



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

A THRILL OF HOPE, THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES

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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 30, 2024 - January 5, 2025

Mon: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

Tue: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:18

Wed: Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21

Thu: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Fri: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Sat: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Sun: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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	Dec 28	5:30 p.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Dec 29	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Dec 29	9:00 a.m.	Alvin Augustine+
Mon	Dec 30	5:30 p.m.	Al Weber+
Tues	Dec 31	5:30 p.m.	Irene Niernberger+ (anniv)
Wed	Jan 1	7:00 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
		9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Jan 2	8:10 a.m.	Otto & Philomene Berens+ and Cathy Kutina+
Fri	Jan 3	8:10 a.m.	That the World might Grow in Compassion
Sat	Jan 4	5:30 p.m.	For Families in Crisis
Sun	Jan 5	7:00 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Sun	Jan 6	9:00 a.m.	For the families of St. Mary's Parish

Ministries for January 4 & 5, 2025

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Clarence Rupp Gary Luea	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Barney Boos	Jackie Flax Mindy Eck Curtis Weber
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Jocelyn & Olivia Eck
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Kinzie Sunley	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson Gary Luea Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Jan. 5 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	Jan. 3 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Jan. 5 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	Jan. 4 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Jan. 5 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	January	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Tues	Dec. 31	Parish Office Closes at 12:30pm Mass at 5:30pm (<i>Holyday Obligation</i>)
Wed	Jan. 1	Happy New Year! Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 7am & 9am (<i>Holyday of Obligation</i>) Parish Office Closed
Thurs	Jan. 2	No Eucharistic Adoration
S/S	Jan. 4/5	Chalking the Door
Mon	Jan. 6	SMS School Resumes

Parish Announcements

- **No Eucharistic Adoration:** No Adoration on Jan. 2, 2025. We will resume on January 9!
- **Parish Office will be Closed** at 12:30pm on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 through January 1, 2025.
- **2025 Ministry Schedules Are Ready:** Please pick check the box in the back of church for your 2025 Ministry Schedule! If you returned your Time & Talent Form, most likely you have been scheduled for a ministry! Thank you for volunteering your time. After the weekend Masses, the schedules will be back in the Parish Office.
- **2025 Calendars** are available. Check the tables in the back of the church.
- **January & February Mass Intention Openings:** There are a few dates open in January and February for Mass Intentions. If you would like to schedule one more in 2025, please call the Parish Office to see what is available. A stipend of **\$10.00 per Mass** is suggested. Masses are scheduled on a *first come, first serve basis*. Please be prepared to follow the Mass Intentions Guidelines when scheduling.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The first Coffee & Donuts of the New Year will be on the Second Sunday, January 12th following 9:00am Mass! We invite you and your family to come down to the church basement to join us for donuts, orange juice, and coffee!

~ Thank You! ~

We would like to express our gratitude to the St. Mary's Parishioners who chose a Warming Heart Gift this year for the Ellis Community members who were less fortunate this holiday season! Thank you for making a difference for the youth in the community!
-Ellis Food Box Pantry, Rita Y. & Millie W.

Notes from the Pastor

Year-end Gifts. The end of the year is just a few days away. Keep the support of our parish in mind as you plan for your end of year giving.

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Wednesday, January 1st is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is a holyday of obligation. We will follow the Sunday schedule: Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 5:30pm and Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 7:00am and 9:00am. *There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday.*

Feast of Epiphany – Chalking the Door. The Feast of Epiphany will be celebrated next Sunday, January 5. We will have available containers of holy water with a piece of chalk taped to it. It is for each family to take home to bless their home. The blessing of homes, as part of the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, is a custom that many people have adopted. The family gathers together to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

From the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina

College Scholarships - Great news for students in the Diocese of Salina! There are three scholarship opportunities available for the 2025-2026 school year. The application process is online and is open now! Students are encouraged to apply by **March 1st, 2025**, at givecfds.org/scholarships.

- ◇ Monsignor Clement A. Kruse Scholarship: Applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships are approximately \$500.
- ◇ Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship: Applicant must be attending an accredited Catholic College as a full-time student and an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. These scholarships vary, but range from \$1,000-\$3,000.
- ◇ Susie Deges Scholarship: This scholarship is specifically for high school seniors in the diocese who are active in their local CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). This scholarship is \$1,000.

Want to create a lasting legacy for your parish, Catholic school, ministry or the diocese? It's simple! You can do this in your will, a life insurance policy or other beneficiary designations. Gifts of any size make a big difference and helps pass on your Catholic values for future generations. Contact the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina for more information – development@salinadiocese.org.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

A Million Memorares for Hope

- We are excited to launch **A Million Memorares for Hope**, an inspiring initiative aimed at deepening our diocese's prayer life and fostering a spirit of hope. Our goal is to have a million Memorare prayers said, creating a powerful wave of prayer and hope throughout our community. We invite everyone to join us in this meaningful journey, as we collectively seek grace and strength through the intercession of Our Lady. Together, let's spread hope and make a profound impact through our prayers! We invite you to take a designated postcard located at the entrances of your church, pray 100 Memorares, and return it to the diocese as a testament to your commitment and faith. Each time we receive a set of cards, Bishop Vincke will take the time to pray over them, lifting up the intentions of those who have participated.

Prayer: *Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

Parish Organizations

- **SAVE THE DATE: Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting & Cards:** All Knights are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00pm, followed by cards at the Knights Hall.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting:** The D of I Ladies will be kicking off the New Year with a Soup Supper at 6:00pm, followed by a Business Meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 9th at 6:30pm at the Knights Hall! All in attendance are encouraged to wear blue for *National Human Trafficking Awareness!*

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Austin Carbajal, John Cersovsky, Holly Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Doug Kingsley, Gilbert Kinderknecht, 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.

