

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**June 21, 2026**  
**12th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**



## Phone #s

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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

June 22 - June 28

Mon: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5  
Tue: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matt 7:6, 12-14  
Wed: Isaiah 49:1-6; Luke 1:57-66, 80  
Thu: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29  
Fri: 2 Kings 25:1-12; Matthew 8:1-4  
Sat: Lam. 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17  
Sun: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Matthew 10:37-42

## 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   | June 20     | 5:30 p.m.  | Ignatz (anniv) & Rosa Lang+,<br>Eddie & Teresa (anniv) Herl+ and<br>Michael Augustine+ (anniv) Families (l/d) |
| Sun   | June 21     | 7:00 a.m.  | Tim Augustine+                                                                                                |
| Sun   | June 21     | 9:00 a.m.  | For the Parishioners                                                                                          |
| Sun   | June 21     | 11:00 a.m. | Cory Eberle+                                                                                                  |
| Mon   | June 22     | 5:30 p.m.  | Rose Egger+ Family (liv/dec)                                                                                  |
| Tues  | June 23     | 8:10 a.m.  | Larry Brack+                                                                                                  |
| Wed   | June 24     | 8:10 a.m.  | Betty & Riley Clark+ Family (liv/dec)                                                                         |
|       | <b>EGSC</b> | 10:00 a.m. | For the Residents & their Families (liv/dec)                                                                  |
| Thurs | June 25     | 8:10 a.m.  | Josita Dreiling                                                                                               |
| Fri   | June 26     | 8:10 a.m.  | Neil DeWerff+ (anniv)                                                                                         |
| Sat   | June 27     | 5:30 p.m.  | Rose Egger+ (anniv)                                                                                           |
| Sun   | June 28     | 7:00 a.m.  | For the Parishioners                                                                                          |
| Sun   | June 28     | 9:00 a.m.  | Edward & Bertha Riedel+, Troy Riedel+,<br>and Duane Riedel+ Families (liv/dec)                                |
| Sun   | June 28     | 11:00 a.m. | Brian Roe                                                                                                     |

## Ministries for June 27 & 28

| Ministry                       | 5:30 p.m.                                                     | 9:00 a.m.                                    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                  | <i>(Need Volunteer)</i>                                       | Geri Augustine                               |
| <b>Presentation of Gifts</b>   | Clarence Rupp<br>Verla Seibel                                 | Wesley & Lindsay<br>James Family             |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b> | Richard Bollig<br><i>(Need Volunteer)</i>                     | Lacie Haas<br>Jackie Flax<br>Sarah Eck       |
| <b>Servers</b>                 | Aschenbrenner/<br>Swagerty Siblings                           | Emily Broadway<br>Emma Flax<br>Sutton Dinkel |
| <b>Cantor / Musician</b>       | Alyson Johnson<br>Cheryl L./Kinzie S.                         | Amy Staab<br>Brad Deines                     |
| <b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>   | Clarence Rupp<br>Preston Browning<br><i>(Need Volunteers)</i> | Danny & Lacie Haas<br>Family                 |

## Other Ministries

|                               |                                                    |                                 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>7:00am Lector</b>          | June 28 (Sun)                                      | Mike Augustine                  |
| <b>Communion to Homebound</b> | June 26 (Fri)                                      | Mindy Eck                       |
| <b>Ellis Good Samaritan</b>   | June 28 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.                           | John Gnad                       |
| <b>Rosary Leaders</b>         | June 27 (Sat) 5:30 p.m.<br>June 28 (Sun) 9:00 a.m. | Cindy Zerfas<br>Josita Dreiling |
| <b>Monthly Money Counters</b> | June                                               | Bob & Margie<br>Mickelson       |

## Meetings & Events

|       |            |                                                                                  |
|-------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun   | June 21    | First Day of Summer<br><b>Happy Father's Day</b><br>Cedar Bluff Lake Mass @ 11am |
| Mon   | June 22    | Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm                                                     |
| Thurs | June 25    | Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm                                              |
| S-S   | June 27-28 | Peter Pence Collection                                                           |

