

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

September 14, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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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

September 15 – September 21

Mon: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; John 19:25-27
Tue: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
Sun: Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-13

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

at	Sept 13	5:30 p.m.	Thomas & Tillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Sept 14	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Sept 14	9:00 a.m.	Mary Henderson+ (anniv)
Mon	Sept 15	5:30 p.m.	Francis H. Flax+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Sept 16	8:10 a.m.	Afred & Josephine Urban+
Wed	Sept 17	8:10 a.m.	Paul Dinkel+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Lucille Kuhn+
Thurs	Sept 18	8:10 a.m.	Marion Dorzweiler+ and Leo & Mary Dorzweiler+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Sept 19	8:10 a.m.	Rose Egger+ and Sean O'Rourke+ (anniv)
Sat	Sept 20	5:30 p.m.	Irvin Werth+ (anniv)
Sun	Sept 21	7:00 a.m.	Phillip & Anna Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Sept 21	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for September 20 & 21

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	Ethan & Britny Cox Family	Wesley & Lindsay James Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Sarah Eck Peggy Siebel Geri Augustine
Servers	Caleb, Landon & Mason Schield	John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Trilogy Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	James & Alyssa Rome Clarence Rupp Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Brandon & Jordan Gabel Family Geoff & Mindy Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Sept. 21 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	Sept. 19 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Sept. 21 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	Sept. 20 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Sept. 21 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	September	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	Sept. 14	Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts @ 10am
Tues	Sept. 16	Last Day to order SMS Fall Fundraiser
Wed	Sept. 17	SMS Fall Fundraiser Turn-In Day! YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Sept. 18	Happy Birthday, Fr. Dana! Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts** is set for Sunday, September 14th, following 9:00am Mass in the church basement! We hope you and your family will come down to enjoy delicious donuts, orange juice, coffee and fellowship!
- **YDisciples!** We had fun last week so now let us gather for a meal at 6:30pm and have discussion as a group on "Created & Claimed" Series: Made Good! Bring a friend!
- **It's Time for a New Parish Directory!** It's been since 2020 when we last printed a Parish Directory! Our parish has gained new families and sadly, lost a few too. The idea is to complete the new directory before the end of the calendar year or to be ready shortly after the New Year! We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to assist in helping put the directory together! Tasks includes, but not limited to: designing, stories, aid in taking pictures of our church families, etc. If you are interested, call the Parish Office for more information!

Diocese of Salina News

- **Annual Anniversary Masses:** The Diocese of Salina is recognizing couples that are celebrating their 1st anniversary or any anniversary ending with a 5 or 0 with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincke on Sunday October 12th at 3:00pm in Salina at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish and on ***Sunday, October 26th at 3:00pm in Hays at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish.*** Registration and more event details may be found on the Diocesan website.

Parish Offering: September 6 & 7

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$886.00
 Adult Envelopes.....\$7,303.00
 Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$294.00
Total Giving.....\$8,483.00

This weekend's collection is above by \$1,841.27

Notes from the Pastor

Parish Organizations

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Our second RCIA class is this Thursday. There is still time for others who are interested to join us. We meet at 7:00pm in the Church basement on Thursdays.

Catechetical Sunday. Next Sunday, September 21st, is Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year is “Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15). On this day we recognize and give thanks to our Catechists (CCD teachers, YDisciple mentors, and Grade School Teachers) for their role in faith formation. The theme focuses on being prepared to share the hope found in Christ and to be witnesses to the Gospel. The idea of catechesis extends beyond formal teaching to include parents and all members of the Church who share their faith.

A Bulletin Announcement from the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina: Want to create a lasting legacy for your parish, Catholic school, ministry, or 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 help pass on your Catholic values to future generations. Contact the Catholic Foundation for more information – development@salinadiocese.org.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana



- **To ALL ladies of St. Mary's Parish, age 16 and above**—are you ready to have a little fun? We are planning an evening get-away filled with various activities, good food, lots of PRIZES, and plenty of laughter, starting at **6:00pm on Thursday, Sept. 25.** Start gathering a team and driver now if you want to take part in our photo scavenger hunt; hone up your skills at putting those pesky little pieces into a colorful jigsaw puzzle; or get ready to do a little crafting for some DIY autumn décor, OR...who knows? We may even find something else to add in! This event is sponsored by the Ellis St. Gilbert Circle of the Daughters of Isabella (generally known as the D of I). We'd love to tell you a little about our organization and have a great time, too! **Please save this date, and invite all your women friends in the parish to meet you there!**

- **Meal Train:** Each week the YDisciples group of high school students & mentors gather together for a light meal before breaking into group discussion. If you can and are willing to donate toward or provide a meal for the group, please scan the QR Code or contact Craig Seibel to see which dates are available! Your support will be greatly appreciated!



