

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 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 26 – June 1

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; John 15:26-4a
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Sat: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56
Sun: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Luke 24:46-53

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 24	5:30 p.m.	Edward & Bertha Riedel+, Troy Riedel+ and Duane Riedel+ Families (liv/dec)
Sun	May 25	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 25	9:00 a.m.	Oscar (anniv) & Betty Honas+ and Julie Honas+
Mon	May 26	5:30 p.m.	Ralph Waldschmidt+
Tues	May 27	8:10 a.m.	Mary & Barney Boos,+ Michael Boos,+ and Maryanne (Boos) Fitzgerald+
Wed	May 28	8:10 a.m.	Rudolph (anniv) & Regina Augustine+ and Alvin Augustine+
EGSC			10:00 a.m. For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	May 29	8:10 a.m.	Darryl & Judy Schuler Family
Fri	May 30	8:10 a.m.	Rulene Rosproy+ and Clayton Brown+
Sat	May 31	5:30 p.m.	Eddie & Fidelia Honas+
Sun	June 1	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	June 1	9:00 a.m.	Lucille Kuhn+

Ministries for May 31 & June 1

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zervas	Nicole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Brandon & Jordan Gabel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Lacie Haas Curtis Weber Mindy Eck
Servers	(Need Volunteers)	Addalyn & Ainsley Haas
Cantor / Musician	Kinzie Sunley Emily Mattheyer	Trilogy Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Gary Luea Roberta Augustine Pat & Diane Kuhn	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	June 1 (Sun) 7:00a.m.	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	May 30 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	June 1 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	May 31 (Sat) 4:00 p.m. June 1 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Allen Weber Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	June	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	May 25	Mass at Cedar Bluff Lake @ 11:00am
Mon	May 26	Memorial Day (Parish Office Closed)Services at St. Mary's Cemetery @ 9:30am
Thurs	May 29	Ascension of the Lord Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm
Sat	May 31	Priest Ordination in Salina
Mon	June 2	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **Memorial Day:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance to Memorial Day. We invite you to join us at St. Mary's Cemetery at approximately 9:30am to honor and pray for those who have served our country, in conjunction with the Ellis VFW Memorial Day Services. More info may be found on the back page of this bulletin.
- **Parish Office Hours this Week:** Due to family funerals and other commitments, the parish office hours of operation are going to be modified this week. If you need to come by, we advise you to call ahead to make sure we are here. At the time of printing of this bulletin, we know the office will be open regular hours on Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you for understanding.
- **Ordination Anniversary:** Fr. Dana Clark celebrated his 24th Anniversary of Priesthood this past Monday, May 19th. I failed to mention it in the bulletin prior due to the declining health and passing of his mother. On Monday, the day of his mom's funeral, he said these words in his homily that I feel is appropriate for sharing: "...24 years ago today, May 19, 2001, mom and dad gave their son (me) to God as a priest. Yes, today is the anniversary of my priesthood. Today, I, her son the priest, gives his mother back to God." What a beautiful statement. We appreciate all that Fr. Dana does for St. Mary's Parish!

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, Agneta Kuhn, Gilbert Kinderknecht, 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, Kathy Wiesner, Jim & Jill Urban Family, Families & Friends from Grinnell, KS 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.

Notes from the Pastor

Memorial Day Service. The annual Memorial Day Service for St. Mary's Cemetery will be following the service at St. John's Church which begins around 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 26. The Ellis VFW & others should arrive at St. Mary's around 9:30am.

Priesthood Ordination. The date for the Priesthood Ordinations for Deacons Jesse Ochs, Kade Megaffin and Adam Urban is this Saturday, May 31 at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. You are welcome to attend.

Grinnell Tornado Relief Collection, May 31—June 1. Bishop Vincke has approved the recommendation for a special collection for victims of the Grinnell tornado. We have chosen next weekend for this collection, May 31-June 1 at all of the Masses. The collection will be handled in the same way as other diocesan collections. You can make out checks payable to St. Mary's Parish and put in the memo line for it to be for *Grinnell Tornado Relief*. We will then send one check to the diocese from the Parish. The diocese will utilize the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. These funds will go straight to helping families affected by the tornado whether that's through supplies, housing support, or other critical needs. For those who would prefer to donate online, you can donate directly to Catholic Charities Local Disaster Relief Fund by visiting <https://www.ccnks.org/disasterfund>.

2025 Eucharistic Conference - This year's conference hosted by the FHSU Comeau Campus Center will also highlight the Jubilee Year of Hope theme for 2025: "Hope Does Not Disappoint." Reflecting on this message, we will be reminded that true hope, rooted in Christ, never falters or fades. Together, we will explore how the Eucharist strengthens us in our journey of hope and trust in God's promises. Please join us on August 9th and 10th. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2025/>

