

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

September 21, 2025
25th 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

September 22 – September 28

Mon: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
Tue: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
Wed: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thu: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
Fri: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22
Sat: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a;
Sun: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Luke 16:19-31

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	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
Mon	Sept 22	5:30 p.m.	William & Rose Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Sept 23	8:10 a.m.	George & Elizabeth Amrein+ Family (l/d)
Wed	Sept 24	8:10 a.m.	Robert & Faye Kehr+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Sept 25	8:10 a.m.	LeRoy & Lois Aschenbrenner Family
Fri	Sept 26	8:10 a.m.	Robert & Faye Kehr+
Sat	Sept 27	5:30 p.m.	Al Weber+ (anniv)
Sun	Sept 28	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Sept 28	9:00 a.m.	Jarret Johnson+ (anniv)

Ministries for September 27 & 28

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Melvin Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Duane Dorzweiler	Paula Wasinger Jackie Flax Mindy Eck
Servers	Aiden & Chase Aschenbrenner	Gunner Gabel Theodore & Oliver Meagher
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Kinzie Sunley	Abby Serpan Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	James & Alyssa Rome Clarence Rupp Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Brandon & Jordan Gabel Family Geoff & Mindy Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Sept. 28 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	Sept. 26 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Sept. 28 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	Sept. 27 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Sept. 28 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zervas Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	September	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	Sept. 21	TRUTH Bible Study @ 10:30am
Mon	Sept. 22	First Day of Autumn Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
Tues	Sept. 23	SMS Picture Day!
Wed	Sept. 24	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Sept. 25	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Sun	Sept. 28	Priest Appreciation Day!

Parish Announcements

- **YDisciples!** You are invited to join us this Wednesday night at 6:30pm for a meal followed by a Walking Rosary—a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship as we journey together in faith. Bring a friend and your Rosary!
- **Youth Choir!** We are bringing back *St. Mary's Youth Choir* and are inviting students who are in the 3rd grade or older, who love to sing to come and join us on Sunday, October 12 at 9:00am Mass. There will be a required practice on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00pm in the church. We are hoping to offer 2-3 Youth Choir Masses this year, so if this month doesn't work for you, be watching for the next opportunity. Please RSVP to Nancy C. by calling or texting 785-726-1096 by October 1st.
- **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 and 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!

"Our God infuses us with compassion that can put an end to hate, with generosity that can eradicate greed, and with the wisdom and courage to put our fears and sorrows in their rightful place."

—Matthew Kelly *The Three Ordinary Voices of God*

Notes from the Pastor

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

No Confession at 4:30pm on Saturday. I'm performing a wedding in Colby on Saturday, September 27. I probably won't be back in time for Confessions at 4:30pm, but should be back by 5:00pm, just in time for Mass!

Picture Directory. We are moving forward in our planning. The idea is for families to submit a quality digital picture (a JPEG format picture or a photo that we can scan) to be used. We will eventually set dates and times after Masses (or other convenient times) for a photographer to take pictures. If there is anyone who would be interested in helping being that "photographer" to take pictures, let us know. Photo space and a camera will be provided.

We would like to have pictures submitted or taken by the mid-November and have the directories printed and available by the first of the year. If you plan on having pictures taken for Christmas cards, you may submit that picture, if you'd like, just let us know so we can save a space in the directory for your picture. We probably won't start printing until the first part of December.

Catechism Trivia

1. What is the plan of God for man? God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness. *Further reading:* CCC 1-25.

2. Why does man have a desire for God? God himself, in creating man in his own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. By nature and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on man his fundamental dignity. *Further reading:* CCC 27-30, 44-45

3. How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason? Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the universe, as the highest good and as infinite truth and beauty. *Further reading:* CCC 31-36, 46-47

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations



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.** For the young or young-at-heart, start gathering a team and driver now if you want to take part in our Ellis photo scavenger hunt, or just come and find someone to team up with there! OR - 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. This event is sponsored by the Ellis 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!**

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 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, 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.**

Parish Offering: September 13 & 14

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,112.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$2,997.00

Total Giving.....\$4,109.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$2,532.73

School Announcements

Monday, September 22

4th Grade Recycling Field Trip

Tuesday, September 23

Picture Day!