- **Mark your calendars to join Immaculate Heart of Mary for a day of Golf and Giving Back** on Friday, October 3rd at Fr. Hays Municipal Golf Course! Registration begins at 8:00am. Tee-Off time is 9:00am. Any 4-person Scramble. Sign up as an individual or as a 4-person team (flights for male teams, female teams and mixed teams.) It is \$100 per Player - includes green fees, refreshments, prizes and lunch at the turn. Cart rentals are additional cost. Split-the-pot tickets will be sold separately! Registration deadline is Friday, September 19th! Visit ihm-church.com to register or call their Parish Office.

“God has chosen us to become holy—not out of grudging duty, but in response to his love for us.”

—Sister Ann Shields *Deeper Conversion*

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

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, Marvin King, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Andy Lynn Klaus, Nancy Kreutzer, Agneta Kuhn, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Troy Mattheyer, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Kevin “Mo” Pfeifer, Cathy Sherfick, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, 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.

School Announcements

- ◆ **Tuesday, September 16:** Scouts Talk to K-5th Grade Classrooms
 - ◆ **Wednesday, September 17: Constitution Day!** Students & Staff may wear red, white & blue, if they wish!
 - ◆ **Thursday, September 18: Happy Birthday, Fr. Dana!**
 - ◆ **Friday, September 19: Spirit Shirt Day!** Students & Staff may wear their SMS Spirit Shirts on Fridays!
- **GET YOUR ORDER IN!!!! St. Mary's Fall Fundraiser is coming to a close!** There are only a few days left to get our delicious chocolate bars, a quick supper option with Papa Murphy's Pizza ready for the upcoming busy sports season or stock up on trash bags for tailgating!!! Be sure to place your **order BEFORE Wednesday, September 17th!** Contact a student/staff member or call or stop by the School Office!
 - ★ **Chocolate Bars** are \$2.00 for each or \$72.00 for case of 36 assorted bars
Flavors: Crisp, Dark Chocolate, Almond, Caramel, Peanut Butter. We no longer have Milk Chocolate.
 - ★ **Papa Murphy Pizza Coupons:** Choose from Stuffed, Signature, One-Topping or a Dessert/Cheesy item ranging \$11-21 each coupon
 - ★ **Heavy Duty Trash Bags:** \$13.25 per roll *Options: Drawstring (13 gal, 45 ct.), White (18 gal, 60 ct.), Black (30 gal, 40 ct.), Yellow (39 gal, 20 ct.), Green (55 gal, 15 ct.)*
 - **LAST CALL to be a Sponsor!** We are still accepting donations towards the St. Mary's Home & School Sponsorship Drive. If you or a business would like to help support our school in purchasing of new textbooks, computers/software, and other needs for the teachers and students. Please send your donation to the school office with "sponsorship" in the memo line before or on September 15th!
 - The Ellis Community Foundation is hosting a **Community Block Party** celebrating the addition of the new pavilion & fire pit on **September 27, 4:00-7:00pm** at Creekside Park. Come enjoy the newly completed Creekside shelter with an evening full of free fun, food, and games! Local organizations, including **St. Mary's Home & School Association** will be there ready to share information and help with fun activities for the whole family! There will be Touch-A-Truck, s'mores, face painting, food and the Frozen Frog! Come win some prizes, share a meal & learn about the groups that help make Ellis a great place to live! We hope to see you there! *If you wish to donate 2-liter pops for our Ring-A-Pop game the evening, please drop them off at the School Office!*



**On September 5th we joined other
Catholic schools along with
Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
in praying the
Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary for
Annunciation in Minneapolis and
for an end of violence against children.**

Community Announcements

- **German Feast!** Sauerkraut Soup, Green Bean Dumpling Soup, Noodles, Ham & Beans, German Sausage, Homemade Bread, Pies, Kuchen & Cakes will be served at Schoenchen Community Center on Sunday, Sept. 14 from 4:00-7:00pm. A small donation of \$15.00/person. Children under 8 eat for free! Sponsored by the St. Anthony Altar Society as a fundraiser for the St. Anthony Park & Playground! There will also be a 50/50 Raffle (need not be present to win).
- **Ellis Community Clean Up Day** with Ellis High School is set for October 1st. More information to come next week!
- **Mark the Date for Ellis Community Clean-Up!** Ellis Community Clean-up will begin on October 6th! More info to come! If you have any questions concerning the Clean-Up, call the Ellis Public Works Department at 785-726-4741!