

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**Third Sunday
of Easter**

May 4, 2025

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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 18 - Sept. 7, 2025

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 5 – May 11

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
Sun: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; John 10:27-30

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	May 3	5:30 p.m.	Frank+ & Juanita Augustine Family (l/d)
Sun	May 4	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 4	9:00 a.m.	Larry M. Cox+
Mon	May 5	5:30 p.m.	Robert (anniv) & Faye Kehr+
Tues	May 6	8:10 a.m.	Ralph & Rosie Berens+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	May 7	8:10 a.m.	Alfred & Josephine Urban+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	May 8	8:10 a.m.	Junior Schippers+
Fri	May 9	8:10 a.m.	Dennis Schoenthaler+ (anniv) Family (l/d)
Sat	May 10	5:30 p.m.	Oscar & Betty Honas+ and Julie Honas+
Sun	May 11	7:00 a.m.	Rosetta Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	May 11	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for May 10 & 11

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	James Rome & Alyssa Rome	Cody & Megan Honas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld Geri Augustine
Servers	Caleb, Landon & Mason Schield	John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Alyson Johnson	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Gary Luea Roberta Augustine Pat & Diane Kuhn	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	May 11 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	May 9 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	May 11 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	May 10 (Sat) 4:00 p.m. May 11 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	May	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

M-F	May 5-9	Teacher Appreciation Week!
Thurs	May 9	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
Sat	May 10	EHS Graduation @ 2:00pm
Sun	May 11	Happy Mother's Day!

Parish Announcements

- **No Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts** this month! We hope you will take time to celebrate very special ladies on Mother's Day and all of the graduates on their achievements!
- **14th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign Begins Next Week:** Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be conducting their 14th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day weekend, May 10-11 to Father's Day weekend, June 14-15. 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. There will be baby bottles available next weekend at each of our church entrances for you to take home with you. *All money stays local and helps people who need our services the most. CCNK has been serving those of ALL faiths for over 60 years!*
- **Feast Day of St. Isidore** will be celebrated at Mass on **Thursday, 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 during the Mass for you to take home and add to your field, garden or yard!
- **Parish Council Minutes** from the April meeting are now available for viewing on the church website.
- **SAVE THE DATE for Totus Tuus:** Our summer youth program, Totus Tuus, offered to students entering 1st –12th grade is set for July 13-19th! More info and registration forms coming soon!

Parish Offering: April 26 & 27, 2025

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$766.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,215.00

Total Giving.....\$3,981.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$2,660.73.

Notes from the Pastor

Mother's Day. Next Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day, a day in which we celebrate the beauty and gift of motherhood – a quality embedded in all women. This quality of motherhood is shown in a woman's natural ability to protect and to nurture, to love and to comfort. It is uniquely manifested in the bearing and the rising of children, but also seen in women who have not yet married or have chosen the single life. It is a quality that men should honor and respect; a quality for us to treasure and to love. It is that quality that we recognize on Mother's Day.

6th Grade Promotion Mass. This special Mass for our 6th Grade students will be on Tuesday, May 13 at 8:10am.

The Feast of St. Isidore. The feast of St. Isidore is Thursday, May 15. We will celebrate it at our 8:10am Mass. We will have a table set up for anyone to bring seed to be blessed. 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 for which you can take some home to add to your field, garden or yard and praying the litany of Saint Isidore. The blessed water will be available to take home. If you are unable to attend Mass, you are welcome to bring your seed sometime before Wednesday's Mass and place it on the table and then pick it up later. *Please write your name on your jar!*

Lake Masses. Mass at Cedar Bluff Lake for the summer will begin May 18. Mass time will be 11:00am.

From the Diocese: Tax Credit Scholarship: – Support Catholic Education in the Salina Diocese and receive a 75% State Tax Credit! The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina is accepting donations and is able to offer a 75% tax credit. These funds go directly to help with the cost of education for the qualifying student. For the 24-25 school year, over \$137,000 will be awarded to schools for 102 students in the Salina Diocese. Please email Heather Hartman, Director of Development for the Catholic Foundation heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **CHANGE OF MEETING DATE:** The Daughters of Isabella's Monthly Meeting Date has been changed to Thursday, May 8th at 6:00pm for a Spaghetti Meal and meeting to follow.
- **Knights of Columbus Meeting** is set for May 14th at the Knights Hall at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to come.
- **Friendly Reminder** from the St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance Crew: To all persons decorating graves at St. Mary's Cemetery: We will begin trimming and mowing very soon! If you wish to retain any decorations that are not permanently mounted, ***please remove those decorations ASAP!*** Our maintenance personnel will discard them without further notice as part of the clean up process.
- **Catholic Rural Life Virtual Novena for St. Isidore:** In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Isidore, the members of Catholic Rural Life are looking forward to praying a Novena for our rural communities. Please join us for all the evenings beginning, May 6th at 7:00pm via Zoom (scan the QR Code or email Emily for link)! A complete schedule may be found on our church website, Facebook page and on the bulletin board. The CRL committee is looking for volunteers to lead the Novena on May 12 or 13th, if you are interested please contact Emily at the St. Mary's Parish Office ASAP for details!



