

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent



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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 22 - Sept. 11

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

December 5 - December 11

Mon: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tue: Isaiah 40:1-11, Matthew 18:12-14
Wed: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thu: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Luke 1:26-38
Fri: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Sat: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sun: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Matthew 11:2-11

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Emily Mattheyer
School Principal	Mrs. Patti Park
Pastoral Council President	Mr. John Zody
Liturgy Chairpersons	Ruth Bollig and Alyson Johnson
Finance Council President	Mr. Melvin Augustine
School Council President	Mr. Matt Fondoble
Home & School President	Mrs. Stephanie Johnson
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	Dec 3	5:30 p.m.	Mike Honas+
Sun	Dec 4	7:00 a.m.	Tim Kohl+ and Don Kohl+
Sun	Dec 4	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 5	5:30 p.m.	Ralph Waldschmidt+
Tues	Dec 6	8:10 a.m.	Otto & Philomene Bernes+ and Cathy Kutina+
Wed	Dec 7	8:10 a.m.	Belinda Shannon+, John Brown+, Kay Plante+ & Fred Nurse+ Families (L/D)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Bertha Riedel+ (anniv)
Thurs	Dec 8	8:10 a.m.	Margaret Mickelson+
Fri	Dec 9	8:10 a.m.	Carl & Irene Steckline+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Dec 10	5:30 p.m.	Earl & Luella Lambrecht+ and Greg Lambrecht
Sun	Dec 11	7:00 a.m.	Anna Rita Weber+
Sun	Dec 11	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Feast Day of Immaculate Conception Dec. 7 @ 7pm and Dec 8 @ 7am, 8:10am, 7pm

All Ministries for Immaculate Conception Mass will be Volunteer or covered by Students.

Ministries for December 10 & 11

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Perry Mick	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Curtis Weber Peggy Seibel Geri Augustine
Servers	Caleb Schield	Dominic Fondoble Isabelle Fondoble
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Kelsi Broadway	Eck Girls
Ushers & Greeters	James & Sandy Rome Family Eugene Schuster	Mark & Sarah Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Dec. 11 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 9 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 11 (Sun) 10:15a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 10 (Sat) 5:30p.m. Dec. 11 (Sun) 9:00a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Connie Fink

Meetings & Events

Mon	Dec. 5	Return Warming Heart Tree gifts
Wed	Dec. 7	SMS Christmas Concert @ 6:00pm Vigil Mass at 7:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass times at 7:00am, 8:10am & 7:00pm Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm
S/S	Dec. 10-11	Retired Religious Collection Blessing of Bambinos
Sun	Dec. 11	Coffee & Donuts after 7am & 9am Masses Long Term Care Presentation @ 10:30am Guitar Choir Practice @ 10:30am

Parish Announcements

- **Thank You for giving to #iGiveCatholic!** We, **THANK YOU**, for your continued support you gave to St. Mary's Church & School on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29th through #iGiveCatholic! We raised just over \$30,000! We've said it before, people are much more powerful and likely to succeed when they work together toward a common purpose, and we did just that! We will continue to Grow with Grace together!
- **Time & Talent Forms:** Please take a look at the form and consider volunteering for a ministry. The deadline to return the forms to the Parish Office is **Friday, December 9th!**
- **Second Sundays - Coffee & Donuts:** Be sure to join us on Sunday, Dec. 11th after 7am & 9am Masses in the church basement for coffee, donuts, orange juice and fellowship.
- **Next Wednesday Night, Religion Students Attending Mass:** We have a great opportunity to attend a vigil Mass for the holy day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this upcoming Wednesday, December 7th. What a great way to honor Mary this Advent season. **CCD Students**-Please come directly to the Church and sit with your class in the front 3 rows of the north side. Teachers will be taking attendance. We invite parents to come to mass with us! **YDisciples**-We will not be serving a meal but will instead gather downstairs at 6:45pm in order to attend Mass together!
- **Blessing of the Bambino:** Next weekend, during all Masses on Dec. 10 & 11, we will have the Blessing of the Bambino. Parishioners are invited to bring the infant Jesus from the nativity/manger scene at their homes and, prior to Mass, place them on a table reserved for them near the sanctuary, where they will receive a special blessing. Baby Jesus's can then be picked up by families to take back home with them at the conclusion of Mass.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to donate to the St. Mary's Poinsettia Fund, place your donation in a regular envelope marked for this purpose, and drop it in the collection basket, or by the Parish Office. If the donation is in memory of a loved one, please mention their name and who it's from. If you would prefer to purchase your own flower, please have it to the church **the weekend of Dec. 17 & 18 (after 9:00am Mass)** with a note to whom it's in memory of and from!

Notes from the Pastor

The School Christmas Concert. The concert is this Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00pm. It will be held in the school gym.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a holyday of obligation. Masses for this holyday will be Wednesday at 7:00pm (CCD & YDisciple Mass), Thursday at 7:00am, 8:10am (School Students' Mass), and 7:00pm.

Communal Penance Services (Confessions). We are planning our parish *Communal Penance service* for Advent for Sunday December 18 at 2:00pm.

