

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



World Marriage Day

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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 17 - Sept. 13, 2026

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

February 9 - February 15

Mon: 1 Kings 8:107, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56

Tue: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13

Wed: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

Thu: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

Fri: 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Mark 7:31-37

Sat: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

Sun: Sirach 15:15-20; Matthew 5:17-37

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	Feb 7	5:30 p.m.	Paul & Stella Augustine+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Feb 8	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 8	9:00 a.m.	Marvin King+
Mon	Feb 9	8:10 a.m.	Don R. Younger+ & Boos Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Feb 10	8:10 a.m.	No Mass - keep our priests in your prayers
Wed	Feb 11	8:10 a.m.	No Mass - keep our priests in your prayers
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	No Mass - keep our priests in your prayers
Thurs	Feb 12	8:10 a.m.	No Mass - keep our priests in your prayers
Fri	Feb 13	8:10 a.m.	Adair & Josephine (anniv) Ptastack+
Sat	Feb 14	5:30 p.m.	Ralph & Rosie Berens+
Sun	Feb 15	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Feb 15	9:00 a.m.	Janet Augustine+

Ministries for February 14 & 15

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Brian Serpan
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family	Geri & Gordon Augustine
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Paula Wasinger Gordon & Geri Augustine
Servers	Caleb, Landon, and Mason Schield	John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Emily Mattheyer	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	February 15 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	February 13 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	February 15 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	February 14 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. February 15 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	February	Bob & Margie Mickelson
Coffee & Donuts Host	February	Bernice Karlin

Meetings & Events

Sun	Feb. 8	World Marriage Day Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass First Reconciliation Parent/Student Mtg @ 2pm
Mon	Feb. 9	No School Daily Mass at 8:10am, not 5:30pm Ellis Co. Spelling Bee @ FHSU @ 7pm
Tue	Feb. 10	Auction Procurement Meeting @ 5:30pm
Wed	Feb. 11	Parish Office Closed
Thurs	Feb. 12	Eucharistic Adoration @ 12:00pm-5:00pm
Sat	Feb. 14	St. Valentine's Feast Day
Sun	Feb. 15	First Reconciliation @ 2:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts** is this Sunday, February 8th following 9:00am Mass! Come join us for fellowship, donuts and coffee or orange juice in the church basement!
- **First Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting this Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2:00pm:** Our 2nd Grade students are preparing for their First Reconciliation. A parent/student meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8 at 2:00pm in the church basement. Please enter on the south side stairs.
- **Daily Mass Time Changes:** On Monday, February 9th, daily Mass will be at 8:10am so Father Dana can attend Priest's "Continuing Formation Days". *There will not be Daily Mass at 5:30pm on Monday or morning Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday this week.*
- **Parish Office Closed Wednesday:** Emily has been invited to a Diocesan Fundraisers Meeting in Salina on Wednesday, February 11. Since Fr. Dana will not be back from yet from Wichita. The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, Feb. 11th. Will resume to regular office hours on Thursday.
- **YDisciples:** Come Wednesday, February 11th to enjoy a meal at 6:30pm with Open Topic Forum discussion following! Let's share topics and talk about our faith together! Bring a Friend!

Parish Offering: January 31 & February 1

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26: \$6,845.00

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,567.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,575.00

Total Giving.....\$6,142.00

This weekend's collection is below by \$703.00.

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus Card Night:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus will be hosting Card Night on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00pm!
- **Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting:** The D of I Ladies will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12th beginning at 6:00pm with a Casserole/Dessert Potluck followed by a business meeting at 6:30pm at the Knights Hall.
- **Lift High the Cross:** Hays K of C Council 6984 is sponsoring a project called Lift High the Cross during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday, February 11th. For a donations of \$20.00, members from the Hays K of C will put up a wooden cross in your front yard. They will be put up the first weekend of Lent. Sign up now by calling Emily at St. Mary's Parish Office or Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Office, 785-625-7339!

Notes from the Pastor

First Reconciliation. We will have a 2nd Grade Parents/Students this Sunday, February 8th at 2:00pm in the church basement to talk about the sacrament and go over what we will be doing the day of First Reconciliation. The students will be making their First Reconciliation on Sunday, February 15th at 2:00pm.

Priest Renewal Days. Our Annual Priest's "Continuing Formation Days" are this week, Monday, February 9 through Thursday, February 12. In order for me to make it to Wichita by 4:00pm, Monday evening Daily Mass will be celebrated in the morning at 8:10am. There will be no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We will resume on Friday morning at 8:10am.

Auction Update:

- ♦ *Procurement Committee will meet this Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 5:30pm* in the church basement to continue splitting up businesses to follow up with and to continue sharing ideas for items. We need help making phone calls to businesses to follow up on letters sent. We have a "script" to follow for a volunteer to help out when making these calls. If you some extra time, give Emily a call at the Parish Office and we can set you up with list.
- ♦ *Have you received your invitation letter?* Letters to parishioners and guests were mailed last week.
- ♦ *Business size invitation cards* are available for parishioners to hand out to friends and family members inviting them to attend the auction, kind of like a SAVE THE DATE! Be sure to stop by the table under the big bulletin board to grab some. They are in "packets" of five.
- ♦ *Auction website* up and ready for viewing.

