

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

August 3, 2025
18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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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

August 4 – August 10

Mon: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21

Tue: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36

Wed: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Luke 9:28b-36

Thu: Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23

Fri: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28

Sat: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20

Sun: Wisdom 18:6-9; Luke 12:32-48

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
School Council President	Mrs. Sarah Fischer
Home & School President	Mrs. Megan Honas
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	Aug 2	5:30 p.m.	Richard+ & Faye Geschwentner
Sun	Aug 3	7:00 a.m.	Martin & Adeline Flax+
Sun	Aug 3	9:00 a.m.	Junior Schippers+
Sun	Aug 3	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Aug 4	5:30 p.m.	Simon & Alma Davignon+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Aug 5	8:10 a.m.	John & Frances Honas+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Aug 6	8:10 a.m.	Randy Amrein+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Aug 7	8:10 a.m.	Alfred & Josephine Urban+
Fri	Aug 8	8:10 a.m.	Paul Dinkel+
Sat	Aug 9	5:30 p.m.	Mark Honas+ (anniv)
Sun	Aug 10	7:00 a.m.	Roseann Billinger+
Sun	Aug 10	9:00 a.m.	Simon & Alma Davignon+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 10	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for August 9 & 10

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Peggy Seibel Curtis Weber Paula Wasinger
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	<i>Need Volunteers</i>
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Aug. 10 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	August 8 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	Aug. 10 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	August 9 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. August 10 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	August	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	August 3	SMS Back-2-School Pool & Pizza Party 6:30pm-8:30pm
Thurs	August 7	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm SMS Enrollment 12-6pm
S-S	August 9-10	Eucharistic Conference @ FHSU
Sun	August 10	Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts Eucharistic Conf Public Mass @ 4:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **Eucharistic Adoration Resumes Thursday, Aug. 7th**
- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts:** As the summer months wind down, be sure to join us in the church basement after 9am Mass on August 10th to catch up with family and friends before the school year begins! We'll have orange juice, coffee and donuts to share!
- **Reminder: T.R.U.T.H Bible Study** will not be meeting on Sunday, Aug. 10th due to coffee & donuts and the Eucharistic Conference.
- **Support the Seminarians:** We invite you to participate in the annual seminary collection, next weekend, August 9-10. Read more about this vital collection in "Notes from the Pastor." Every contribution makes a significant impact, regardless of size!
- **Totus Tuus Survey:** *This email is specifically for parents/guardians with students entering 1st-12th grades; however if you have students who will be attending school in 2025-2026, you are welcome to submit as well.* You are invited to take this short survey to help us view what our future plans may look like with Totus Tuus! Please complete it at your earliest convenience: <https://forms.gle/iA4nczDBxpndFBK36> 
- **Parish Council Minutes** from July meeting are now available for viewing on the church website under "Parish Life" > "Parish Council".

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for a **Bible Study Fellowship Party**
on **Sunday, August 18 at 3:00pm**
at **511 Madison Street!**

A casual, come-and-go event with potluck-style food, fellowship, and fun.

Everyone in the parish is welcome—whether you're already part of the Bible Study or just curious about joining!

We'll enjoy conversation, optional board games, and outdoor space for kids to play.

We'll also be voting on the next book of the Bible to study—so bring a dish to share and help us decide what's next!

★ **Parking is available in the church lot**, just a short walk from the house. **Street parking is available for elderly guests or anyone needing closer access.**

Notes from the Pastor

Seminarian Collection will take place next weekend, August 9-10. The following is an announcement from the Diocese: "We invite you to participate in the annual seminarian collection August 9-10. This vital collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, summer ministry, books, room and boarding expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is over \$50,000; regardless of size, every contribution makes a significant impact! To make an online gift, please visit: bit.ly/semsofsalina. Or feel free to make a gift via your parish envelopes.



2025 Eucharistic Conference. It is not too late to register for the Eucharistic Conference! You can register online until Wednesday, August 6th. After Wednesday you can still register at the door at the Conference on the 9th. We hope you consider attending!

