

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe Street, Ellis, KS 67637



May 12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

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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 19 - Sept. 8, 2024

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

May 13 - May 19

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tue: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

Wed: Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

Thu: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Fri: Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Sun: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; John 20:19-23

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. Jenni Bongartz
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	May 11	5:30 p.m.	Oscar & Betty Honas+ & Julie Honas+
Sun	May 12	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 12	9:00 a.m.	Ralph & Barbara Kinderknecht+ Fam. (l/d)
Mon	May 13	5:30 p.m.	Delorse Begler+
Tues	May 14	8:10 a.m.	Donnie & Christine Aschenbrenner Family
Wed	May 15	8:10 a.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	May 16	8:10 a.m.	Phillip & Anna Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	May 17	8:10 a.m.	For our students, teachers & staff
Sat	May 18	5:30 p.m.	Dennis Schoenthaler+ (anniv) Family (l/d)
Sun	May 19	7:00 a.m.	Duane Fisher+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Sun	May 19	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for May 18 & 19

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Brian Serpan
Presentation of Gifts	NEED VOLUNTEERS	Mark & Sarah Eck Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Duane Dorzweiler	Jackie Flax Paula Wasinger Peggy Seibel
Servers	Kyle & Dale Yates	Emma Flax Brendon & Sophie Seibel
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Kinzie Sunley	Sophie Seibel Emily Mattheyer
Ushers & Greeters	NEED VOLUNTEERS	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family Matt & Bailey Dinkel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	May 19 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	May 17 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	May 19 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck
Rosary Leaders	May 18 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. May 19 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Allen Weber Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	May	Janice Dinkel Helen Fischer

Meetings & Events

Sun	May 12	Happy Mother's Day!
Tues	May 14	SMS 6th Grade Promotion Mass @ 8:10am
Wed	May 15	Last Day of School St. Isidore Feast Day Mass at 8:10am SMS Awards Ceremony @ 8:20am School dismisses at 11:40am
Thurs	May 16	Eucharistic Adoration @ 9am-5pm
Sun	May 19	Fr. Dana's 23rd Anniversary Cedar Bluff Lake Mass begins (Mass at 11am)

Parish Announcements

- **Feast Day of St. Isidore** will be celebrated at Mass on **Wednesday, May 15 at 8:10am**. If you wish, you may bring in seed to be blessed. You do not need to be present at the Mass in order for seed to be blessed; you may bring it in prior to mass and sit it on the designated table. There will also be water and soil blessed at during the Mass for you to take home and add to your field, garden or yard!
- **Mass at Cedar Bluff Lake** begins next Sunday, May 19th at 11:00am and will continue through Labor Day Weekend.
- **Mass Intentions for May & June:** I still have a few dates open towards the end of May and throughout June to fill. If you have someone you would like to have a mass said for, please call the Parish Office. Masses will be scheduled on a first come, first service basis.

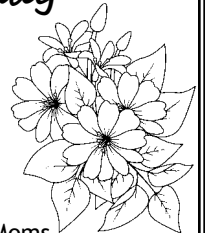


Prayer and Action in July: St. Mary's Parish is hosting Prayer and Action the month of July! If you have a high school aged student who would be like to participate in a week this summer, specifically here in Ellis, please contact the Parish Office! The Prayer and Action team will be in Beloit the month of June—and you are certainly welcome to go there and volunteer for a week if July doesn't work! More info on our Church website on the Home Page.

happy mother's day

Today we are grateful and pray for:

The Seasoned Pro Moms,
The New Moms, The Pregnant Moms,
The Single Moms—You Are Amazing!
The Moms Who Have Lost Children,
The Moms Who We Have Lost,
The Women Who Yearn To Be A Mom,
The Young Women Who Will One Day Be Moms,
The Wonderful Men That Play Mom and Dad



Parish Offering: Weekend of May 4 & 5

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$7,433.34

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,007.00 | Adult Envelopes.....\$5,233.00 | Total Giving this week.....\$6,240.00

For this weekend the collection is below by \$1,193.34.

Notes from the Pastor

6th Grade Promotion Mass. This special Mass for our 6th Grade students will be a on Tuesday, May 14 at 8:10am.

