

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637



January 5, 2025

The Epiphany 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

January 6 - January 12

Mon: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

Wed: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

Thu: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

Fri: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

Sat: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

Sun: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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	Jan 4	5:30 p.m.	For Families in Crisis
Sun	Jan 5	7:00 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Sun	Jan 5	9:00 a.m.	For the families of St. Mary's Parish
Mon	Jan 6	5:30 p.m.	Henry Zody+
Tues	Jan 7	8:10 a.m.	Oscar & Betty Honas+ and Julie Honas+
Wed	Jan 8	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Jan 9	8:10 a.m.	Marvin & Millie Karlin+
Fri	Jan 10	8:10 a.m.	<i>No Mass Intention</i>
Sat	Jan 11	5:30 p.m.	Sr. Doris Marie Flax
Sun	Jan 12	7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Jan 12	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for January 11 & 12

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Perry Mick	Nichole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Richard Bollig	Sarah Eck Paula Wasinger Peggy Seibel
Servers	Rylan & Chase Aschenbrenner	Theodore Meagher Gunner Gabel
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Cheryl Lang	Trilogy Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson Gary Luea Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Jan. 12 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	Jan. 10 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	Jan. 12 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	Jan. 11 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Jan. 12 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	January	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber
Coffee & Donuts Host	January	Emily Mattheyer

Meetings & Events

S/S	Jan. 4/5	Chalking the Door
Sun	Jan. 5	Epiphany
Mon	Jan. 6	SMS School Resumes
Wed	Jan. 8	CCD Resumes at 7:00pm
Thurs	Jan. 9	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
Sun	Jan. 10	Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass

Parish Announcements

- **Epiphany Blessing of the Homes:** Please take a container or holy water and a piece of chalk home with you to take and bless your home. Sprinkle holy water around your home, each room and write 20+C+M+B+25 above your entrance door. The CMB means "May Christ bless the home," the "+" signifies the cross, and the number of the year 2025.
- **2025 Ministry Schedules Are Ready:** Please check the boxes 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.
- **Religious Education (CCD) Resumes** this week, Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00pm! The *YDisciples* will return on January 15.
- **Eucharistic Adoration Resumes on January 9, 2025.**
- **January & February Mass Intention Openings:** There are a few dates open in January and February for Mass Intentions. If you would like to schedule 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.
- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts:** Make plans to join us for the first Coffee & Donuts of the New Year on, January 12th following 9:00am Mass! Come down to the church basement to join us for donuts, orange juice, coffee and fellowship!
- **Parish Prayer List:** We will be refreshing our list after January 19. Please notify the parish office to keep or add your loved one's name to it.
- **2024 Year-End Parish Tithing Reports** will be provided upon request from parishioners. If you wish to have a copy of your yearly report, call or email the Parish Office. We are able to print, mail and/or email it to you! Review the information and let us know if your records do not agree.

Parish Announcements cont.

- **Parish Auction 2025:** We are excited to be in the planning stages of our 30th Annual Parish Auction!!! Be sure to mark your calendar for March 29th! We have a group of individuals who are visiting businesses for donations and soon, you all will be receiving information about admission tickets and raffles! As many of you know, this big event isn't successful without volunteers to make the evening run smoothly. We ask that you please consider helping us in any way that you can to make this year's parish auction the biggest one yet! Contact the Parish Office for ways to help!
- 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 our church, pray 100 Memorares, and return it to the Diocese as a testament to your commitment and faith. Each time they receive a set of cards, Bishop Vincke will take the time to pray over them, lifting up the intentions of those who have participated.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Braxton Lane and Jaxon Reed Thompson**
who were baptized here on December 28.
Sons of Jason & Bethany (Augustine) Thompson.

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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, Tim Kingsley & Family,
Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Irene LaBarge,
Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge,
Shawna LaBarge, Indiana Landess, Riley Moore, Joani Neufeldt,
Elizabeth Newton, 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 December 28 & 29

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

Christmas Collection.....\$6,730.00

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$2,266.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,473.00

Total Giving.....\$12,469.00

After this weekend the collection is above by \$5,827.27.

Notes from the Pastor

Feast of Epiphany – Chalking the Door. Containers of holy water are being blessed during each Mass this weekend. You can pick up a container after the Masses. Extra containers will be at each of the entrances of the church. Instructions are included with each container.

“Sign-up” Prayer Book for Confirmation Candidates.

