



# ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**May 3, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*"I am the way and the truth and the life."*

## **Phone #s**

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## **E-Mail**

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## **Website**

Parish: [www.stmarysofellis.org](http://www.stmarysofellis.org)

Diocese: <http://salinadiocese.org>

## **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**

May 4 - May 10

Mon: Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tue: Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thu: Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Fri: Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

Sat: Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Sun: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; John 14:15-21

## **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<br>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         | May 2  | 5:30 p.m.  | Frank+ & Juanita Augustine Family (l/d)                                   |
| Sun         | May 3  | 7:00 a.m.  | For the Parishioners                                                      |
| Sun         | May 3  | 9:00 a.m.  | Larry M. Cox+                                                             |
| Mon         | May 4  | 5:30 p.m.  | Edger & Rosemary Bittel+, Elaine Bittel+ and Wayne King                   |
| Tues        | May 5  | 8:10 a.m.  | Tim Ray+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)                                         |
| Wed         | May 6  | 8:10 a.m.  | Alice Honas+                                                              |
| <b>EGSC</b> |        | 10:00 a.m. | Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)                                   |
| Thurs       | May 7  | 8:10 a.m.  | Leonard & Dorothy Weber+, Bill Weber, Sr.+ and Virginia & Danny Robinett+ |
| Fri         | May 8  | 8:10 a.m.  | Ron Herl+ Family (liv/dec)                                                |
| Sat         | May 9  | 5:30 p.m.  | Clifford "Cliff" Kreutzer+                                                |
| Sun         | May 10 | 7:00 a.m.  | For the Parishioners                                                      |
| Sun         | May 10 | 9:00 a.m.  | Donna Honas+ Family (liv/dec)                                             |

## Ministries for May 9 & 10

| Ministry                       | 5:30 p.m.                                     | 9:00 a.m.                               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                  | Barney Boos                                   | Brian Serpan                            |
| <b>Presentation of Gifts</b>   | Verla Seibel<br>Sandy Honas                   | <i>Need Volunteers</i>                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b> | Terry & Cindy Zerfas                          | Curtis Weber<br>Gordon & Geri Augustine |
| <b>Servers</b>                 | Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield                  | Hannah & Luke James<br>Alyvia Kraft     |
| <b>Cantor / Musician</b>       | Guitar Choir                                  | Haas Girls                              |
| <b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>   | Duane & Karen Dorzweiler<br>Roberta Augustine | Wesley & Lindsay James Family           |

## Other Ministries

|                               |                                                 |                              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>7:00am Lector</b>          | May 10 (Sun)                                    | April Pfeifer                |
| <b>Communion to Homebound</b> | May 8 (Fri)                                     | Diane Kuhn                   |
| <b>Ellis Good Samaritan</b>   | May 10 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.                         | Barney Boos                  |
| <b>Rosary Leaders</b>         | May 9 (Sat) 5:30 p.m.<br>May 10 (Sun) 9:00 a.m. | Rita Younger<br>Craig Siebel |
| <b>Monthly Money Counters</b> | May                                             | Helen Fischer<br>Lisa Weber  |

## Meetings & Events

|       |         |                                                 |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sun   | May 3   | "Sending Forth" Graduation Mass @ 9:00am        |
| M-F   | May 4-8 | <b>Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!</b>         |
| Thurs | May 7   | Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00am—5:00pm          |
| Sat   | May 9   | EHS Graduation @ 2:00pm @ EHS Gym               |
| Sun   | May 10  | <b>Happy Mother's Day</b><br>No Coffee & Donuts |

## Parish Announcements

- **No Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts in May** due to Mother's Day and High School Graduations.
- **Pick Up A Parish Directory:** Our Parish Directory is finally ready for you to enjoy! You can pick up a copy in the back of the church or stop by the Parish Office. We are asking for a donation of \$10.00 to help cover the print cost. Donation envelopes are on the table with the Directories.
- **Parish Council Minutes** from the April meeting are now available for viewing on the church website.
- **SAVE THE DATE for Totus Tuus 2026!** Check out the back page of this bulletin for registration info for students entering 1st-12th grades!

## Parish Prayer List

### *Please Remember in Prayer*

Congratulations! **Beckett Michael Walker**, who was baptized here on March 15, 2026.  
Son of Joshua & Kaylie (Reeh) Walker.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Jared Deutscher**, who passed away on April 26, 2026. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, 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, Leonard Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, Jill Urban, 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.*

## Notes from the Pastor

**6th Grade Promotion Mass.** This special Mass for our 6th Grade students will be a on Wednesday, May 13 at 8:10am.

**Mother's Day.** Next Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day, a day in which we in which we celebrate the beauty and gift of motherhood – a quality embedded in all women. This quality of motherhood is shown in a woman's natural ability to protect and to nurture, to love and to comfort. It is uniquely manifested in the bearing and the rising of children, but also seen in women who have not yet married or have chosen the single life. It is a quality that men should honor and respect; a quality for us to treasure and to love. It is that quality that we recognize on Mother's Day.