## Parish Announcements

- **Unbound Sponsor:** If you missed the chance to become a sponsor after Fr. Sales's visit last week, you may still do so by completing a form, found in the back of church on the table under the big bulletin board!
- Next weekend we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).
- **Parish Directories:** If you didn't have the chance to get yourself a copy of the new Parish Directory, please contact the Parish Office to get on the list for when we printed more soon, you'll have one!
- **2027 Mass Book Opens Soon:** The 2027 Mass Book will be opening soon, on July 1st, to schedule Mass Intentions. More info. will be provided next week.
- **Sign Up for Totus Tuus 2026!** It's not too early to start planning to join us for the week of July 12-17! Registration is open to students who are entering 1st-12th grade! Visit the church website under Faith Formation > CCD to download the registration form or find printed copies hanging on the school bulletin board in the back of church. You may also visit Emily at the Parish Office. There is a small fee to attend to help off-set the expenses for the parish! **We are still in need of a few volunteers to make the week a success:**
  1. Host Family: We are looking for a host family house the (2) male team members for the week.
  2. Meals: We are looking for volunteers to provide Lunch and/or Supper for the team members during the week. Lunch is as simple as a buffet style warm meal or a quick sack lunch. Supper is hosted in your home or you may take them out to eat at your cost. A sign up sheet will be in the back of church or you may call the Parish Office.
  3. Thursday JH/HS Fun Night! The JH/HS session ends their week with a fun evening of fellowship, usually supper and dessert, followed by games or fun at the park. If anyone would wish to help out this evening by providing supper and/or be a volunteer in helping plan a fun evening, please call the Parish Office.

## **Notes from the Pastor**

**Father's Day Blessing & Prayer.** This Sunday, June 21, is Father's Day. I would like to extend a special blessing to all fathers as we celebrate on Father's Day the gift of fatherhood. Let us all extend a special expression of gratitude to our loving Father in heaven, our Creator, our source of life.

### ***A Dad's Prayer to St. Joseph***

*"Dear St. Joseph, help me be a father just like you-  
Supportive of my family, devoted, wise and true. Give me  
gentle strength, I pray, and patient understanding,  
Especially when being a dad is stressful and demanding.  
Guide and guard my family, and may my life's reward  
Be to see them grow in faith and love for Christ the Lord."*

**Peter's Pence Collection** is scheduled for next weekend of June 27 & 28. "The donation aims to support the Pope's mission and his charitable initiatives. Your donation expresses love and trust for the Holy Father. It is a tangible gesture of closeness to the Pope's mission of bringing the Gospel and spreading charity and love all over the world."

**Yard Work Projects.** I cleaned up the area on the east-side of the parking lot, again, dug up some weeds and a lot of what appeared to be small "tree seedlings" popping up (but no grass). I added some top soil that had some fertilizer mixed it, reseeded the area, and set up a sprinkling system. Hopefully, grass will grow. I have noticed some growth. I haven't seen the families of geese the last few days!

**North side of the playground.** I spread some fertilizer and weed control in that area.

**South side of the playground.** There are some patchy areas, especially around the gazebo and areas to fill-in with dirt, that's what I'll be working on this week. I bought a few pounds of buffalo grass seed to fill in those areas. It's a little pricey, but hopefully, worth the effort!

**Totus Tuus--"Summer Youth Program."** This is program is scheduled for the week of July 12-17. This is for students who are entering 1st-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Grades 1-6 meet during the day. Grades 7-12 meet in the evening. You can sign up now by calling the Parish Office.

**2026 Eucharistic Conference.** This year's conference will be hosted by the FHSU Comeau Campus Center. The conference is scheduled for the weekend of July 31st and August 1st. You can check out the website for the schedule, speaker information, and other details.  
[salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2/](http://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2/)

*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*

## **Parish Organizations**

- **Return Baby Bottles:** Just a reminder to please return your Catholic Charities Baby Bottles back to the church or parish office as soon as you can so we can return our donations to Catholic Charities!
- **SAVE THE DATE for Christmas in July Craft Fair!** The Ellis Daughters of Isabella are hosting a festive and fun-filled day on July 18th from 9:00am-2:00pm. Explore a wide variety of handmade crafts, unique gifts and local creations! They are currently taking Booth Reservations for any vendors wanting to participate! Contact Lisa M. via text at 785-726-1090! Spaces are limited and there will only be one vender per direct sales company allowed, so as to ensure a variety for all participants! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to shop local, support small business, and get into the holiday spirit (early)!

### **Parish Prayer List**

*Please Remember in Prayer*

**Congratulations to Fr. Luke Friess and Fr. Benjamin King**  
on their ordination to the priesthood on June 12, 2026

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Ed Collins,  
Henry Dinkel, Dianne Durler, Joe & Arlene Erbert,  
Cody Fisher, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax,  
Brandon & Jordan Gabel Family, 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, Elizabeth Newton,  
Cheryl Noles, Ramona Patten, Shirley Pitner, Cathy Sherfick,  
Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Leonard Schoenberger,  
Tanner Sullivan, Jill Urban, Shirley Wagner, Dale Wasinger,  
Karla Weimer, Kathy Wiesner, Leon Wiesner,  
Brandy Womack, 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: June 13 & 14**

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$802.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,665.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$634.25

**Total Giving.....\$7,101.25**

**This weekend's collection is above by \$256.25.**

**Did you know** if you attend Mass at any church of the Heartland Parishes: You can put your SMC envelope in their collection and it will be sent to SMC? In other words, if you find yourself attending Mass at another parish in the area, it would be safe to say your tithing envelope will make it back to SMC!