Community Announcements

- **Ellis Food Box Pick Up:** The Ellis Food Box Pantry will be open on Monday, May 5th from 3:00-6:00pm for those who need extra help on groceries!
- **Food 4 Kids Summer Program** is taking registrations for school aged children in the Ellis, USD 388 area! A box of food, JUST FOR KIDS, is given out at each open pantry. When summer arrives, the need for food at home grows—but the Ellis Community Foundation is here to help through our Summer Food Program. Register before May 10th by calling 785-726-2660.
- **Ellis High School Alumni:** Calling All EHS Graduates from Year's 0's and 5's! Tickets are now on sale for this year's reunion! Class contacts can reach out to the EHS Alumni at 785-520-5030 for more information!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Juanita Augustine, John Cersovsky, Coleen Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Beverly Elliot, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Donna Honas, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Indiana Landess, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Doug Rohr, Brandon Schoenthaler, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Darryl Schuler, Joe Sloan & Family, Tanner Sullivan, Jim & Jill Urban Family, Kathy Wiesner, 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 5: Bike/Electric Scooter Safety Presentation
2nd Grade Field Trip to Hays

Thursday, May 8: Last Day for the SMART Program

Friday, May 9: Kindergarten & 1st Grade Field Trip to Arthur's Pizza



- **THANK YOU, TEACHERS!!!** We honor and recognize our educators who play a pivotal roles in the lives of children every day! They shop up for our students, their colleague and our community! THANK YOU for being a part of the St. Mary's Family! We appreciate everything you do!



Bike/Electric Scooter Safety Presentation: On Monday, May 5th, Ellis Police Chief Smith will be visiting St. Mary's School to present to the students on bike/electric scooter safety! Grades 2nd-6th may bring their bike, electric scooter (no foot-powered scooters), helmet, pads, other safety gear to school this day. Kindergarten and 1st graders will not need to bring equipment.

- **Last Day for SMART Program** will be Thursday, May 8th. It will not be available on May 12-13. Please make other arrangements for Monday and Tuesday!
- **Home & School Meeting, Monday, May 12** will be held at 6:00pm in the school office! We ask for as many parents/guardians to attend as possible! This meeting will consist of Election of Officers and discussion for next year's events!
- **SAVE THE DATE: St. Marys' 6th Grade Promotion Mass** will be on Tuesday, May 13th at 8:10am Mass! Come celebrate with us and their families on all of their accomplishments!
- **School Year 2025-26 Pre-Registrations Due:** If you haven't already paid your pre-registration fees to the School Office, we ask that you try get them turned in before May 13, please!
- **SAVE THE DATE:** St. Mary's Awards Ceremony for all of our students will be on Wednesday, May 14th beginning at 8:20am in the school gym. All are welcome to celebrate our students and their accomplishments. Following will be the Annual Volleyball Match between the 6th Grade Class verses their parents & teachers!
- **Job Opening:** We are on the search for a *Assistant School Cook* for next school year! If you or someone you know may be interested in helping on our school kitchen, please contact the School Office at 785-726-3185 for an application. Applicants will be subject to a background check. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Congratulations



Front Row: Adeline, Avri, Reagan, Emersyn, Vincent;
Middle Row: Silas, Brandt;
Back Row: Nolan, Easton, Sutton, Easton, Julian and Fr. Dana Clark

YDisciples



- God **loves** you.
 - Sin **divides** us from that love.
 - **Jesus** bridges this divide.
 - How will you respond?
- This fine group of young men and women are the current and future St. Mary's YDisciples and their mentors! We are fortunate this amazing group in our parish! Thank you for a fantastic year! We look forward to see you next school year! To our Seniors—we hope you remember your time spent with us. Now go be a Disciple in your next journey!
- Best Wishes!