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Assumption is Friday, August 15, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be Thursday evening (August 14) at 7:00pm and Friday morning (August 15) at 7:00am and 8:10am. There is no scheduled Mass on Friday evening. We thought that scheduling an evening Mass on Thursday instead of Friday evening would be better time.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). I'm planning on offering a RCIA class, starting after Labor Day. If you know of someone that may be interested in attending, let me know and I'll send them a personal letter explaining RCIA and inviting them to attend. This is also an opportunity for those Catholics who are interested in updating their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith to attend. Day and time of classes: TBD (probably Thursday evenings at 7:00pm).

Picture Directory. A Heads Up. We are planning on producing a new parish directory. The last one was in 2020, so it's been over 5 years. It will be created, printed, and assembled in-house (i.e., no outside "picture" company will come in). You will be able to submit your own picture, or we will schedule times that you can come in have a picture taken. More details will be given later.

From the Diocesan Office of Education: Tune into the latest episode of Three Bald Guys podcast to listen to Fr. Jarett Konrade, Geoff Andrews, the Superintendent of Schools, and Deacon Bill Meagher, the Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Community Announcements

- **School Supply Drive for Ellis Schools:** The Ellis Police Department is hosting this event to equip students and faculty for success throughout the 2025-2026 school year! A program to help students and faculty members of USD 388 and St. Mary's Catholic School! Drop off new school supplies at the following locations: Ellis Thrift Store, Ellis Public Library or the City of Ellis Office, now through August 11th. Any and all school supplies are welcome! Everything donated will DIRECTLY impact our local school's students and teachers this coming school year!
- **Ellis Food Box Pantry Open on August 11th from 3:00-6:00pm,** located at 210 Madison Street, will be distributing *FREE* food boxes for those living in USD 388 who needs the help that a food box brings. Use our convenient drive-thru to pick up your box no worries of leaving the your vehicle!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Ernest V. Pfeifer, Sr.**, who passed away July 4, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Congratulations! **Cole Feldt & Emily Eck** who were married here on July 12, 2025.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Bernice (Thessing) Shank**, who passed away July 25, 2025. Her funeral will take place here on Saturday, Aug. 9 @ 11am. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Michelle Goldsberry, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Andy Lynn Klaus, Nancy Kreutzer, John Knoll, Agneta Kuhn, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Leonard Schoenberger, Cathy Sherfick, Tanner Sullivan, 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.*

### Parish Offering: July 26 & 27

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,244.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,008.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$684.00

**Total Giving.....\$4,936.00**

**This weekend's collection is under by \$1,705.73**

## School Announcements

- **Back-2-School Pool & Pizza Party** is this Sunday, August 3rd, 6:30-8:30pm for all St. Mary's School students and their families! Free Swim for all! There will be pizza and water to enjoy too! We hope to see you there! Event sponsored by St. Mary's Home & School Association.

### ENROLLMENT PACKETS



**Enrollment Packets** are available in the back of church on the table! After this weekend, they can be picked up from Emily at the Parish Office before Enrollment! Save time on enrollment day and pick up today!

**Remember: St. Mary's School Enrollment is Thursday, August 7th, 12:00-6:00pm** in the school cafeteria!

**St. Mary's School**  
**POOL AND PIZZA Party**  
**Sunday, August 3**  
**6:30-8:30pm**  
Free Swim & Pizza for all  
St. Mary's School Families

- **St. Mary's School Apparel:** Show your pride for St. Mary's School by wearing some of our school apparel! All orders must be placed by **August 8, 2025** or a late fee will be assessed. *All St. Mary's K-6th grade students are required to wear St. Mary's polo shirts or t-shirts throughout the school year.* We have two options to place orders for apparel. To place an order, enter your email address!

Gone Logo = <https://stmarys25.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Hays Tees = [https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/2025\\_ellis\\_stmarys](https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/2025_ellis_stmarys)

REMINDER: We do have a "School Clothes Closet" that you can look through at enrollment. **All school closet items are \$2 each.**



### GET INVOLVED!



**Get Involved! Shouting out to Parents/Guardians of St. Mary's Students!** If your student(s) are attending St. Mary's School, you are a member of St. Mary's Home & School Association and encouraged to attend St. Mary's Home & School Association Monthly Meetings! At these meetings we discuss fundraisers, upcoming special events, and more! We invite you to attend our first meeting of the school year, Monday, August 11th at 6:00pm at the school!

- **St. Mary's School Discount Cards** are still available! If you haven't purchased one yet, we still have some available! These cards have some great savings for popular chain food restaurants and local stores! For a donation of \$20.00, one could be yours!