We have a “Sign-up” Prayer Book for our Confirmation candidates. The Book has a page for each candidate with their picture and five “sign-up” slots. A prayer card with a picture of each candidate can be picked up when you sign up. The book is located in the back of the church.

Catholic Schools Week begins on the last Sunday in January. This year Catholic Schools Week is January 26 – February 1. Our school will participate in this annual celebration with activities for students, families, parishioners. The focus of this celebration is on the value Catholic education provides to our young children and its contributions to our parish and community. Did you know that Catholic Schools Week has been celebrated annually since 1974? It is a great blessing to have a Catholic School in our parish, especially in the world we live in today. Watch the bulletin for details.

Liturgy Trivia

The Epiphany

The solemnity of the Epiphany which celebrates the manifestation of God to humanity began in the Eastern Church in the third century.

Called *Theophany*, it was primarily a feast of the baptism of the Lord, but it also incorporated themes of his nativity, the visit of the magi, and the marriage feast at Cana.

The church of Rome adopted this celebration in the fourth century and focused it on the adoration of the magi since it already had a feast of the Lord's nativity in place.

In the United States, we observe the Epiphany on the Sunday between January 2 and 8, but there are places where it is celebrated as a holy day of obligation on the traditional date of January 6.

The Baptism of the Lord

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our commemoration of the institution of the sacrament of baptism, is the last feast of the Christmas season and is usually observed on the Sunday following January 6.

The calendar sometimes causes it to fall on a Monday, but in its usual Sunday slot, it offers an excellent opportunity for parishes to focus on baptism by using the rite of blessing and sprinkling holy water or to celebrate the sacrament during Mass, especially if this not the usual custom.

The Baptism of the Lord launches us right into winter Ordinary Time with its concentration on the earlier public life and preaching of Jesus.

This bulletin insert was written by Marion Eagen.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

School Announcements

School Resumes on Monday, January 6, 2025



Raffle and Prize Central Donations Needed: Hi, us again with St. Mary's Home & School, asking for donations! This time we would LOVE any donations for our

annual School Carnival Raffle and Prize Central! Did you receive bath bombs for Christmas but don't have a bath? Maybe your child got a duplicate of a gift? We can help give them a new home, at the same time as raising money for our school! We would also be very grateful for any donations from parents/grandparents who may have their own small businesses. And as always, monetary gifts are always welcome and appreciated! Please drop any donations in to the school office. If you have questions, please contact Bailey D, (785-259-1858), Becky S,

MONARCH FOR A DAY
Thursday, January 16th (8:00 AM-NOON)
OPEN TO ANY 5TH-8TH GRADER
Come join us for the day to learn what the school has to offer!
Lunch included and transportation provided upon request.
FREE STUDENT ADMISSION & POPCORN AT THE TMP-M VS. ELLIS BASKETBALL GAME THAT EVENING STARTING AT 6:00 PM.
To register: Please contact Melissa Schoepf
schoepfm@tmpmarian.org
(785) 625-6577

(785-639-1654) or Kiedra H (785-259-2628).

Please register by contacting Mrs. Melissa Schoepf 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!*

Parish Organizations

- **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.
- **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!*



Women's Spiritual Day of Reflection:

All women are invited to our Spiritual Day of Reflection on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00am-3:00pm at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Ellsworth, KS. Mass will begin at 9:00am with the retreat to follow. Fr. Kyle Berens teaching is on "Spiritual Life and the Battle We Face:

The Battle to Receive Love." Free Will Donation lunch at noon. To register, please contact Elaine Peters at elainepeters@yahoo.com or call/text 785-534-0546. This retreat is sponsored by Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women.

Community Announcements



Ellis Food Pantry JANUARY Distribution will take place this Monday, January 6th from 3:00-6:00pm at the Ellis Food Box Pantry behind Casey's General Store. Food Boxes are open to Ellis residents living in USD 388. No income restrictions. Use our convenient circle drive to come pick up a box!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES

Education & Screening

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, employees, educators, as well as volunteers who minister with minors are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about safe environment compliance requirements, please contact your parish/school safety coordinator or visit www.salinadiocese.org

Reporting & Victim Assistance

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline/800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, use one of the confidential diocesan reporting resources below:

Phone: 866.752.8855
Website: reportandprotect.com
Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior, currently, or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service provides a confidential Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities as they investigate reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including, but not limited to church personnel.

Any questions in regards to education, reporting, or victim assistance can be directed to the Safe Environment Office Diocese of Salina 785.827. 8746



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