From the Diocesan Office of Education: 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. For the 24-25 school year, over \$137,000 will be awarded to schools for 102 students in the Salina Diocese. These funds go directly to help with the cost of education for the qualifying student. Please email Heather Hartman, Director of Development for the Catholic Foundation:

heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **SAVE THE DATE for Christmas in July Craft Fair!**
The Daughters of Isabella are hosting a festive and fun-filled day on July 19th from 9:00am-2:00pm. Explore a wide variety of handmade crafts, unique gifts and local creations! They are currently taking Booth Reservations for any vendors wanting to participate! Contact Nicole M. via phone or text at 785-259-5696! Spaces are limited and are only allowing one vender per direct sales company, who ensure a variety for all participants! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to shop local, support small business, and get into the holiday spirit—just a little early!
- **Decorations at St. Mary's Cemetery during Memorial Day:** To all personal decorating graves at St. Mary's Cemetery for Memorial Day—We ask that you please have any decorations that are not in mounted vases or secure to gravesites removed by Monday, June 2nd. Otherwise they will be discarded in order to keep the cemetery tidy, mowed and trimmed.
- **SAVE THE DATE for Totus Tuus 2025:** Registration forms for Totus Tuus 2025 are now available!!! Totus Tuus will be held the week of July 13-18 at St. Mary's School. The session for students entering grades 1-6 (for the '25-'26 school year) will run Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm. Students in grades 7-12 will meet from 7:30-9:45pm Sunday-Thursday! Registration forms are available on the church website or you can pick up a registration form the big table in the back of church. Cost for the program is \$15 per student or \$40 per family of 3+ students. Checks can be made out to St. Mary's Church. We ask that you please return registration forms and payment to the Parish Office no later than July 9th. For more information, call Emily at the Parish office or email at stmary@gbta.net.
- **Help for Totus Tuus:** Be on the look out in the coming weeks for ways you are able to help during the week of Totus Tuus! We will be looking for Home Hosts for the Team Members, Lunch Volunteers & Dinner Hosts throughout the week!

Parish Offering: May 17 & 18

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$857.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$7,103.00

Total Giving.....\$7,960.00

This weekend's collection is over by \$1,318.27.

Did you know if you attend Mass at any church of the Heartland Parishes: you can put your SMC envelope in their collection and it will be sent to SMC? In other words, if you find yourself attending Mass at another parish in the area, it would be safe to say your tithing envelope will make it back to SMC!

School Announcements

- **The School Office Hours** will vary throughout the summer. If you happen to need the school and no one answers, please call or stop by to see Emily at the Parish Office!



Job Opening for Assistant School Cook: 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.

- **Save Money This Summer with St. Mary's Discount Cards!** These discount cards feature 22 businesses who give a discount when purchasing! Start using them now through June 2026! Grab you one today and start saving money at the participating businesses! A card is just \$20.00 each! Call the School or Parish Office to place your order!

Community Announcements



Ellis VFW Memorial Day Services: The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ellis Memorial Post 9139, will be holding Memorial Services at the local Ellis cemeteries this year on **Monday, May 26, Memorial Day!** Services begin at St. John's Cemetery at 9:00am, *proceeding to St. Mary's Cemetery (~9:30am)*, the Big Creek bridge, the Memorial Park downtown and then to the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Ceremonies will be ending shortly before noon. **Volunteers Needed on Sunday** to help with decorating the graves of our fallen comrades beginning at 3:00pm at St. Mary's Cemetery by putting small American flags on each veteran's grave. From there we will proceed to Mt. Hope Cemetery and do likewise. There are over 400 graves in all, so this becomes quite a task! **Monday Morning Volunteers** will raise the large American Flags in the Avenues of the Flags at both cemeteries, starting at 7:00am at St. Mary's, then moving to Mt. Hope.

- **Ellis Food Box Pantry Open on June 2nd:** If you are in need of extra food items during the summer months, you are welcome to come through the drive-thru at the Ellis Food Box Pantry! No income restrictions, though you must live within the USD 388 district! Next distribution date is Monday, June 2nd from 3-6pm. **Summer Food Program** will also be available. If you have not signed up yet, please do at the Ellis Alliance Office or call 785-726-2660. Children's food boxes are only distributed to families who have signed up.



German Sausage Meal: Ellis Memorial VFW Post 9139 will be serving up delicious German Sausage on a bun, sauerkraut, onions, mustard & ketchup and chips on Saturday, June 7th from 11:00am -1:00pm at Ellis Memorial Park! Free Will Donation! Donations made will be used for Scholarship Awards, maintaining our VFW Hall, Patriotic Memorial Venues as well as Community Projects! We appreciate your support!

- **First Responders Appreciation BBQ** on Saturday, June 7th from 11:00am-2:00pm at East Frontier Park in Hays. This event is for all active & retired responders and their families. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and refreshments! Sponsored by All Ellis County Knights of Columbus Councils! *In case of bad weather the event will be moved to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Activity Center.*
- **SAVE THE DATE for ROADTRIP on the Go With God: Vacation Bible School.** The Ellis United Methodist Church is hosting VBS on June 16-18 from 3:00-5:00pm. It is open to community children from 4 year olds through students entering 5th grade! FREE to attend! Save your seat ASAP so snacks and supplies can be purchased by calling Althea at 785-656-1375 or register online at <http://ellisunitedmethodistchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com>.



A Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy, You destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst & wipe away our tears, that we may all
deserve to be called your sons & daughters.
Keep in Your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of
freedom, and bring them safely into your kind of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)