

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 1, 2024

First 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 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

December 2 - December 8

Mon: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tue: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wed: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thu: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Sat: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun: Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 3:1-6

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
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	Nov 30	5:30 p.m.	LaVerne Dinke+ and David Dinkel+
Sun	Dec 1	7:00 a.m.	Johanna Gnad+
Sun	Dec 1	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Dec 2	5:30 p.m.	William & Rose Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+
Tues	Dec 3	8:10 a.m.	Lucille Kuhn+
Wed	Dec 4	8:10 a.m.	Phyllis & Mike Murphy+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Dec 5	8:10 a.m.	Al Weber+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Dec 6	8:10 a.m.	Edward & Bertha Riedel+, Troy Riedel+, Duane Riedel+
Sat	Dec 7	5:30 p.m.	John R. Boos+
Sun	Dec 1	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 1	9:00 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+ and Ginny & Danny Robinett+
Sun	Dec 1	7:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for December 7 & 8

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	Brian & Michelle Frickey Family	Melvin & Gini Augustine
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Gordon & Geri Augustine Lacie Haas
Servers	Aiden & Chase Aschenbrenner Maverick Swagerty	John & Dean Hickert Theodore Meagher
Cantor / Musician	Men's Choir Nancy Cunningham	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Karen & Duane Dorzweiler James & Alyssa Rome Gary Luea	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Dec. 8 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	Dec. 6 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 8 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Dec. 7 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	December	Bob & Margie Mickelson
Coffee & Donuts Host	December	Craig Seibel Family

Meetings & Events

Sun	Dec. 1	Advent Begins
Tues	Dec. 3	#iGiveCatholic Giving Day WGS Christmas Concert feat. SMS Band 7:30pm
Wed	Dec. 4	Divine Mercy Radio Care-a-Thon: Leonard S. SMS <i>Rock the Stocking</i> Fundraiser Due YDisciples Gather @ 6:30pm CCD @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 5	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri	Dec. 6	Feast Day of St. Nicholas
Sun	Dec. 8	Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass <i>Holy Day Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm</i>
Mon	Dec. 9	Feast of Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Day of Obligation—Mass at 7am & 8:10am</i> Regular Monday Mass @ 5:30pm

Feast Day of Immaculate Conception Dec. 8 @ 7pm & Dec. 9 @ 7am & 8:10am

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

Parish Announcements

- **Parish Office Email:** If you have tried getting in touch with Emily via email this past week, she has not received your message due to an issue with the server. Many calls to the company have been made to resolve the problem, yet it hasn't been solved yet. Watch our Facebook page for when its back up and running! If you have information to share—please call the office!
- **Give #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday!** Giving Tuesday is **December 3rd!** We ask that if you have not already donated to St. Mary's Church & School during the Advanced Giving Days that you consider gifting on Giving Tuesday from 12:01am to 11:59pm. We will have **matching funds available only on Giving Tuesday from the Ellis Daughters of Isabella!** Gifts will be matched from the Daughters of Isabella as funds are available! They will match gifts \$1 for \$1 up to \$100 per donor! We currently have over \$23,000 in donations and are in the Top 10 of the Diocese for donations!!! Let us keep up the good work!
- **Time & Talent Forms:** Please take a look at the form and consider volunteering for a ministry (individually or as a family)! The deadline to return the forms to the Parish Office is **Monday, December 9!** A 2025 ministry schedule will be distributed to you before the end of the calendar year!
- **YDisciples!!!** Let's get Advent off to a great start by saying our ABC's (Adoration, Benediction, Confession). Come for our meal at 6:30 on Wednesday, December 4th followed by the Sacrament of Confession and time with the Lord!

Notes from the Pastor

#iGiveCatholic. GivingTuesday is this coming Tuesday, December 3. It's also a special day for #iGiveCatholic! If you haven't done so, please consider giving the parish an extra donation. You can donate by going to salina.igivecatholic.org, and search for our parish and then donate, or drop by your donation at the Parish Office.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Since the feast falls on Sunday this year, December 8th, it is transferred to Monday, December 9. It is a Holyday of Obligation this year. I'm offering a Vigil Mass on Sunday evening at 7:00pm to make it more convenient for students and workers to fulfill this holyday obligation. I'll also offer a 7:00am and 8:10am Mass (with the St. Mary's students) on Monday, along with regular Monday Mass at 5:30pm.

