



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

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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

March 9 - March 15

Mon: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30

Tue: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wed: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thu: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Fri: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Sat: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sun: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; John 9:1-41

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	Mar 7	5:30 p.m.	Henry & Mary Weigel+ Family (liv/dec) John M. & Clara Augustine+
Sun	Mar 8	7:00 a.m.	Kenneth Fisher+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Mar 8	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Mar 9	5:30 p.m.	Rose Egger+ Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Mar 10	8:10 a.m.	Henry & Bertha (anniv) Haas+, and Manny Befort+ Families (liv/dec)
Wed	Mar 11	8:10 a.m.	LaVerne Dinke+ and David Dinkel+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Mar 12	8:10 a.m.	Janetta Heroneme+
Fri	Mar 13	8:10 a.m.	D of I Members (liv/dec)
Sat	Mar 14	5:30 p.m.	Linda Kohlrus+
Sun	Mar 15	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 15	9:00 a.m.	Janetta Heroneme+

Ministries for March 14 & 15

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Nicole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Ethan & Britny Cox Family	Alex & Kelsi Broadway Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Mindy Eck Gordon & Geri Augustine
Servers	Chase & Easton Aschenbrenner	Sophie, Adeline and Brandt Seibel
Cantor / Musician	Trilogy Amy Staab	Emily Mattheyer Sophie Seibel
Ushers & Greeters	Eugene Schuster Bob & Margie Mickelson	Mark & Sarah Eck Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	March 15 (Sun)	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	March 13 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	March 15 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	March 14 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. March 15 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	March	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber
Coffee & Donuts	March	McCaffery Family

Meetings & Events

Sun	March 8	Daylight Savings Time—Spring Forward Youth Choir sings at 9am Mass Coffee & Donuts following 9am Mass Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am
Mon	March 9	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	March 11	PK/K Round Up Parent Meeting @ 6pm YDisciples Gather @ 6:30pm CCD Classes Meet at 7:00pm
Thurs	March 12	PreSchool Students Visit @ 8:00-11:00am Kindergarten Students Visit @ 1:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration @ 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri	March 13	SMS Stations of the Cross @ 2:30pm Stations of the Cross @ 5:30pm ...Lenten Soup Supper following Stations
Sun	March 15	Lenten Study Series @ 10:30am

Parish Announcements

- **Lenten Study Series: “The Rescue Project”** is held in the church basement at 10:30am on Sundays. It’s not too late to join us!
- **YDisciples:** Thank you to those who showed up to help clean and dust the sanctuary of our church! It looks amazing! This Wednesday, March 11, lets merge meditative reading of Scripture with the Rosary, focusing on Christ’s Passion through four steps: Read (*Lectio*) the scene, Meditate (*Meditatio*) on it’s meaning, Pray (*Oratio*) in response, and Comtemplate (*Contemplatio*) in silent rest! Meal served at 6:30pm—bring a friend!
- **Lenten Soup Supper:** We will be hosting our second Lenten Soup Supper following Stations of the Cross on **March 13th**. We are asking for volunteers to provide a crock pot filled with meatless soup to share with those in attendance, along with other sides, such as, breads, fresh vegetables, fruit, and/or a dessert. If you or your family would like to provide a soup or side dish for Friday’s Soup Supper, please contact the Parish Office this week to let us know what you plan to bring!
- Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ’s love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collect at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Notes from the Pastor

Lenten Study Series. The 3rd session for our Lenten study series “The Rescue Project” is this Sunday at 10:30am in the church basement.

Catholic Relief Services Special Collection will take place next weekend, March 14 & 15th. This collection offers funding for Catholic Relief Services to help with response to any international relief efforts.

Auction Update.

- **Admission Tickets:** Currently, we have sold 85 Admission Tickets (144 people attending). Our goal is to sell 180 Admission Tickets (and approximately 300 attending). We need another 95 tickets to be sold! Please help us spread the word; invite your friends and family. Call the parish office to reserve your tickets or you can buy your them and raffle tickets online via the auction website. There are still invitation cards on the table in the back of the church for you to pick up and hand out, if you wish.
- Buy your **raffle tickets** for a chance to win up to \$10,000 cash! We are selling a maximum of 450 tickets, which give you four chances of winning. We have sold 150 so far, that leave 300 to be sold!
- **Finalizing items** will take place very soon, around Spring Break, starting March 16th. Updates will take place on the auction items on the website and the Auction Book will start to be printed by the end of the week (March 20).
- Every item that has been donated thus far, tangible or cash has been entered onto the auction website! We highly suggest you take visit to do some early shopping: charityauction.bid/stmarysauction2026! Remember: *Item numbers will change when we start finalizing items.*

