

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

August 23, 2026
21st 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 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

August 24 - August 30

Mon: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
Tue: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
Wed: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32
Thu: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29
Sun: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Matthew 16:21-27

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	Aug 22	5:30 p.m.	Berens & Erbert Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Aug 23	7:00 a.m.	Syl & Jeannie Rome+ and Dennis Rome+
Sun	Aug 23	9:00 a.m.	Kyle Urban+ (anniv)
Sun	Aug 23	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Aug 24	5:30 p.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
Tues	Aug 25	8:10 a.m.	Donnie & Christine Aschenbrenner Family
Wed	Aug 26	8:10 a.m.	Regina Schuster+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
		EGSC	10:00 a.m. Kathy Wiesner+ Family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Aug 27	8:10 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+, Virginia & Danny Robinett+ and Bill Weber, Sr. +
Fri	Aug 28	8:10 a.m.	Regina Schuster+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Aug 29	5:30 p.m.	Marvin King+
Sun	Aug 30	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Aug 30	9:00 a.m.	Janet Augustine+
Sun	Aug 30	11:00 a.m.	No Mass Intention

Ministries for August 29 & 30

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Roberta Augustine	Paula Wasinger
Presentation of Gifts	Rick & Nancy Cunningham	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Barney Boos	Mindy Eck Peggy Seibel Jackie Flax
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Emma Flax (NEED VOLUNTEER)
Cantor / Musician	Allen Prout Alyson Johnson	Emily Mattheyer Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Darren & Alyson Johnson Family	Bailey Dinkel Family Brad & Tava Deines

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	August 30 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	August 28 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	August 30 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	August 29 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. August 30 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	August	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sat	Aug 22	St. Mary's 125th Birthday Celebration @ 6:30p ...East School Parking lot
Sun	Aug 23	St. Mary's Bible Study @ 10:30am
Mon	Aug 24	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	Aug 26	YDisciples "Family Dinner" & Fun Night @ 6pm
Thurs	Aug 27	Eucharistic Adoration, 9am-5pm D of I Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm

Parish Announcements

- **School Mass Music Helper:** St. Mary's School is in search of a volunteer to help with music on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings at 8:10am Mass throughout the school year. Our students enjoy cantering, especially if they have someone accompanying them! If you play the piano, organ, guitar, or any other instrument, and are willing to help them throughout the school year, please contact Emily at the Parish Office for more info and to schedule!
- **YDisciples: Join us for a "Family Dinner" and Fun Night on Wednesday, August 26th!** High School students, you are invited to come join us on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00pm for a "Family Dinner" together, followed by games and fellowship as we prepare for the upcoming school year! Meal prep begins at 6:00pm in the church basement! Bring a Friend!
- **Time to Enroll in Religious Education (CCD)!** As a new school year begins, so does a new year of learning more about the Catholic faith for our young parishioners! St. Mary's Religious Education (formally known as CCD) is open to students who are not currently attending St. Mary's School and are entering 1st-8th grades. You can find the registration form on the church website, under "Faith Formation", the back of church, or by contacting the Parish Office! There will be some changes happening in the schedule of Sacraments as we adjust to the Restored Order, ***We will be hosting a Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd, following CCD Mass at 7:00pm. All parents with students in 1st-8th grades are strongly encouraged to attend!***



Parish Offering: August 15 & 16

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$804.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,432.00

Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$444.00

Total Giving.....\$4,680.00

This weekend's collection is under by \$2,165.00

Notes from the Pastor

YDisciple/Youth Program. Letters of invitation went out last week to our Freshman thru Seniors (and also parents). A kick-off fun night is planned for Wednesday, August 26 starting at 6:00pm. *Any former YDisciple participants and mentors are welcomed to attend this fun night too!*

Religious Education: Restored Order. We will be holding an informational meeting to present the transition to Restored Order for parents on Wednesday, September 2 after the CCD Mass (Mass at 7:00pm). A letter will be sent out to parents (and parishioners) with information about the restored more prior to the meeting.

Priest's Retreat. Our annual priests' retreat is scheduled for September 7 through September 10 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Consequently, Mass on Monday September 7 will be at 8:10am instead of 5:30pm. There will not be Mass on Tuesday through Thursday.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). I'm planning on offering a RCIA class, starting the Thursday after Labor Day (September 10). If you know of someone that may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, let me know and I'll send them a personal letter explaining RCIA and inviting them to attend. This is also an opportunity for those Catholics who are interested in updating their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith to attend. I'm tentatively scheduling Thursday evenings at 7:00pm for class sessions.

