

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

September 6, 2026
23rd 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

September 7 - September 13

Mon: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
Tue: Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
Wed: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
Thu: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-1; Luke 6:27-38
Fri: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42
Sat: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49
Sun: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Matthew 18:21-35

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	Sept 5	5:30 p.m.	Tim Augustine+ (anniv)
Sun	Sept 6	7:00 a.m.	Pat Fisher+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Sept 6	9:00 a.m.	Gordon Milam II+
Sun	Sept 6	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Sept 7	8:10 a.m.	Weigel-Augustine Families (liv/dec)
Tues	Sept 8	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass: Let's pray for our priests</i>
Wed	Sept 9	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass: Let's pray for our priests</i>
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	<i>No Mass: Let's pray for our priests</i>
Thurs	Sept 10	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass: Let's pray for our priests</i>
Fri	Sept 11	8:10 a.m.	Dennis+ & Ginger Schoenalthier
Sat	Sept 12	5:30 p.m.	Rose Dorzweiler+
Sun	Sept 13	7:00 a.m.	Phillip & Anna Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Sept 13	9:00 a.m.	Mary Henderson+ (anniv)
Sun	Sept 13	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for September 12 & 13

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Clarence Rupp Verla Seibel	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Sarah Eck Mindy Eck Peggy Seibel
Servers	Schild Brothers	Olivia & Vincent Eck
Cantor / Musician	Cheryl and the Fender Boys	Abby Serpan Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Roberta Augustine Gary Luea <i>Need Volunteers</i>	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Sept. 13 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	Sept. 11 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	Sept. 13 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	Sept. 12 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Sept. 13 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	September	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber
Coffee & Donuts Host	September 13	Allen & Kim Weber

Meetings & Events

Mon	Sept 7	Labor Day Parish Office Closed Daily Mass at 8:10am, not 5:30pm
T-TH	Sept 8-10	No Daily Mass: Priests' Retreat Days
Thurs	Sept 10	No Eucharistic Adoration
Fri	Sept 11	Patriot Day Daily Mass at 8:10am
Sun	Sept 13	Grandparents Day Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts Last Cedar Bluff Lake Mass @ 11am

Parish Announcements

- **Daily Mass Time Change & Parish Office Closed:** Fr. Dana will be celebrating Mass at 8:10am, instead of 5:30pm so he can depart for the Priests' Retreat in Wichita on Monday, September 7th. The St. Mary's Parish Office will be closed on this day in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- **Mass Intentions for the Week of September 7, 2026:** Mass Intentions scheduled this week, Tuesday-Thursday have been rescheduled on Wednesdays at Ellis Good Sam at later dates in October and November.
- **YDisciples:** Virtue is a practical habit that you build through small, repeated choices in your everyday life rather than a distant ideal. Let's come together to discuss ways to live it out in our daily life. Meal begins at 6:00pm, discussion and games to follow! Bring a friend!
- **No Eucharistic Adoration** on Thursday, Sept. 10 due to Priest's Retreat Days.
- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts Next Sunday:** Invite your grandparent(s) to come down and enjoy a donut, orange juice and coffee with us following 9am Mass on September 13th in the church basement!
- **Last Mass at Cedar Bluff Lake** for the summer season will be next Sunday, September 13th at 11:00am.
- **Weekly Meals for YDisciples:** We are asking for help in feeding our YDisciples high school student group this semester! The group meets every Wednesday evening in the church basement from 6:00-7:45pm! They gather together for a light meal before breaking into group discussion. We currently have a group of 20-25 students attending! There are sign up sheets in the back of church for upcoming dates we are needing meals for. If you can provide a meal and/or are willing to donate towards providing a meal for the group and mentors, please write your name on "Weekly Meal Planner" sheets or contact Emily at the Parish Office to see which dates are available! Your support will be greatly appreciated!
Current Dates Needing Meals: September 9 (that's next week), September 16, or any Wednesday beginning in October through December.

Notes from the Pastor

Priest's Retreat. Our annual Priests' Retreat begins this week, September 7 through September 10 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Mass on Monday, September 7 will be at 8:10am instead of 5:30pm. There will be no daily Masses Tuesday through Thursday. We will resume Mass on Friday at 8:10am.