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Tate Michael Chapin**, was baptized on March 1, 2026. Son of Tanner & Brittany (Dinkel) Chapin.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Dianne Durler, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cody Fisher, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Nathan Honas, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Norma Lang, 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.***

## Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00pm.** Members are encouraged to attend. Cards will follow the business meeting.
- **Daughter of Isabella Monthly Meeting - Thursday, March 12 @ 6:00pm.** We'll start with a Potato Bar and follow with a business meeting at 6:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.
- **\$200 Scholarship Available:** The Ellis Daughters of Isabella, Circle 323, is accepting applications to award a \$200 scholarship! Applicants must be a member of the D of I, a daughter, granddaughter, or a niece (of a member). Applicants must be a senior in high school or attending an accredited college. For more information or an application form, please contact Lisa Morton at 785-726-1090. ***Applications due by April 1st!***
- **Lenten Food Drive:** This Lenten season, William Eck, a St. Mary's School Alum and his friend Easton Werth, both seniors at TMP-Marian High School, are hosting a Lenten Food Drive to support Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas as part of their senior Capstone Project. The goal of this effort is to help stock Catholic Charities' shelves this spring so they can continue providing food to families in need in Hays and throughout Northwest Kansas. This is a meaningful way for our parish to serve those who are struggling and to live out our faith during Lent. The food drive will run through the Lenten season, ending Holy Thursday, April 2nd. ***Catholic Charities has requested specific food items:*** Jiffy Mix, Pudding or Jello Mixes, Mac & Cheese, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Canned Soup, Instant Potatoes, Cereal, Canned Vegetables or Fruit, and Peanut Butter. You can find our collection box at the entrance of St. Mary's Church here in Ellis. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## Community Announcements

- **Spring 5th Quarter for EHS Students:** Make a note in your calendars, High School Students, to attend the last Fifth Quarter of the school year on Friday, March 27th from 7:30-10:00pm at Ellis United Methodist Church! The 5th Quarter Volunteers want to take time to celebrate our Spring Sport Athletes and peers as there are no other Fridays a 5th Quarters are held after sporting events.

### **Parish Offering: Feb. 28 - March 1**

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,388.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,915.00

**Total Giving.....\$5,303.00**

**This weekend's collection is below by \$1,542.00.**

## School Announcements

### Monday, March 9

School Council Meeting @ 7pm

### Wednesday, March 11

Spring Pictures Day

PreSchool/Kindergarten Round Up Parent Meeting at 6pm

### Thursday, March 12

Incoming Preschool Students Visit @ 8:00-10:00am

Incoming Kindergarten Students Visit @ 1:00-3:00pm

### Friday, March 13

AR Rewards Movie

Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm



**Shine Up Your Smile for Spring Picture Day, March 11th:** We will be taking our school spring pictures on Wednesday, March 11th. Students may wear clothing other than their school uniform, yet please follow dress code rules.

- **Preschool/Kindergarten Round-up Is Here:** Parents are invited to an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00pm. Then on Thursday, March 12th, incoming PreSchool students are welcome to join us from 8:00-10:00am and incoming Kindergarten students may visit from 1:00-3:00pm!
- **Stations of the Cross:** You are invited to join St. Mary's School in praying the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13th at 2:30pm.



**St. Mary's PARENTS!!!** We would like to personally invite you to attend the 31st Annual Parish Auction on Saturday, March 28th! This is one of the biggest events for our parish that supports the school!!! You can purchase tickets NOW for \$70.00 a person. Round up the friends and reserve a table for an addition \$50.00! It's going to be fun night, "following the yellow brick road" with fellowship, food, drinks, games and fundraising!

- **Race for Education 2026:** We are gearing up for our Race for Education 2026 in April! Donations are being collected now up to the Race Day for new exterior doors for the school! More information coming next week!
- **Graduating Seniors! We have a Scholarship For You:** If you are a former St. Mary's School graduate that is graduating from high school and plan to further their education by means of high education, then you are eligible to apply for a \$500 Scholarship from St. Mary's Home & School Association. **Applications are due by April 7, 2026!** Applications are available by calling the School Office or emailing Mrs. Park at [ppark@stmarysofellis.org](mailto:ppark@stmarysofellis.org)!

## Read Across America Week

*If I Ran the Zoo, I would find a Fox in Socks on a Wacky Wednesday! I may even see The Cat in the Hat feeding One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish!*

Students wore animal print, brought stuffed animals, wore silly or mismatched socks, clothes inside out/ backwards and wacky hair, their favorite silly hats, and blue and red while enjoying fish for lunch!

It was such a fun week celebrating Read Across America Week with a Dr. Seuss theme!