**The Feast of St. Isidore.** The Feast of St. Isidore is Friday, May 15. We will celebrate it at our 8:10am Mass. The celebration will include: a blessing of water that will be used to bless seeds to be planted (or a sampling of seeds to be planted) and any soil that is brought in; a blessing of a container of potting soil from which you can take some home to add to your field, garden or yard; praying the litany of Saint Isidore. *We will have a table setup for anyone to bring seed to be blessed. You don't have to attend Mass to have your seed blessed, just bring your seed sometime before Friday Mass and place it on the table to pick up later on Friday. There will also be blessed water available to take home.*

**Confirmation.** Confirmation for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is Sunday, May 17 at 9:00am Mass with Bishop Vincke. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

**Lake Masses.** Masses at Cedar Bluff Lake for the summer will begin May 17. Mass time will be 11:00am.

*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*

### **PRAYER FOR RAIN**

O God, heavenly Father, who by the Son Jesus Christ has promised to all those who seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech thee, in their necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to they honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Parish Organizations

- **Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting** is set for Thursday, May 7th. We'll start with a spaghetti meal at 6:00pm, followed by a business meeting. All members are encouraged to attend!

## Community Announcements

- **NWKS Area Agency on Aging "Information Day"** event is happening on Wednesday, May 6th from 9:00am-3:00pm at Big Creek Crossing, Hays, KS. There will be Vendors/Presentations, Bingo at 2:15pm, door prizes and lots of giveaways. This is an opportunity for older Kansans and caregivers to learn about community services, Medicare, fraud, employment assistance, financial assistance, and much more. The first 100 attendees will receive a gift bag from *Women Who Lead*—packed with fun, useful items you won't want to miss. Enjoy complimentary coffee, donuts, hot dogs, chips and snacks while supplies last throughout the day! For more info contact NWKAAA at 785-628-8204.
- **National Day of Prayer** will take place on Thursday, May 7 at 12:00-12:50pm in the VFW Ballroom, 2106 Vine St., Hays. Let's come together as a nation to pray for our nation!
- **Ellis Food Box Pick Up:** The Ellis Food Box Pantry will be open on Monday, May 11th from 3:00-6:00pm for those who need extra help with groceries.
- **Don't Miss Out—Summer Food 4 Kids Program Enrollment Ends May 20!** Be sure to sign up in time to take advantage of this important program. Enrollment is quick and easy-stop by in person or call the Alliance Office at 820 Washington or 785-726-2660.

"Don't listen to resistance when it comes wearing the mask of discouragement. Never give in to discouragement. You are not alone. You are not helpless. Take some small action. Resistance hates action."  
- Matthew Kelly, *Resisting Happiness*

### Parish Offering: April 25 & 26

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$878.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,340.00

**Total Giving.....\$4,218.00**

**This weekend's collection is under by \$2,627.00.**

## School Announcements

**Monday, May 4**

6th Grade Orientation at Ellis Jr/Sr. High School

**Thursday, May 7**

Last Day for 4th 9-Weeks AR Goals

Last Day of SMART!

**Friday, May 8**

EHS Senior Class visits SMS

AR Reward Recess

- **Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8:** We take time to say THANK YOU as we honor and recognize our educators who play a pivotal role in the lives of children every day! They show up for our students, their colleagues and our community! We appreciate all that you do for St. Mary's Family! St. Mary's Home & School plans to treat our teachers and staff throughout the week. We want to say "Thank You" to the parents to also helped make this week possible!
- **Last Day of SMART Program** will be Thursday, May 7th. It will not be available on May 11-13, the last week of school. Please make other arrangements for that Monday-Wednesday.
- **REMINDER: St. Mary's School Yearbook Orders are Due by May 8th!** If you wish to order a St. Mary's School Yearbook for \$12.00, please return the order form and payment on or before May 8th.
- **Home & School Meeting, Monday, May 11** will be held at 6:00pm in the school office! We ask for as many parents/guardians to attend as possible. This meeting will consist of Election of Officers and discussion for next year's events!
- **School Year 26-27 Pre-Registrations due:** If you haven't already paid your pre-registration fees to the School Office, we suggest that you get them turned in before May 13th, please!
- **SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's 6th Grade Promotion Mass** will be on Wednesday, May 13th at 8:10am Mass! Come celebrate with us and their families on all of their accomplishments!
- **SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's Awards Assembly** for all of our students will be on Thursday, May 14th beginning at 8:30am in the school gym. All are welcome to celebrate our students and their accomplishments. Following will the Annual Volleyball Match between the 6th Grade Class, their parents and teachers! *This is our last day of school and will dismiss at 11:40am.*
- **St. Mary's Discount Cards still available!** We still have cards available for \$20.00 each! Call the School Office to place your order—this is a great way to support St. Mary's School and save money while you are at it! They also make great graduation gifts!



# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

**MONDAY, MAY 4**  
*You Brighten the Days at St. Mary's School!*  
Enjoy breakfast items baked by Boxcar Bakery, juice and coffee!