Wednesday, September 24

Wellness Wednesday Walk to School!

Hays Arts Council Presentation in the morning

Saturday, September 27

Community Block Party



School Picture Day! Students & Staff—don't forget your smile on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd! Be sure to wear your uniform polo and khakis this day!



Wellness Wednesday Walk to School: On Wednesday, Sept. 24, students may meet at the Railroad Museum (mini train station) between 7:30-7:40am. Teachers and students will then walk to school following Washington Street to 7th Street. Breakfast will be served when we arrive back to school for those who are signed up for it!

- 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 that evening, please drop them off at the School Office! ▶▶▶*



COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

**SEPT. 27
4-7 PM**

Join us for a celebration filled with food and fun for everyone!

- Pulled Pork Sandwiches or Hotdogs
- Chips & Drinks
- Games, Music & Activities
- Non-Profit Booths
- Prizes & More!

S'MORES
TOUCH-A-TRUCK WITH LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

RAFFLES **SNOW CONES**

See you at Creekside Park in Ellis!
4th & Taylor St.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ELLIS
CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF OUR LATEST PROJECT!

Community Announcements



Ellis County Health Department Flu Shot Clinic will be at Ellis City Hall on **September 29th from 2:30-4:00pm**. Please bring your Government ID and your insurance card. If you do not have insurance the cost is: \$44-for regular flu shot, \$95-for flu block shot (egg free), \$95-high dose flu shot. There will also be a consent form that you will need to fill out ahead of time! *As a reminder Hays Med will NOT be having their Drive Thru Shot Clinic this year, take advantage of them coming to Ellis!*



Ellis Community Service Day, October 1: Ellis High School will be hosting their annual Community Service Day on October 1st. Students and staff will be doing general cleaning and maintenance projects around the community. We would like to help the elderly of our community and those who are unable to perform general cleaning maintenance activities. If you would like us to help you, please call our Principal, Mr. Jesse Vincent at 785-726-3151 to be placed on the list *preferably by Wednesday September 24th*. This event is in conjunction with the City Wide Clean-up scheduled for the week of October 6th.

- Ellis Community Wide Clean Up is set for October 6th:** Those who wish to participate must have items out before 8:00am on October 5th (but please do not begin making your pick-up piles before October 3rd). We ask that you please **separate your items by type (see categories to the right)**. If you have any questions concerning the Clean Up, call the Ellis Public Works Dept at 785-726-4741 or 1741.

Municipal Waste		Metals (White Goods)	
Fabrics	Couches	Washers	Wagons
Lamps	Carpet & Pad	Dryers	Refrigerators (only remove if tagged)
Furniture	Foam Products	Metal Buildings	Lawn Mowers
Upholstery & Plastic Chairs		Metal Doors	(with Gas & Oil removed)
		Piping	Metal Containers
		Lawn Chairs	Bed Frames & Springs
		Swing Sets	Lawn Equipment
		Bicycles	
		Open Barrels	
		Tin	
Trees		Non-Collectable Items*	
NO LONGER THAN: 4' in length & 6" in diameter		Explosives	Batteries
Place in alley—will be removed as soon as possible at a later date		Glass	Tires
Construction & Demolition		Thinners	Paints/Coatings
Bricks & Masonry Materials		Drain Openers	Strippers
Any Wood Products (including Pallets)		Flammable Materials	Buildings
Wallcoverings		Asbestos Materials	Concrete or Rocks
Drywall		Hot Tubs or other Large Items	Medical Waste (Needles, Syringes, etc.)
Electric Wiring			
Non-Asbestos Insulation		* E-Waste can be taken directly to the Ellis County Transfer Station.	
Roofing Materials		* Household Hazardous Waste Station is open	
Plumbing Fixtures (Stools, Sinks, Tubs)		Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 4:45 pm	
Wire Fencing or Wire		Sat. 9:00 am to 3:45 pm	
		785-628-9460	