinner" Donations Needed:** As we begin a new school year, the YDisciple mentors wanted to try something new! They wish to have the students of YDisciples help in making a meal together and enjoying it with one another around the table. We are asking for help in providing the ingredients for this shared meal. YDisciple parents and St. Mary's Parish parishioners are welcome to take part in donating the items. There is a sign up sheet with all items needed for our "Family Dinner" in the back of church. Please take a look at it and sign up to provide any and all that you wish! Please be sure to bring the items with you the night of the kick off or make arrangements to drop off at the parish office with Emily by August 24th! Thank you for your support! Looking forward to having a "Family Meal" and Fun with YDisciples! *Other listed items on our shopping list are for activities/events planned later in the semester!*
- **Ellis Good Sam Garage Sale:** The Activity Department would like to host a "garage sale" for our residents on **Tuesday, August 25th**. We would gratefully accept donations of items (is it time to clean out a drawer/closet??) that you think our residents might like to "purchase" with their faux dollars. Suggestions include, but not limited to: door decorations, small room décor (seasonal & otherwise), Knick Knacks, purses, women's/men's blouses/sweaters/t-shirts, ball caps, stuffed animals, jewelry, toiletries, magazines, lap blankets, etc. We will gladly store your donated treasures if you have anything to contribute! Donations may be dropped off with the Activity Depart. before or Andrea Z. has offered to pick up the week of August 17th! Again, we are not asking you to purchase these donations—the idea is to give you an opportunity to donate items you are ready to let go of! Thanks in advance!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of
Kathy Wiesner, who passed away August 3, 2026.

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

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Congratulations to **Caleb Kat & Maggie James** who were married here on August 8th.

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Congratulations! **Savannah Layne Matte** who was baptized here on August 9th. Daughter of Shelby & Brady Matke.

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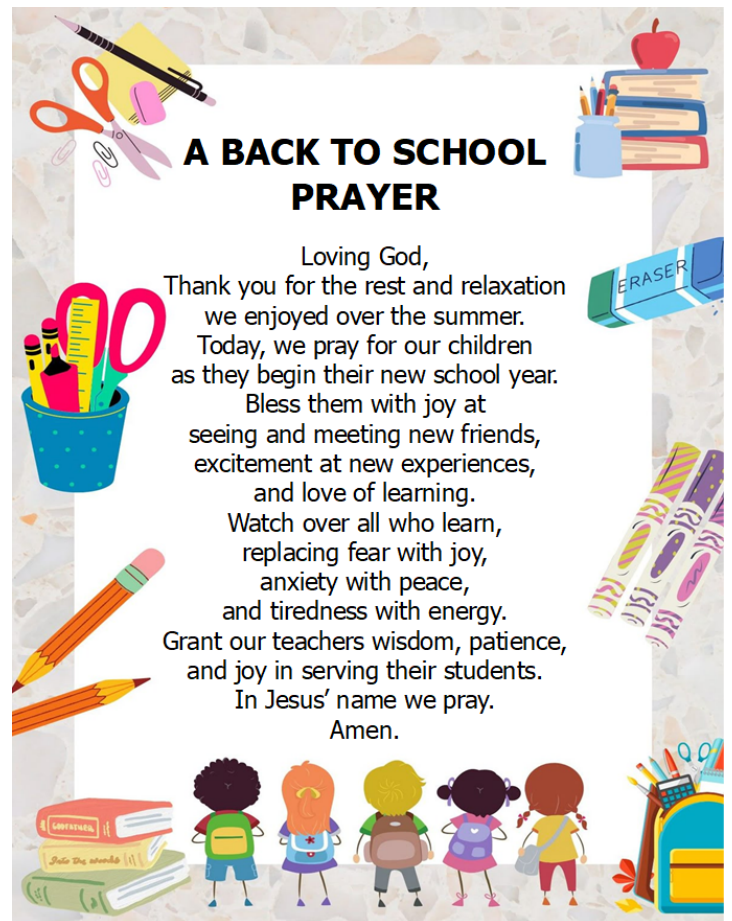
Denise Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Preston Browning, Ed Collins, Marilyn Denning, Dianne Durler, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Bob Gabel, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Nathan Honas, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Norma Lang, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Cheryl Noles, Ramona Patten, Shirley Pitner, Cathy Sherfick, Kelly Sanderson, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Keric Smith, Leonard Schoenberger, Lee Stueve, Tanner Sullivan, Jill Urban, Shirley Wagner, Dale Wasinger, Karla Weimer, 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

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| Mrs. Sarah Eck<br>Preschool                               | <h1>MEET THE TEACHERS</h1> <h2>2026-2027</h2> <p><b>Meet Your Teacher Night</b><br/> <b>August 18 at 6:00pm</b><br/> <b>School Gym</b></p> <p>Come meet your teacher and drop off school supplies!<br/>         Before you leave, be sure to enjoy a Popsicle provided by St. Mary's Home &amp; School!</p> |
| Mrs. Shelby Trickle<br>Kindergarten                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Mrs. Karla Bennet & Mrs. Stacy Befort<br>Co - First Grade |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Miss Reilly Conner<br>Second Grade                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Mrs. Patty Meagher<br>Third Grade                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Miss Kyleigh Allen<br>Fourth Grade                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Mrs. Sue Ann Tebo<br>Fifth Grade                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Mr. Brad Tebo<br>Sixth Grade                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

- **Meet the Teacher Night:** A special night for students and parents to Meet the Teacher, bring in school supplies, and walk around seeing classmates eager to start the new school year! There is a location change this year: We will be meeting in the school gym before going to the classrooms! A big Thank You to St. Mary's Home & School Assoc. for supplying popsicles for students and parents!



- **First Day of School-August 20!** We are excited to see your smiling faces! Don't forget to wear your school polo and khaki shorts/pants! Front doors will open for students who choose to enjoy breakfast at 7:30am. Walk & Talk begins in the gym at 7:40am until the first morning bell rings at 7:55am! *We will dismiss at 12:40pm. No busses will be running at that time!* Please use the church parking lot for pick-up!
- **Happy 125th Birthday, St. Mary's School!** We are excited to share this special event with you! St. Mary's School Families (past & present) & Friends, come share the evening with us of having fun while we celebrate 125 years of Catholic Education in Ellis! There will be a BBQ meal and ice cream for the first 125 guests! There will be plenty of fun with yard games and sharing of stories to go around for everyone!