The Feast of St. Isidore. The feast of St. Isidore is this Wednesday, May 15. We will celebrate it at our 8:10am Mass. The celebration will include: a blessing of water that will be used to bless seeds to be planted (or a sampling of seeds to be planted) and any soil that is brought in; a blessing of a container of potting soil from which you can take some home to add to your field, garden or yard; praying the litany of Saint Isidore.

Maintenance Update – Some Summer Projects:

- **School Bathrooms.** We will be working on the two upstairs bathrooms in the school, replacing fixtures and updating walls, ceiling, and floors. Cletus, with some help from me, will be doing as much work as we can do. Flooring, plumbing and electrical work will be hired out.
- **Stairwell Covering on the North Side of the Church.** Eck & Eck Construction is building the outside structure. The outside structure will be completed in the next two or three weeks, once the needed material has arrived. Rick Cunningham and his helpers will be doing the outside brick work. I'll be doing most of the inside work: sheet rocking, covering the steps and floor, etc.
- **Water to the Convent.** We believe water to the convent was inadvertently disconnected when the PreSchool playground sprinkling system was installed. We are going to track down the problem and, hopefully, fix it.
- **Handicap Ramp on the East Side of the Rectory.** The deteriorating ramp, with the help of high school students during their annual community service day, was removed several months ago. Greg Augustine and the Knights of Columbus are taking the lead for this project. We are looking at options.
- **The North Side of the School Playground Area.** We are looking at options to improve that section of playground (approx. 200'x200' area). Currently, there is a different mixture of grasses (and weeds!). There are bare spots and some unlevel ground. We are currently just looking at options, perhaps tying in a sprinkler system to our well system, leveling the ground and replanting grass, probably Bermuda grass, if we go that route. I am told that Buffalo grass seed is hard to get and very expensive.
- **Walking Trail.** The Race for Education project this year was to build a walking trail on the south side of the school playground, just south of the new gazebo. Essentially, a walking track (approx. 270'x170') will be built, with fitness stations inside the track along the path. The project is in the detail planning stage right now.

Note: The costs to covered all of this work has been and/or will be donated. For example, the school bathrooms come from the 2023 Weisner Grant and Special Auction Item. The K of C is covering most of the cost of the ramp. The stairwell covering is mostly covered by the funds from 2021 Special Auction Item.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **13th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign Begins:** Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is conducting their 13th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign beginning this weekend, Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12th to Father's Day weekend, June-15-16th. This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies. Your contributions support: Pregnancy Services that include: Emergency Assistance, Counseling Support, and Adoption Guidance. There will be baby bottles available at each of the entrances of the church! There are several other options to participate: Mail a check: Catholic Charities, C/O Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 1366, Salina, KS 67402. Online: Donate online at ccnk.org/babybottle OR Venmo by visiting our venom account at [@catholiccharitiesofnk](https://www.venmo.com/@catholiccharitiesofnk). Please be sure to include *Baby Bottle 24* in the description of your transaction.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are in search of one or two volunteers who would be willing to help us in the Church Library by taping labels on the books and helping organize them on the shelves! Work as many hours or days as you are able. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help!
- **Mark Your Calendars for the next Youth Adult Ministry Event:** This event is open to young adults ages 18+! We'll have hosting a Potluck & Trivia Night on May 25 from 5:00-9:00pm at Sacred Heart High School in Salina. We are excited to gather for food, fellowship and Trivia! Please bring a dish to share! Fr. Andy Hammeke will be running Trivia, so you won't want to miss it! We ask that you please RSVP using the QR code. *No alcohol will be allowed on school grounds.*



Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations to Ellis High School Seniors and St. Mary's 6th Grade Class as they begin their new chapters.
May the Lord always be with you!

