

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

September 13, 2026
24th 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 14 - September 20

Mon: Numbers 21:4b-9; John 3:13-17
Tue: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; John 19:25-27
Wed: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15
Sun: Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 20:1-16a

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 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
Mon	Sept 14	8:10 a.m.	Edger & Rosemary Bittel+, Elaine King+, and Wayne King+
Tues	Sept 15	8:10 a.m.	Dreiling & Dorzweiler Family and Marion Dorzweiler+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Sept 16	8:10 a.m.	Syl Rome+
Thurs	Sept 17	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy & Lois Aschenbrenner Family (l/d)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Tim Kohl+ & Don Kohl+
Fri	Sept 18	8:10 a.m.	Francis H. Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Sept 19	5:30 p.m.	Betty Clark+
Sun	Sept 20	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Sept 20	9:00 a.m.	Ron Herl+ Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for September 19 & 20

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Sharon Bittel	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	Preston Browning Roberta Augustine	Daniel & Bailey Gottschalk Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Duane Dorzweiler	Paula Wasinger Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Aschenbrenner/ Swagerty Siblings	John & Dean Hickert Sutton Dinkel
Cantor / Musician	Allen Prout Amy Staab	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Roberta Augustine Gary Luea <i>Need Volunteers</i>	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Sept. 20 (Sun)	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	Sept. 18 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	Sept. 20 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	Sept. 19 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Sept. 20 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	September	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	Sept 13	Grandparents Day Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts Last Cedar Bluff Lake Mass @ 11am
Tues	Sept 15	Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows
Wed	Sept 16	No Good Sam Mass SMS Fall Fundraiser Turn-In Day!
Thurs	Sept 17	Citizenship Day Eucharistic Adoration: 9am-5pm Good Sam Mass @ 10am
Fri	Sept 18	Happy Birthday, Fr. Dana!
Sun	Sept 20	Guitar Choir Practice, following 9am Mass

Parish Announcements

- **Good Sam Mass Time Changes for September:** We have had to make adjustments for our fellow residents at Ellis Good Sam! For the remainder of September, Mass will be celebrated on Thursdays at 10:00am, instead of Wednesdays.
- **YDisciples:** The feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows in September 15th, let's come together and focus on Mary as a group! While together, let's work together to guide our daily actions, provide a mental anchor and share our personal goals. Bring your thinking caps! Meal begins at 6:00pm, discussion to follow! Bring a friend!
- **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!
- **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 15-20 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: or any Wednesday in October through December.**
- **Parish Council Meeting Minutes** from July & August meeting are now available for viewing on the church website under "Parish Life" > "Parish Council".

Notes from the Pastor

Catechetical Sunday. Next Sunday, September 20, is Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year is “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring good news to the poor” (Luke 4:18; cf. Isaiah 61:1). On this day, we recognize and give thanks to our catechists (CCD teachers, YDisciple mentors, and grade school teachers) for their role in faith formation. “The theme reveals Jesus' mission and identity, showing that he was sent with compassion to bring hope, healing, and freedom to the poor, brokenhearted, and forgotten. It serves as a model and call for the Church and its catechists to continue this work of mercy and justice.”

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Our first OCIA (formally known as RCIA) class was this past Thursday. There is still time for others who are interested to join us. We meet at 7:00pm on Thursdays in the church basement.

Catholic Trivia

278. Who is the minister for the celebration of the Eucharist? The celebrant of the Eucharist is a validly ordained priest (bishop or priest) who acts in the Person of Christ the Head and in the name of the Church. *Further reading:* CCC 1348, 1411

279. What are the essential and necessary elements for celebrating the Eucharist? The essential elements are wheat bread and grape wine. *Further reading:* CCC 1412

280. In what way is the Eucharist a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ? The Eucharist is a memorial in the sense that it makes present and actual the sacrifice which Christ offered to the Father on the cross, once and for all on behalf of mankind. The sacrificial character of the Holy Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution, “This is my Body which is given for you” and “This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood that will be shed for you” (Luke 22:19-20). The sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one and the same sacrifice. The priest and the victim are the same; only the manner of offering is different: in a bloody manner on the cross, in an unbloody manner in the Eucharist. *Further reading:* CCC 1362-1367

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Tamale Thursday!** You thought Taco Tuesday was great—WAIT until you try Tamale Thursday! ALL ladies of the parish are invited to watch Martha Gamez make authentic Mexican tamales and then taste the delicious results! Meet us at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 24th at the Knights of Columbus Hall for tamales and other fun activities! Free to attend! Sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella.
- **Good Hope Quilters Request** donations of blankets or batting for our quilts for the Samaritan House. Call the Parish Office for more information!

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.

Parish Offering: September 5 & 6

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,266.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,061.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$1,156.00

Total Giving.....\$7,483.00

This weekend's collection is over by \$191.46

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Linus Benedict James**, was baptized here on September 4, 2026. Son of Wesley & Lindsay James.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Ed Collins, Preston Browning, Fr. Richard Daise, 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 14** Grandparent Lunch at 11:00am  
**Tuesday, September 15** Last day to donate to Sponsorship Drive  
**Wednesday, September 16** Fall Fundraiser Ends  
**Friday, September 18** **Happy Birthday, Fr. Dana!** And Dominic Savio Cart

- **Become a Sponsor before September 15:** If you haven't already turned in your Sponsorship Drive form, and would like your name printed on our Sponsor Banner, please return your donation to the School Office no later than September 15th! Remember: 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 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).



**Fall Fundraiser** **LAST CALL for chocolate, pizza and trash bags!!!** Don't let the opportunity slip away to stock up your chocolate stash, the pantry with trash bags and plan for a family night with pizza from Papa Murphy's! Our school Fall Fundraiser ends on September 16th! Contact a student or call the school office to place your order before it's too late!

- **"What A Veteran Taught Me About America."** is this year's topic for the Patriots Pen essays. Our 5th & 6th Grade Class had the opportunity to visit with VFW members, Gary, Taft, Chris and Pat this morning and ask questions to aid them in writing their essays. Thanks to Jenni H, VFW Auxiliary Scholarship chair for organizing the visit for us!



## **Community Announcements**

- **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.
- **Cruise, Worship, & BBQ at St. John's Lutheran Church:** Join us (7 miles North of Ellis) on September 27th at 9:30am for a Car Shop + Donuts & Coffee. We will have a Service with Pastor Christine beginning at 11:00am, followed by a BBQ Lunch at 12:00pm! **Also Place a Pre-Order** for the St. John Women's Homemade Famous Vanilla (\$15 for a 4oz bottle), German Pretzel Cookies and Hemetschwengers (\$15/dozen)! Orders will be filled in November. Call or text Sue at 785-259-5289!



## **St. Mary's School Memory**

**I'm old enough to remember when the 8th Grade Dominic Savio Club sold penny candy (I think it was on Friday afternoons). -Anonymous**

**Fun Fact:** Our current 6th Grade Class still continues the tradition of Dominic Savio Club selling a variety of items to our students for a quarter or more.

Help us celebrate our 125 years of Catholic Education in Ellis by sharing your memories of St. Mary's School! Please submit your favorite memory(ies) by emailing Emily at [stmary@gbta.net](mailto:stmary@gbta.net)!