## **Community Announcements**

- **Ellis Food Pantry JULY Distribution Date:** Make note that the July distribution date is **June 29th** at 3:00-6:00pm! Please help us spread the word to those who may benefit from these food boxes that the next month's distribution date is earlier than normal. Summer Kids Food Boxes will also be distributed on June 29 for those who signed up.
- **Backpack for Kids 2026-27:** An annual summer project run by First Call for Help, provides free new backpacks and grade-appropriate school supplies and a hygiene kit for children in need. It serves children preschool through 12th grade who live in and attend school in Ellis County. This includes children who attend public schools, private schools and those who are homeschooled. If you wish to make a donation towards the project, any sort of school supply is welcome; a list of supplies is on the donation box in the back of our church where you may drop off the supplies now thru July 8th. Monetary donations are also welcome, please indicate "B4K" or "Backpacks For Kids" in the memo line. The following supplies are in greatest need: College-ruled spiral notebooks, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, 12-pack colored pencils, loose leave paper in wide & college-ruled, and 1" three-ring hard-sided binders, any color. Families may register their children (PreK-HS) for a FREE backpack until July 28th by calling the First Call office 785-623-2800, online at [firstcallelliscounty.com](http://firstcallelliscounty.com), or stop by the office at 607 E. 13th Street, Hays. Distribution day is Thursday, Aug. 6th.
- **Tour Die Kapellen, Tour of the Chapels:** Join us, Saturday, July 11th, as we celebrate the Volga-German heritage of the Ellis County area. Visit historic limestone churches (Munjor, Walker, Victoria, Hays, Catharine, Pfeifer, Antonino, and Emmeram), experience the ethnic culture, and listen to professional musicians at each venue—all through a commute on a bicycle (or via bus). A Bus Tour has been added to accommodate the non-cyclists traveling to Hays. ***Registration to participate on a bike or catch a seat on the bus is open UNTIL JUNE 19th!*** Bike registration fee is \$50.00, Bus tickets is \$75.00 (limited seats still available) *Prices will increase after June 19. Registrations will be accepted through the morning of the event.* After the tours, participants will gather at Municipal Park for a German meal provided by the Schoenchen community, along with live music preformed by the Hot Shots. Visit their website for information and purchase your tickets: [www.tourdiekapellen.com/](http://www.tourdiekapellen.com/).

## **Gift Cards for Gabel Family**

St. Mary's Families & Friends:

Branden & Jordan (SMS Alum '03) Gabel, along with their children, Gunner (SMS Alum. '26), Lucas and Ryker, lost their home to a fire on Thursday morning, June 18th. Thankfully, everyone was able to get out safely, which is truly the most important thing. However, they have lost everything else, left with nothing but the clothing on their back.

The Ellis Community has been so generous in helping them get back on their feet by donating clothing for all members of the family and the necessities.

We, as St. Mary's Parish, would like to give you the opportunity to help them, if you wish, by helping fill a "Gift Card Box". St. Mary's Home & School Association, places orders through RaiseRight for Scrip Cards.

We will be placing an order very soon—if you would like to contribute to this idea, we ask that you please make contact with Emily at the Parish Office by the end of the day on Monday, June 22nd!

### **TO PLACE A SCRIP CARD ORDER:**

Either email or call Emily at the Parish Office or register/order at [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com). We highly suggest that if you choose to purchase online, you select the option to "Pay Coordinator Directly" and your physical card(s) will arrive in our office! Once the physical gift cards arrive at the Parish Office, we will then add them to the "Gift Card Box" to give to the Gabel family.

### **Gift Card Suggestions (though not limited too)**

- Amazon •Casey's General Store
- The Home Depot •Dick's Sporting Goods
- JC Penny's •Kohls •Walmart •Old Navy
- Any Restaurant/Fast Food Chain

### **ORDERS DUE BY JUNE 22, 2026 @ 4:30PM.**

**Monetary Donations and/or other purchased Gift Card donations are also welcome!**

Thank you for your continued support to St. Mary's School, especially for the Gabel family!

### **OTHER WAYS TO HELP THE FAMILY:**

- Donate to Jordan's VENMO: @Jordan-Gabel-7 (*scammer accounts are out there, PLEASE make sure you're using the right account*)
- Donate at Equity Bank in Ellis: Please mention "Fire donation for Jordan Gabel)