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Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Janice Collins, Dianne Durler, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, The Heroneme Family, Nathan Hively, Ken Honas, Jeannie Keller, Brynlee Kingsley, Doug Kingsley, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Lucille Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Holly Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Maddux Pfeifer, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, Brandon Schoenthaler, Fr. Charlie Steier, Skylar Wands, 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, May 13:** 4th & 5th Grade Field Trip

**Tuesday, May 14:** 6th Gr. Promotion Mass @ 8:10am

All School Lunch in the Gym  
5th Grade visits Ellis Museums  
A.R. Reward Recess

**Wednesday, May 15:** Awards Assembly @ 8:20am

Last Day of School-dismiss at 11:40am

- **6th Grade Promotion Mass:** You are invited to attend the Special Promotion Mass on Tuesday, May 14th at 8:10am to honor our 6th graders and all of their achievements throughout their years at St. Mary's!
- **Don't Forget to return Pre-Registration Forms As Soon As Possible!**
- **The School Office Will Be Closed** the week of May 20-24. If you need to drop anything off, please leave it with Emily at the Parish Office.
- **THANK YOU** to all who donated and came out to cheer on our students for our annual Race for Education at the end of April! We have raised **\$25,866.09** thus far (before expenses) for our new walking trail!!!
- **FREE Summer Lunches** offered in Hays to ALL children ages 1-18 years, this includes youth within Ellis as well, beginning June 3 through August 8. Feed those growing kids all summer long! Anyone with questions may call Jessica Younker at 785-623-2400, Ext. 155 Visit <https://usd498nutritionservices.com/> for summer menus!
- **Home & School Looking for Volunteers:** We are in the planning stages of our annual Sponsorship Drive for the next school year! We are looking for volunteers among our school and church families to help collect donations from businesses and individuals. The sponsorship drive begins at the start of summer and wraps up early August. You can pick and choose how much time you spend volunteering! Please contact Whitney Moeder (785-639-5354) for more information or if you'd be willing to lend a helping hand!

You are invited to our

### 6th Grade Promotion Mass



Honoring our  
6th Grade Class  
and their  
accomplishments

**Tuesday, May 14**  
**8:10am**  
**St. Mary's Church**

## SUMMER MEALS

*Drive thru*

KIDS 1 - 18 YEARS OLD ARE

# Free



MENUS AVAILABLE MID-MAY

**JUNE 3**  
THROUGH  
**AUGUST 8**

**MON-THUR**  
11:30AM-12:45PM  
**FRIDAY MEALS WILL BE SENT HOME ON THURSDAY**

**HAYS HIGH WEST PARKING LOT** ☎ 785-623-2400  
CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE MEALS. PARENT PICK-UP FORMS AVAILABLE ON-SITE. 2600 E. 13TH ST

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

## Community Announcements



**Run for the Wall:** Rev up your engines for the 2024 Run for the Wall as a cross country motorcycle ride passes through Kansas to honor veterans. This non-profit raises awareness across multiple routes, not only for retired soldiers but also for prisoners of war and those missing in action. This year's convoy begins next week and will be making a pass through Ellis on **Sunday, May 19, around 1:30-2:00pm!** Arrival times and locations may change if weather conditions affect the route. Let's get out and show our support by lining the overpasses of Ellis flying our red, white and blue!!! For more info visit HaysPost!



**Donate Blood. Help Save Lives.** The Red Cross is hosting a Blood Drive in Ellis on Monday, May 20th from 1:00-6:00pm at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall. By giving on May 20 or June 9, you could receive an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt, while supplies last! To schedule your appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Ellis or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Rapid Pass-saves lives in less time! Learn more at [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass).

## Diocese of Salina Announcements

- All are welcome to attend the celebrating of **Bishop Vincke's 25th Anniversary as a priest** on June 9th! Mass begins at 3:00pm at The Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria! There will also be a Come & Go Reception at 4:00-6:00pm in the Victoria Elementary School Gym! RSVPs are requested but not required. RSVPs can be made by phone: 785-639-2100, via email to [corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org](mailto:corrina.hudsonpillar@salinadiocese.org) or online at [bit.ly/bishops25th](http://bit.ly/bishops25th)! **Kindly RSVP by May 27th.**

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO THE CELEBRATION OF  
BISHOP GERALD VINCKE'S

# 25<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY  
OF PRIESTHOOD

MASS AT 3PM  
THE BASILICA OF ST. FIDELIS  
601 10TH STREET VICTORIA, KANSAS 67671

COME & GO RECEPTION  
4:00PM-6:00PM  
VICTORIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM  
602 10TH STREET VICTORIA, KANSAS 67671



**JUNE 9, 2024**

KINDLY RSVP BY MAY 27 AT BIT.LY/BISHOPS25TH OR CALL CORRINA HUDSONPILLAR AT 785-639-2100