Catholic Trivia

267. What is the essential rite of Confirmation? The essential rite of Confirmation is the anointing with Sacred Chrism (oil mixed with balsam and consecrated by the bishop), which is done by the laying on of the hand of the minister who pronounces the sacramental words proper to the rite. In the West this anointing is done on the forehead of the baptized with the words, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit". In the Eastern Churches of the Byzantine rite this anointing is also done on other parts of the body with the words, "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit". *Further reading: CCC 1290-1301, 1318, 1320-1321*

268. What is the effect of Confirmation? The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. This outpouring impresses on the soul an indelible character and produces a growth in the grace of Baptism. It roots the recipient more deeply in divine sonship, binds him more firmly to Christ and to the Church and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his soul. It gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith. *Further reading: CCC 1302-1305, 1316-1317*

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting:** All members of Daughters of Isabella or anyone interested in joining this organization is invited to join us at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall on **August 27th at 6:00pm!** We will be sharing an assortment of fruit before our business meeting starts at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!
- **YDisciples Meal Train:** We are excited to welcome new and returning High School students to YDisciples this school year! The group meets every Wednesday evening in the church basement from 6:00-7:45pm (note: the new times)! With the expectation of having a group of 20-25 students again this year, we are asking for help from the Parish to help us with meals each week! We gather together for a light meal before breaking into group discussion. If you can and are willing to donate toward or provide a meal for the group and mentors, please contact Emily at the Parish Office to see which dates are available! Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Community Announcements

- **Divine Mercy Radio's 16th Annual Appreciation Banquet** will take place beginning at 5:30pm on Saturday, September 12th at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. Cost is \$65. The cost includes appetizers and drinks including adult beverages. Featured speaker is Teresa Tomeo, host of Catholic Connection. Her talk is titled "Beyond Assisi: The Unknown Francis." To purchase tickets call 785-621-4110, or send your check to:

Banquet Reservations
Divine Mercy Radio
709 Main Street
Hays, KS 67601

You may also visit dvmercy.com/banquet or scan the QR code. **No tickets sold after Sept. 4**



Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

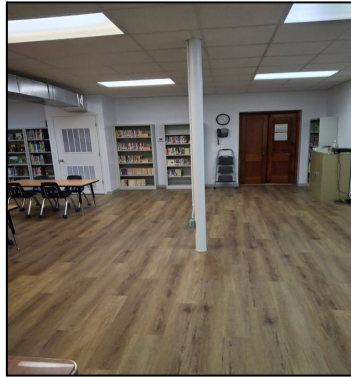
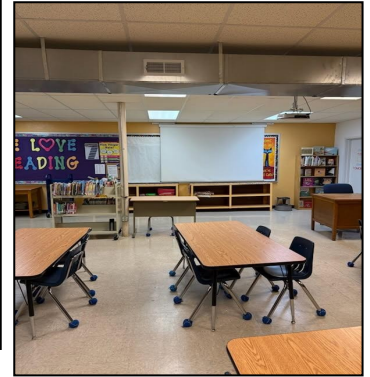
Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Ed Collins, Preston Browning, Marilyn Denning, Dianne Durler, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Bob Gabel, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Nathan Honas, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Norma Lang, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Cheryl Noles, Ramona Patten, Shirley Pitner, Cathy Sherfick, Kelly Sanderson, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Kerik Smith, Leonard Schoenberger, Lee Stueve, Tanner Sullivan, Jill Urban, Shirley Wagner, Dale Wasinger, Karla Weimer, 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.

School Announcements

- **A New Look to our School Library:** We are thrilled to share with you that our School Library took on a full remodel over the summer months! Thanks to Mr. Cletus Gross, Charlie Kinderknecht, Darryl Schuler and Fr. Dana for their time and handiwork at making the project complete! The next time you visit our school, be sure to come explore the fresh look and improved areas designed for our students!

Before->



<-After

- **St. Dominic Savio:** The 6th Grade Class runs a program called “St. Dominic Savio”, a young saint known for achieving profound spiritual holiness at a young age. The Class hosts a “Savio Cart” every Friday. St. Mary’s students and staff can purchase healthy snacks from the cart which is wheeled through the hallways to each classroom door. These snacks are eaten after leaving the school; not during school hours. This year, Mr. Tebo will be using this project, as a real-life application, as he teaches about financial literacy and running the Savio Cart like a business. Parents, you may send money (cash/coin) with your student(s) to purchase items from the cart. At this time, snack items range from \$0.25-\$1.00. Money collected is then used to keep the snack cart stocked throughout the school year and donated to local organizations/projects. ***Our first “Savio Cart” will run next Friday, Aug. 28.***

THANK YOU from the Ellis Police Department & St. Mary’s School: “To all who donated to this year’s 2026 School Supply Drive! With your help, we delivered over 100 pounds of school supplies to St. Mary’s School and Washington Grade School. Your donations are much appreciated and will help equip students and teachers for success throughout the 26-27 school year!” - Chief Smith



Become a Sponsor: St. Mary’s Home & School Association is still accepting donations for their annual Sponsorship Drive! The Sponsorship Drive provides two benefits at once—the monetary benefit to the school to allow our students to thrive in the future and the philanthropic benefit to the donor! Because of the success of the Sponsorship Drive in previous years, we are asking for

monetary donations from business and individuals who wish to partner with St. Mary’s Home & School Assoc. so that we are able to provide the necessary resources to teachers, staff, and students. All donations made to the Sponsorship Drive are tax-deductible! If you wish to take part in our Sponsorship Drive, please stop by the School or Parish Office for a form or scan the QR Code for an online donation (make sure to put “*Sponsorship Drive*” in the memo. Donations given by September 15th are guaranteed to have name printed on our sponsorship board!