Lent is approaching fast. One week from Wednesday, on February 18th, is *Ash Wednesday*. If you have **palms** from last year, you can drop them off in the back of church or the Parish Office. We will burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Mark your calendar to attend Mass at 7:00am, 8:10am (w/School students) or 7:00pm (w/CCD students).

Lenten Study Series. I'll be leading this year's Lenten Study Series called "The Rescue Project." The Diocese is encouraging parishes to host this series. According its website: "The Rescue Project is an experience of the Gospel surrounded by conversation, food, and prayer. It seeks to proclaim the Gospel in a compelling and attractive way over nine weeks in a small group format and is for anyone and everyone." Planning to host it on Sundays during Lent and a few weeks into the Easter season. More information coming in next week's bulletin.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Teegan Jean Riedel** and **Tripp Alan Riedel** who were baptized on February 1, 2026.
Children of Clayton & Jordan (Moore) Riedel.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Cory Eberle** who passed away on January 25, 2026.  
May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cody Fisher, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Dean Neuberger, Elizabeth Newton, Ramona Patten, Ralph & Shirley Pitner, 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

Monday, Feb. 9—No School (Teacher in-service)
- Ellis Co. Spelling Bee @ FHSU @ 7pm
Friday, Feb. 13—St. Valentine Classroom Parties

- **GOOD LUCK** to our students who are participating in the Ellis Co. Spelling Bee on Monday, Feb. 9th.
- **School Carnival Raffle Winners** will be announced in next week's bulletin!

VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY GRAMS



Valentine's Day Candy Grams: St. Mary's Home & School is selling candy grams for Valentine's Day again this year with our Fowler's Chocolate

Bars! This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and friends to send special wishes. If you would like to purchase a candy gram, please stop by or call the St. Mary's School Office. **Candy Grams are \$2.00 each (includes 1 candy bar for one person).** Flavors available while supplies last: Dark Chocolate, Caramel and Peanut Butter. Please send your payment along with the order form to St. Mary's School Office **no later than Tuesday, February 10th.** Candy Grams will be delivered to students at St. Mary's, Washington Grade School and Ellis Jr/Sr. High on Friday, February 13th.

- **St. Mary's Home & School Scholarship Opportunity:** We are offering the opportunity to any former St. Mary's School graduate that is now graduating from high school who will future their education by means of higher education to a \$500 scholarship from St. Mary's Home & School Association. **Applications are due by April 7, 2026.** Applications are available by contacting the School Office or Mrs. Park at ppark@stmarysellis.net.
- **Job Openings:** We have (2) teaching positions for the school year 2026-2027. If you or someone you know may be interested in teaching at St. Mary's School, please contact the School Office for an application by calling Mrs. Patti Park at 785-726-3185 or emailing ppark@stmarysellis.net. Applicants will be subject to a background check. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

Community Announcements



Ellis United Methodist "Souper Bowl of Caring" annual event is this Sunday, February 8th from 11:30am-1:00pm in their fellowship hall. Soup and dessert will be served. If you want to make soup or dessert and compete for the golden ladle or rolling pin, please contact Katy or Trish. Please bring a can of soup for the Ellis Food Box Pantry. Monetary gifts are also accepted. All proceeds stay local and are given Ellis Food Box Pantry. Come together to eat some good food and tackle hunger with us.



You're invited to the Cub Scouts Pack 115 **Pinewood Derby Race** this Sunday, February 8th at 2:00pm at the Ellis VFW! An Ellis fan favorite, those attending are invited to bring your old car and race it, or build a new one, as there will be a Pack Class and an Open Class. If you would like to race but need a car, contact Cub Master, Kiedra H at 785-259-2628. Official kits are \$7.00 each.

- **Ellis Food Box Pantry February Distribution is Monday, February 9** from 3:00-6:00pm! If you or someone you know could benefit from a food box, encourage them to visit the Ellis Food Box Pantry. Participants must live within the USD 388 district. No income requirements. No need to get out of your vehicle, just pull in our drive-thru circle drive!
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** Your future starts here. Let the following businesses help you pay for college!
 - ♦ Golden Belt Telephone has a couple of scholarship opportunities available. For more information about the following scholarships, visit GBTA.net/about/community/scholarships.
 - * FRS Scholarship, due Feb. 16,
 - * WTA Trade School Scholarship, due Feb. 27,
 - * GBT General Scholarship, due March 16.
 - ♦ Todd Keller-Shelter Insurance is accepting scholarship applications now for \$1,500 Shelter Insurance Foundation Scholarship! If you are graduating from high school this year, contact Todd for an application by calling 785-621-4411 or emailing toddkeller@shelterinsurance.com.



CALL TO *share* **Kick-Off Weekend for Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Each year, our parish joins with others across the diocese to support the ministries made possible through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These ministries help form the faith of our youth, support and care for our clergy, and strengthen families throughout our diocesan community. Our parish goal this year is \$13,500. We invite you to take part in this shared effort by supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have included a bulletin insert with more information explaining this year's appeal.

There are many different ways to GIVE: by returning your pledge card at any time in the offertory, mail your pledge card/gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina, KS 67402, or online at appeal.givecfds.org.