**Sponsorship Drive:** St. Mary's Home & School Association is still accepting donations for their annual Sponsorship Drive! If you'd like to become a sponsor this year, you can pick up a donation form from the school bulletin board in the back of church or at the school office! Donations need to be sent in no later than August 30th if you'd like your name printed on our sponsorship board!



### 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](http://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](http://reportandprotect.com)  
Email: [reportabuse@salinadiocese.org](mailto: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](http://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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# From the Diocese



## 2025 Eucharistic Conference

I'm truly grateful that Fr. John Riccardo will be joining us for our upcoming Eucharistic Conference. I've known Fr. Riccardo for many years and have always been moved by his deep love for Christ and his gift for communicating the Gospel. He has a remarkable way of helping people understand their God-given dignity and worth—a message our world desperately needs to hear, again and again.

At the heart of his message is a simple but life-changing truth: you matter to God. You are loved. Christ gave His life on the Cross for you, and He desires to be with you forever in heaven. That truth has the power to heal hearts, renew hope, and transform how we see ourselves and others.

If we want peace in our world, it begins by seeing one another as God sees us—as beloved sons and daughters. As Fr. Riccardo often says, you matter. I hope you'll join us in Hays on August 9th and 10th to be renewed by this message and encounter the love of Christ in a deeper way.

*+ Gerald L. Vincke*

Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese

## To Register

or for more  
information



online registration open until 8/6



## —Upcoming Events—

— 8/2

**Tipton Church Picnic**  
Mass, 4p.m.

— 8/3

**Vocations BBO**  
St. John's, Hays, 3p.m.

**Cancelled**

— 8/8

**Runnin' Revs**  
FHSU, Hays, 6p.m.

— 8/15

**Solemnity of the Assumption of  
Mary, Body and Soul, into Heaven**

— 8/23

**St. John's Harvest Festival**  
Beloit, 5p.m.

— 8/30-9/1

**Jr. CYO Camp Weekend**  
Rock Springs

## NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

## Seminarian Collection



Our diocese is blessed to have 16 seminarians for the upcoming school year! We are excited to journey this path with them wherever the Spirit leads. Be a part of their discernment through prayer, through service, and through financial means. If you feel called to give financially, it's as easy as dropping an envelope into your parish collection labeled "seminarian collection."

### To Give:

Anytime during August, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Seminarian Collection"

*Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!*

# THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist we know today is the same Eucharist that has been around since Simon Peter! In Jesus' time, Greek was a common language, and that is where the word "Eucharist" comes from- it means **Thanksgiving!**

Every time we go to Church and celebrate the **Sacrifice of the Mass** (the Eucharist), we are giving thanks to God.

When we receive communion, Jesus dwells within us in a special way, giving us strength to practice virtues!

## ADORATION

As Catholics, we have many different ways we can pray. Adoration is a type of prayer where we spend time in front of the **Blessed Sacrament** (that's another name for the host after it is blessed by the priest at Mass)



**Monstrances** are used to hold the Blessed Sacrament. The word "Monstrance" means "to show" - like the word 'mostrar' in Spanish!



## POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

In 1920, Karol Wojtyła was born in Poland. Growing up, he loved doing things with his brother. Some of their favorite activities were skiing, hiking, theater, and soccer. When he was eight years old, his mom died. His brother died soon after. Even though he was sad, he knew God loved him, and he trusted in God's plans. In 1978, he became the Pope! He took the name John Paul II, honoring the Pope before him. He showed the world God's love and peace- he was not afraid! In 2014, less than 10 years after he died, he was canonized a saint!



## "SOURCE AND SUMMIT"

Pope St. John Paul II (some people call him JP II) loved being outdoors. Inspired by mountains, he said the Eucharist is the **Source and Summit** of the Christian life. Our lives begin and end in Jesus Christ!



## TRANSUBSTANTIATION

Do you know what this 18-letter-long word means?

When there is a big question about what the Church believes, bishops from all over the world gather to talk about it. This is called an **ecumenical council**. During one of these, hundreds of years ago (in 1215!), people were questioning what happens to the bread and wine during Mass. The Catholic Church defined it as "**transubstantiation**" - a really long word that means the substance (what it is) changes into Jesus' body and blood, while the accidents (what it looks and feels like) stay the same.