Christmas Flowers in Loving Memory

Marion Dorzweiler, Leslie Dorzweiler, Tom & Tillie Windholz by Duane & Karen Dorzweiler ♥ Davide Seibel, Mark Seibel, Edwin & Anna Seibel by Verla Seibel Family ♥ Gary Lynn, John, Marge, Larry & Sybil Luea and Mildred Jinks by Gary & Shyrl Luea ♥ David Dreiling, Martha & Alfred Dreiling, and Luella, Earl & Gregory Lambrecht by Gail Dreiling ♥ Gay & Mary Henderson by Paula Lerch ♥ Ralph & Rosie Berens by Ron & JoAnn Berens ♥ John, Theresa and Arlene Rupp by the John Rupp Family ♥ Al Weber by Vicki Weber ♥ Mary Weimer by Donna Hays ♥ Mark Honas and John & Frances Honas by Norbert & Donna Honas ♥ Francis Flax, Margorie Flax, Jonathan Flax by Rod & Bernie Taylor ♥ Rudy & Agnes Waldschmidt, Richard Waldschmidt, Ronald & Dianna Waldschmidt, Ernest & Muriel Fink, and Rick Fink by Ernie & Connie Fink ♥ Don R. Younger by Rita Younger Family ♥ Paula & Irene Boos, Thomas & Joyce Boos, Gerald Boos and Mark Boos by Rita Younger ♥ Laurian Leiker by Janice Leiker Family ♥ Phillip & Anna Flax by Their Family ♥ Albert & Jenny Pfeifer by Eldon & Charlotte Pfeifer ♥ Jim & Agnes Wannamaker, Jennifer Simpkins, Adair & Doris Shubert and Rosalie Shubert by Bruce & Jackie Shubert ♥ Marion, Dorzweiler, Leslie Dorzweiler, Joe & Anna Dreiling and Leo & Mary Dorzweiler by Rose Dorzweiler ♥ Pete & Mary Ann Karlin, Ralph & Julie Honas, Mark & Agnes Pfannenstiel by Mark & Bernice Karlin ♥ Daughters of Isabella ♥ Nichole Diane Kuhn, Kaden Lee Shannon, Clarence & Alice Honas, John & Bernadine Kuhn and David F. Kuhn by Pat & Diane Kuhn family ♥ A.A. & Clara Herman Family by Nitz Vontz ♥ Tim Augustine by His Family ♥ LaVerne, David & Paul Dinkel by Janice Dinkel Family ♥ Harold Bittel, Marion Dorzweiler, Leslie Dorzweiler by Dennis Bittel Family ♥ Norman Rupp and Marcella & John Weber by Phyllis Rupp ♥ Irvin & Darlene Werth by Dave & LuAnn Pfeifer Family ♥ Clara & Andy Kuhn, Lucille Kuhn and Rita Kuhn by Josita Dreiling & Agneta Kuhn ♥ Paul & Stella Augustine by Melvin & Gini Augustine.

Diocese of Salina Announcements

- **Great Opportunity, Hays, Comeau Catholic Campus Center:** The Comeau Catholic Campus Center is accepting resumes for a full-time Campus Minister position. The Campus minister oversees the student leadership team in various aspects and coordinates the Catholic Tigers weekly events. This includes initiating and managing the calendar of retreats, events, speakers, trips, etc. to make sure they are in line with the Catholic Campus Center goals of greater prayer and community. Skills desired include ability to work with various constituencies, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, cultivating college students, and thoroughness in planning events. The Campus Minister must be rooted in the Catholic faith, with a mission to bring college students to Christ. This position is full time with a competitive benefits package. For the complete job description or more information contact Sandy Losey at 785-259-1222 or sandy.losey@catholictigers.org. Resumes must be submitted by January 31, 2025.
- **Job Opportunity, Hays, TMP Advancement Director:** The Director is responsible for leading the fundraising efforts for TIMP. Prefer experience with communicating a mission and vision, prioritizing alumni connections, and creating positive parent relationship. Time is spent with the Endowment Board and Alumni leadership, senior leadership within the Diocese and HCS Principals, to execute the strategic plans and enrollment goals. If you have through about taking a successful career and moving towards a role of significance, we'd love to hear from you. Working daily, leveraging your experience, gifts and talents for the mission of the church will exceed your expectations. See if the time is right for you to make a change. Call Kim Hoelting, HR Director, Diocese of Salina, for a confidential inquiry, to talk about this job, or to request a full job description at 785-342-0819 or email kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org. This position is a full-time exempt position with a competitive benefits.

School Announcements

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

School Resumes on Monday, January 6, 2025

- **Accepting Donations for St. Mary's Carnival 2025:** We are beginning to collect donations (items and/or monetary) for the Raffle and Prize Central for our upcoming School Carnival on Sunday, January 26, 2025! If you would like to donate, we ask that all items be brand new. Please deliver them to the school by January 15. If you have questions, please contact Bailey D, (785-259-1858), Becky S, (785-639-1654) or Kiedra H (785-259-2628).
- **SAVE THE DATE: Be a Monarch For a Day!** Thomas-Moore Prep in Hays invites students in the 5th-8th grades to come visit their school to learn what TMP-M has to offer! Join them for the day on Thursday, January 16th from 8am-12pm. Lunch will be served! Please register by contacting Mrs. Melissa Schoeph at 785-625-6577 or schoepfm@tmpmarian.org. *Free student admission & popcorn at the TMP-M vs. Ellis Basketball game that evening starting at 6pm!*