A Note for 8th Grade CCD Class. The first classroom session is Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00pm in the school gym, on the stage. Mrs. Peggy Seibel will be stepping in as your teacher, since I'll be at our priest's retreat.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). The first RCIA session will be on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00pm in the church basement. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Catholic faith, 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. Class sessions are tentatively scheduled for Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

Catholic Trivia

271. What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. *Further reading: CCC 1322-1323, 1409*

272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist? Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles. *Further reading: CCC 1323, 1337-1340*

273. How did he institute the Eucharist? After he had gathered wit his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you". Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, "Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me". *Further reading: CCC 1337-1340, 1365, 1406*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Offering: August 29 & 30

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27: \$7,291.54

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,204.25

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,494.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$637.00

Total Giving.....\$6,335.25

This weekend's collection is under by \$956.29

Parish Organizations

- The next meeting of the **Daughters of Isabella** will be Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A sandwich tray and assortment of salads will be served; followed by business meeting at 6:30pm.

Community Announcements

- Stars & Stripes Breakfast: September 13th, 7:30am -12:00pm:** A great all-you-can-breakfast meal at the Hays VFW! Proceeds go to: The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia: Sunflower Chapter, Hays, KS! Tickets may be purchased at the door: Adults: \$13.00, Children 5-12 yrs: \$8.00, Children Under 5 yrs Eat for Free!
- German Feast: September 13th** at the Community Center in Schoenchen, KS! Come out and enjoy a delicious German meal of Green Bean Dumpling Soup, Sauerkraut Soup, Creamed Noodles and Beans, German Sausage, Homemade Bread, Pies, Kuchens, and Cakes, Tea or Coffee! For a Donation of \$15.00 per person (children 8 years and under eat for free). There will also be a 50/50 Raffle! Sponsored by the St. Anthony Altar Society to fundraise for the St. Anthony Community Center repairs and maintenance.
- St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus** invite you to their **Annual Steak Dinner**, on Saturday, September 26, social hour at 6pm, and dinner at 6:45pm. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12oz), or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad, and dessert. 430 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Contact Glenn Gabel at 785-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin at 785-623-0580.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Ed Collins, Preston Browning, 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, 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

Monday, September 7—NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 8—Mass Day

Students wear your khakis & St. Mary's polo

Friday, September 11—Patriot Day

Dominic Savio Cart

 **Hays Area Youth Choir:** Join us this fall! Build confidence, make friends, and experience the joy of singing together in a welcoming community! Free to participate! (A performance t-shirt purchase only) Fall Music Share is scheduled for November 17th. Sessions runs from **September 8th** through November 17th in Malloy Hall at FHSU. Two groups: ★Children's Choir, ages 6-9, Tuesday, 5:30-6:15pm=a joyful introduction to singing through music, movement, games and performance. ★Treble Choir, ages 10-15, Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm=returning for its second season, focusing on healthy vocal technique, musicianship, teamwork and performance. For more info or to register: email Dr. Chapman at emchapman2@fhsu.edu.



Deadline Approaching to Be a Sponsor: This is a friendly reminder that if you haven't already turned in your Sponsorship Drive form, to do so soon as the deadline to have your name printed on our Sponsor Banner is September 15th! Monetary gifts collected from this sponsorship drive are tax-deductible and help provide the necessary resources to students, teachers and staff throughout the school year! You may drop off or mail in your donation form to the School Office or scan the QR code for an online donation (make sure to put "*Sponsorship Drive*" in the memo. Donations given by September 15th are guaranteed to have name printed on our sponsorship board!



Diocese of Salina News

- **Invest in Catholic Education and Receive a Tax Credit:** We are excited to announce a new partnership with ACE Scholarships that will provide additional opportunities for families seeking a Catholic education while creating a meaningful way for donors to support their local Catholic school. Through our partnership, donors can support qualifying students attending Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Salina while receiving significant tax benefits.

Give now and receive at 75% Kansas State Income Tax Credit. Beginning in January 2027, donors will have the opportunity to receive a 100% Federal Tax Credit of up to \$1,7000 per individual. Donors can identify the Catholic school in the Diocese of Salina they would like their contribution to support.

Your generosity helps make Catholic education possible for more families while strengthening our schools for generations to come. For more info, call the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina at 785-827-8746.

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Fall Fundraiser

St. Mary's students and staff are happy to announce the kick-off of this year's Fall Fundraiser!!! This year we are selling delicious Chocolate Bars, Papa Murphy Pizza coupons, and Trash Bags! Be on the look out for students to come visit your house or you can call/stop into the School Office to place your order!

This fundraiser will go until September 16th!



\$2.50 for each chocolate bar
\$90.00 for case of 36 assorted bars

Flavors: Crisp, Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Almond, Caramel, Peanut Butter

Choose from Stuffed, Signature, One-Topping or a Dessert/Cheesy item ranging \$11-21 each coupon



13 gallon
45 count



18 gallon
60 count



30 gallon
40 count



39 gallon
20 count



55 gallon
15 count