Retirement Fund for religious Collection. We will have the annual retirement Fund for Religious next weekend. Your support acknowledge that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please consider giving a gift next weekend.

"What's on the Table"-Advent Book. There are a few copies of an Advent book entitled "The Advent of Rescue" that provides readings throughout the season of Advent and the Christmas Octave for all Weekday and Sunday Masses. It is book recommended by the Diocese. If interested, feel free to take one.

Pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy. I have pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy, that I matted and framed, available during the Advent season. A donation may be given, if you so desire, by using one of the donation envelopes and placing it in the Sunday collection.

The School Christmas Concert. The concert is Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00pm. It will be held in the school gym.

Year-end Gifts. The end of the year is approaching fast. Keep the support of our parish in mind as you plan for your end of year giving.

2025 Calendars are available. Check the tables in the back of the church.

Dates looking forward

Date	Event
12/1 (Sun)	Advent begins
12/3 (Tues)	#iGiveCatholic Giving Day
12/8 (Sun)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm
12/9 (Mon)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday Masses: 7:00am, 8:10am, and 5:30pm

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

School Announcements

Tuesday, Dec. 3: SMS Band Students perform @ 7:30pm with WGS Christmas Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 4: Rock the Stocking Fundraiser DUE!

Thursday, December 5: Virtue Crew Activity

Friday, December 6: St. Nicholas Day!

- **FREE DRESS FRIDAYS** during the month of December! Students may help raise funds for 6th Grade Dominic Savio to put towards their fundraiser for Good Sam's residents and the Humane Society of the High Plains! Bring \$1.00 every Friday for *Free Dress Day!* (please follow the handbook guidelines)
- **SMS 5th & 6th Grade Band Performs Dec. 3rd!** We are excited for our students to perform their first concert with the WGS students on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 7:30pm at the WGS Gym! Please come out and support them! **Mark your calendar for SMS Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 11th @ 6:00pm**
- **Rock the Stocking Fundraiser** kicked off this past week! Students are selling lotions and make up products—perfect for stocking stuffers! If you wish to take a look at what the items may be, contact the school office! **Fundraiser closes on December 4th**, with items expected to arrive the week of December 13th!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Mya Michelle Pfeifer** was baptized on November 24, 2024. Daughter of Kyle & Baylee (Werth) Pfeifer.

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Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Austin Carbajal,  
John Cersovsky, Holly Dinkel, Corey Eberle, Joe Erbert,  
Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas,  
Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively,  
Gilbert Kinderknecht, Doug Kingsley, Agneta Kuhn,  
Tim Kingsley & Family, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge,  
Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge,  
Indiana Landess, Joani Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton,  
Riley Moore, Brandon Schoenthaler, Joe Sloan & Family,  
Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan,  
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 23 & 24

**Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2024-25: \$6,641.73**

**Offertory Loose Plate....\$943.58**

**Adult Envelopes.....\$4,957.00**

**Total Giving.....\$5,900.58**

**After this weekend the collection is below by \$741.15.**

## Parish Organizations

- **Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party:** Make plans to attend on Sunday, December 8th (date change from schedule) at 12:00pm for our annual Christmas Party! Seasonal snacks and drinks will be served! An optional \$15 gift exchange will take place! Please join us! All are welcome!
- **Wrapping Up With Love:** The Good Hope Quilters are excited to be able to send over 40 quilts out to the Samaritan House in Denver in December! With the quilts, we like to include small personal items the families can use while they stay. We are asking for donations of personal times—things like hotel-size toiletries, hygiene products, rain ponchos, hats and gloves, little flashlights, chap stick, backpacks, pocket-sized New Testaments, rosaries, individual snack packs, etc. If you wish to donate items, please drop them by the Parish Office no later than December 8 or contact Gini Augustine at 726-4257 or 726-1257. *A special blessing of the quilts will be next weekend, December 7 & 8 at each Mass.*
- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees:** It's that time of year where we continue the tradition of our giving trees to the Ellis Food Pantry and Ellis Good Sam. Both trees are located at the entrance of the church. The **Ellis Food Pantry Warming Heart** tree is for Ellis community members who are in need of clothing this holiday season. There is the age, gender, size of clothing needed on each gold heart. Please gift them BRAND NEW clothing, such as coats, jackets, hoodies, sweatpants outfits, and for the younger ones only, any of the above items and/or jeans and shirts. *Gifts purchased for the Warming Heart tree need to be returned back to the church or Parish Office on or before December 9th.* If you wish to give a monetary gift, please contact Rita Younger at 785-650-4225 or Millie Winterscheit at 785-726-1127. The **Ellis Good Sam Angel Tree** is for the residents of the Ellis Good Samaritan Center for Christmas Day. 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 back to the church or Parish Office ONLY on or before December 16th.*