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**  
*Nacho Average Staff! Happy Cinco de Mayo!*  
Enjoy Build-Your-Own Nachos for Lunch!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**  
*You are 'Sum'body Special at St. Mary's School!*  
We hope you enjoy the "extra" fun or cash this summer!

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**  
*We Are Thankful for our Amazing Staff!*  
Take "note" on how grateful we are for you!

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**  
*Sip-Sip Hooray! Cheers to our Outstanding Staff!*  
Create a refreshing drink or two throughout the day! You Deserve It!

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY!



**ST. MARY'S PARISH**  
ELLIS, KS

# TOGETHER

CATHOLIC DIOCESE of SALINA

**JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER & LEARNING ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE.**

**FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING 1ST-12TH GRADE**

| Daytime Session                           | Evening Session                          | Cost                              |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Grades 1-6<br>July 13-17<br>9:00am-3:00pm | Grades 7-12<br>July 12-16<br>7:30-9:45pm | \$15/student or \$40/Family of 3+ |

**Activities**

- Skits
- Games
- Learning & Prayer
- Mass
- Songs

**Hosted At**

St. Mary's School  
605 Monroe St  
Ellis, KS 67637

**Sign Up**



**PARISH BREAKFAST BRUNCH | SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026**  
Following 9:00am Mass | St. Mary's Church Basement

**Looking for More Info or Ways to Help?**  
Contact Emily at the St. Mary's Parish Office  
stmmary@gbta.net | 785-726-4522

May 2026

# From the Diocese



The Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month.

Many of our Churches will participate in the May Crowning. Some will pray a rosary every day in Church. Another suggestion? Perhaps have a prayer corner in your home (it doesn't have to be fancy). Give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner, whether it's a statue or picture. Our homes are called to be domestic churches. Our Blessed Mother is the untier of knots in our life. She is our Mother who loves us and cares for us so much!



## —Upcoming Events—

— 5/2

**Victoria Daughters of Isabella  
100th Anniversary Mass**

Victoria, 5p.m.

— 5/8

**Becoming Light Together**

Hilton Garden Inn, Hays 4p.m.

— 5/10

**Mother's Day**

— 5/15

**Rural Life Day Celebration**

St. Boniface, Tipton, 10a.m.

— 5/24

**150th Anniversary Mass**

St. Anthony Parish, Schoenchen, 9a.m.

— 5/25

**Memorial Day, Chancery Closed**

— 5/31

**100th Year Celebration**

St. Edward's, Belleville 3p.m.

## Happy Mother's Day!

I often listen to Christian music when I am driving. One of my favorite songs is "Unsung Hero" by for King and Country. It's a song in tribute to the songwriter's parents and the sacrifices they made. Some of my favorite lyrics from that song are, "When I was in trouble, you never left me there" and "For all the times I fell down, you showed me how to stand." Thank you, mothers, for all you do for us! As one author wrote, "Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face."

*+ Gerald L. Veneke*

## NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

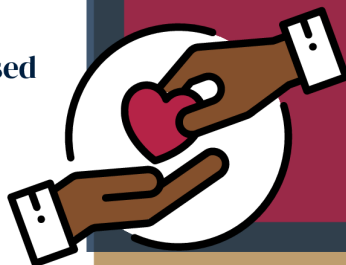
### Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Under communism, the Church was greatly restricted and oppressed, unable to carry out its mission of forming disciples and engaging in ministries of mercy to help the needy and vulnerable. The end of the old communist order freed the Church to establish ministries that show Christ's mercy to those who face hardship today.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe at Mass helps the Church in Hungary and 27 other countries rebuild and continue the mission to share the Gospel with new generations

#### To Give:

Anytime during the month of May, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Church in Central and Eastern Europe"



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



## THE HEART OF JESUS' PREACHING THE BEATITUDES

On Easter Sunday, Jesus ascended to Heaven, leaving Peter and his Apostles on Earth to continue his ministry. Before he was crucified, Jesus talked a lot about loving your neighbor, and what being a disciple looks like. The **Beatitudes** are from Jesus' teaching during the Sermon on the Mount, and they help form US into Jesus' disciples!

BLESSED ARE THE

**POOR IN SPIRIT**

FOR THEIRS IS THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD

BLESSED ARE THE

**MERCIFUL**

FOR THEY SHALL  
OBTAIN MERCY

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO

**MOURN**

FOR THEY SHALL  
BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THE

**PEACEMAKERS**

FOR THEY SHALL BE  
CALLED SONS OF GOD

BLESSED ARE THE

**MEEK**

FOR THEY SHALL  
INHERIT THE EARTH

BLESSED ARE THE

**PURE IN HEART**

FOR THEY  
SHALL SEE GOD

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO

**HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

FOR THEY SHALL  
BE SATISFIED

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE

**PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

FOR THEIRS IS THE  
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN

**THEY INSULT YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND  
UTTER EVERY KIND OF EVIL AGAINST YOU  
BECAUSE OF ME**

**REJOICE AND BE  
GLAD, FOR YOUR  
REWARD IS GREAT IN  
HEAVEN**