FORMED.org: The Catholic Faith on Demand. We continue to have a free subscription to the website provided by the Diocese. It is easy to register, if you haven't already: go to "formed.org". Click "Sign up as a parishioner". Follow the instructions. Check out the series called "Presence", a series dealing with the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
12/7 (Wed)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass @ 7pm
12/8 (Thur)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday Masses: 7:00am, 8:10am & 7:00pm
12/18 (Sun)	Communal Penance Service @ 2:00pm
12/24 (Sat)	Christmas Eve Masses @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm
12/25 (Sun)	Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00am

Catholic Trivia – The Holy Eucharist

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 Organizations

- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees:** A friendly reminder to those who picked up a yellow heart from the **Ellis Food Pantry Warming Heart** tree, gifts are due back to the tree or the parish office by **Monday, December 5th**. If you wish to give a monetary gift, please contact Rita Younger at 785-650-4225. There are a few angels left to choose from on the **Ellis Good Sam Angel Tree** for the residents at the Ellis Good Samaritan Center. Each angel has a wish list for the designated residents, you only need to choose one item from the list. **Gifts purchased for the Angel tree need to be returned to the Parish Office on or before December 19th.**
- **December 8th marks Annual Day of Prayer for Youth** and the Ellis D of I will be saying a rosary for our youth prior to the 7:00pm Mass of the Feast of Immaculate Conception. They invite all parishioners to come pray the rosary with them!
- **Knights of Columbus** will have meeting and cards on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 7:00pm. There will be no cards on the 28th.
- **Kansas Daughters of Isabella 2023 Scholarship Application:** To be eligible for the Kansas Daughters of Isabella Scholarship you must be a Kansas resident enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college, university, or post-secondary school no later than Sept. 1, 2023, be a Catholic, and be a member, or a daughter/step, granddaughter/step, great granddaughter/step, or niece of a local member in Kansas. *Please contact Margie for more information and an application at 785-726-1280. Applications have to be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2023.*

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Gilbert Augustine, Juanita Augustine, Mary Bauer, Janice Collins, Ken Collins, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Sally Flax, David Fox, Sr., Robert Gerhart, Debbie Haas, Joseph Harriman, Edna Hejny, Nathan Hively, Rob Hrabec, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Doug Kingsley, Lucille Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Holly Metzler, Riley Moore, Fernando Naceda, Elizabeth Newton, Jeanna Plante, Megan Ptaschek, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Leonard Schoenberger, Sharon Sommers, Bernette Stadelman, Tanner Sullivan, Charlie Waldschmidt, Kathy Wolf, 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: Weekend of November 26 & 27

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2021-22: \$7,154.49

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$786.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,054.00

Total Giving this week.....\$3,840.00.

For this weekend the collection is under by \$3,314.49.

School Announcements

Monday, Dec. 5th

Home & School Meeting @ 6:45pm

Wednesday, Dec. 7th

St. Mary's Christmas Concert @ 6pm in the School Gym

Mrs. Claus' Cupboard open with goodies at concert

Thursday, Dec. 8th

Birthday Mass & Lunch

- **Do your Christmas Shopping with Scrip Cards!!!** We will be putting an order in for scrip gift cards on Dec. 9th! Order scrip gift cards through St. Mary's and a portion of the sales come back to the school! Order forms have been included in this bulletin, but you can also place an order online! Follow the instructions on the back of the form if you wish to place and order online! ***Orders Due back to the School office by Friday, Dec. 9th at 3:00pm.*** Cards will be ready for pick up by Tuesday, Dec. 13th.
- **Coming Soon:** Catholic Schools Week will start off with our Soup Drive on Sunday, January 29th, (time TBD) **AND IT'S BACK...** The St. Mary's School Carnival! It will be at the end of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, February 5th from 1:00-4:00pm. (No meal will be served on this day, but snacks will be available for purchase.) As planning begins, the St. Mary's Home & School is searching for raffle items to be donated. If you would like to donate, please do so by January 16th. Contact Becky Seibel (785-639-1654) or Annie Bollig (785-259-2774). Thanks for your continued support of St. Mary's School! We can't wait to see you at this year's Carnival!

The Nativity Story

We invite you and your family on our
Advent Journey to Bethlehem.

Each week, you will notice our big bulletin board in the back of church change ever so slightly as we color in the newest characters introduced to the story.

We have provided a hand out for you to take home and read along with us.

Check back here each week to see who we meet next.

December 1-8

We set the stage with our Stable.

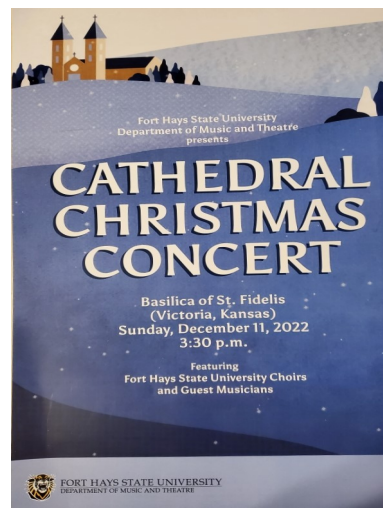
Greeted by Angel Gabriel.

Welcoming Mary and Joseph.

Community Announcements



Long Term Care Presentation by Knights of Columbus Field Agent, Cody Honas: Make plans to join Cody on Sunday, Dec. 11th at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall at 10:30am to learn about Long Term Care Insurance. It will be very educational! Food and drinks will be provided.



Cathedral Christmas Concert.

FHSU's Department of Music and Theatre presents their annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3:30pm** in the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria.

This concert is free and open to the public. Featuring FHSU Choirs and Guest Musicians.

TIME TO THINK SNOW
and plan ahead for winter.

SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES
offered by friends of Ellis Senior Advisory Committee!

If you would like help by shoveling your driveway and/or sidewalks when Old Man Winter comes,

CALL LEONARD
Ellis Sr. Advisory Rep.
785-726-1278 to get on our list!
Please provide your name, address and phone number!

SECOND SUNDAYS
JOIN US FOR DONUTS, COFFEE,
ORANGE JUICE & FELLOWSHIP

St. Mary's Parish Church Basement
After 7:00am & 9:00am Masses

Dec. 11