## Community Announcements



**"Joy of the Gospel"** Tune into Divine Mercy Radio's Winter Care-A-Thon, December 3 through December 6th, where we will discover Joy in the Gospel! Find a full schedule on their website (dvmercy.com) of all their guest speakers. For trivia and pledges call 785-621-4110! Listen on radio, computer, phone app, or Alexa. Live on Rumble, Facebook and YouTube. We thought we'd highlight a few of particular interests for our Parish:

**Tuesday, Dec. 3:** 8am—Bill Meagher

**Wednesday, Dec. 4:** 7am—Donetta Robben (The Virtues of Mary),

**Thursday, Dec. 5:** 1pm—Fr. Nick Parker

**1pm—Leonard Schoenberger,** 4pm—Fr. Andy Hammeke

**Friday, Dec. 6:** 1pm—Katie Hamel, 2pm—Bishop Vincke, 4pm—Fr. Fred Gatschet



**All Aboard the Ellis Polar Express! Celebrating Our 15th Anniversary!** The Ellis Polar Express will be coming to Ellis on **December 6th, 7th, 8th** and we are excited to have your join us! **Train rides begin at 6:00pm** each night! A suggested \$5.00 free will donation to ride. Three nights of Mrs. Claus's Kitchen in the back of the Library! Friday and Sunday tell your holiday wishes to life-sized Cookie the Elf or visit Santa on Saturday night only! The Ellis Recreation Commission will also be hosting their annual **Candy Cane Hunt on**

**Sunday evening beginning at 5:30pm sharp!** We also have these Limited Edition-15th Anniversary-Locally Crafted-Commemorative Ellis Polar Express Ornaments available **ONLY BEFORE** the Ellis Polar Express takes off! (not sold during the event)! For a suggested \$5.00 donation you can have one of these ornaments and help the Ellis Polar Express for years to come! Stop by Arthur's Pizza and Mexican Foods or the Ellis Recreation Commission to get yours today! **Remember: These ornaments are ONLY AVAILABLE now through December 5th!**



**Holiday "mini" Photo Shoot, December 7:** The Ellis Nutrition Center is inviting all of you to come get into the holiday spirit by getting your photo taken! Bring your kids! Bring your pet! Bring your Significant Other! Have some fun! Cost is \$15.00 which includes (1) 8x10 print or (2) 5x7 prints. Next date for photos is Dec. 7th from 10:00am-6:00pm or by appointment during the week. Please call 785-726-3388 for a time slot! Photos will be taken by Donna Huff! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Ellis Nutrition Center!

- **Cathedral Christmas Concert:** Start the advent/holiday season on a glorious note with the FHSU choirs, Hays HS Chamber Singers, and the St. Fidelis Church choir and many more talented musicians at the Cathedra of the Plains in Victoria on Sunday, December 8th at 3:30pm. This concert is free and open to the public.
- **Pie Fundraiser:** The Ellis Nutrition Center is taking pre-orders for Village pies (\$20 each) now until December 10th before 12:00pm (Noon)! Flavors available: Apple, Berry Medley, Cherry, Pecan or Strawberry Rhubarb! Pies will arrive on December 11th and may be picked up between 12:00-2:00pm at the Nutrition Center! Call Leonard at 785-726-1278 to place your order! All proceeds benefit the future of the Ellis Nutrition Center!