

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

September 20, 2026
25th 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

September 21 - September 27

Mon: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Tue: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wed: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thu: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Fri: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Sat: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45
Sun: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Matthew 21:28-32

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	Sept 19	5:30 p.m.	Betty Clark+
Sun	Sept 20	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Sept 20	9:00 a.m.	Ron Herl+ Family (liv/dec)
Mon	Sept 21	8:10 a.m.	William & Rose Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+
Tues	Sept 22	8:10 a.m.	Irvin Werth+
Wed	Sept 23	8:10 a.m.	George & Elizabeth Amrein+ Family (l/d)
Thurs	Sept 24	8:10 a.m.	Ernest, Sr. & Rosemary Pfeifer+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Daughters of Isabella Members (liv/dec)
Fri	Sept 25	8:10 a.m.	Natalie Milam
Sat	Sept 26	5:30 p.m.	Mary Wasinger+ (anniv)
Sun	Sept 27	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Sept 27	9:00 a.m.	Richard Geschwentner+

Ministries for September 26 & 27

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zervas	Brian Serpan
Presentation of Gifts	Pat & Diane Kuhn	Ethan & Britny Cox Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Lacie Haas Jackie Flax Curtis Weber
Servers	Theodore, Oliver, Georgia Meagher	Adalyn & Ainsley Haas Emma Flax
Cantor / Musician	Men's Choir Nancy Cunningham	Cristi Werth Emily Mattheyer
Ushers & Greeters	Roberta Augustine Gary Luea <i>Need Volunteers</i>	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Sept. 27 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	Sept. 25 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Sept. 27 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	Sept. 26 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Sept. 27 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	September	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Sun	Sept 20	Guitar Choir Practice, following 9am Mass
Tues	Sept 22	First Day of Autumn
Wed	Sept 23	No Good Sam Mass
Thurs	Sept 24	Eucharistic Adoration: 9am-5pm Good Sam Mass @ 10am SMS Picture Day! Tamale Thursday @ 6pm at K of C Hall
Mon	Sept 28	No School Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **Out of the Office:** Emily will be out of the office on Monday & Tuesday, September 21-22. She will be return to regular office hours on Wednesday.
- **Good Sam Mass Time Change:** We will celebrate Mass at the Good Sam on Thursday, September 24 at 10:00am, instead of Wednesday. We will be back to regular schedule on Wednesday, September 30th.
- **YDisciples:** There's something timeless about combining faith and creativity into a simple, meaningful gift. We hope you will join us on Wednesday evening as we invite Deb K. back to the church basement to show us how to make a 3-decade car rosary. Meal begins at 6:00pm, presentation and crafting to follow! Bring a friend!
- **Weekly Meals for YDisciples:** We are asking for help in feeding our YDisciples high school student group this semester! The group meets every Wednesday evening in the church basement from 6:00-7:45pm! They gather together for a light meal before breaking into group discussion. We currently have a group of 20-25 students attending! There are sign up sheets in the back of church for upcoming dates we are needing meals for. If you can provide a meal and/or are willing to donate towards providing a meal for the group and mentors, please write your name on "Weekly Meal Planner" sheets or contact Emily at the Parish Office to see which dates are available! Your support will be greatly appreciated! **Current Dates Needing Meals:** Any Wednesday in October through December.

Parish Offering: September 12 & 13

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27: \$7,291.54

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$761.00
 Adult Envelopes.....\$3,191.00
 Cedar Bluff Collection.....\$364.00
Total Giving.....\$4,316.00

This weekend's collection is under by \$2,975.54

Notes from the Pastor

Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday is celebrated this Sunday, September 20. The 2026 theme is "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor."

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Note that parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). We are in week three of our OCIA sessions. There is still time for others who are interested to join us. We meet at 7:00pm on Thursday evenings in the church basement.



Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Tamale Thursday!** You thought Taco Tuesday was great—WAIT until you try Tamale Thursday! ALL ladies of the parish are invited to watch Martha Gamez make authentic Mexican tamales and then taste the delicious results! Meet us at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 24th at the Knights of Columbus Hall for tamales and other fun activities! Free to attend! Sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella.

- **Joyful Women's Retreat. Encounter Him. Be Renewed. Walk in Joy.** Registration is happening NOW through September 25th! All women 16 years and older are welcome to join us for a weekend of reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary on Friday, October 2nd starting at 6:30pm through Saturday, October 3rd concluding at 3:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Guest speakers are Noelle Garcia and Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita. Early Registration fee is \$40 per person. Will accept registration at the door. Please register by scanning the QR Code or by visiting www.ihm-church.com.



- **Good Hope Quilters Request** donations of blankets or batting for our quilts for the Samaritan House. Call the Parish Office for more information!

Our Lady of Fatima
is visiting Ellis
now through November!

If you would like to
stop by and pray,
give Leonard a call at

785-726-1278



Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! **Kade Gottschalk & Rylee Werth**, who were married here on September 12, 2026.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Baby Noah & Parents, Emma Brouk, Ed Collins, Preston Browning, Fr. Richard Daise, 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, Keric Smith, Leonard Schoenberger, Lee Stueve, Tanner Sullivan, Jill Urban, Shirley Wagner, Dale Wasinger, 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**

**Tuesday, September 22** Hays Arts Council Presentation comes to St. Mary's  
**Thursday, September 24** School Picture Day!  
**Monday, September 28** No School! Teacher In-Service Day.

- **Grandparents are pure family magic!** Our students celebrated Grandparents Day by inviting their special guests to lunch last Monday! We had a gym full! Visit our Facebook page for more photos! ►►►



**School Picture Day is on Thursday, September 24th!** Be sure to wear your khaki shorts/pants and school polo! And don't forget your SM:)E! Parents—Proofing information will be emailed and sent home with students at a later date!

- **St. Mary's Home & School Sponsorship Drive Closes:** If you forgot to return your sponsorship drive donation back to the school before the 15th, we ask that you please turn it in to the school office by end of the day, Monday, September 21st! We will be wrapping up our donations and creating the Sponsorship Donor Sign soon! Thank you to all who contributed to this drive—your generosity will impact our students and teachers for this school year and beyond!



## **Diocese of Salina News**

- **Anniversary Masses in Salina and Hays:** These Masses honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary and all other anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years! This year's Anniversary Masses will be held on Sunday, October 11th at 2:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Salina and Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm at St. Nicholas of Myra in Hays. You can learn more and register by going to <http://salinadiocese.typeform.com/to/chEKTqxS>.
- **Memorial Masses for Parents who have lost a child:** This Mass is for any parents who have lost a child. We will join together in prayer, remembrance and hope on Sunday, October 18th at 2:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. This Mass will count towards Sunday obligation and there will be reception following the Mass. If you'd wish to attend, please register by visiting <https://salinadiocese.org/event/mass-for-parents-who-have-lost-a-child/>.



"The goal of our life is to love God and others with our whole heart, soul, mind and body. As we move closer each day toward the realization of this ideal, we find ourselves becoming more free and more loving.

-Richard J. Hauser *Moving in the Spirit*

## **Community Announcements**



**Dolly Parton Day 9-2-5 at Arthur's Pizza & Mexican Foods:** In honor of her Love of Books, 10% of every sale and 100% of all Donations will go to the Ellis Public Library for Kid's Activities ALL DAY on September 25 at Arthur's Pizza & Mexican Foods. Plus, we will have information on signing up for Imagination Library and Dolly Coloring Pages!

- **St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus** invite you to their **Annual Steak Dinner**, on Saturday, September 26, social hour at 6pm, and dinner at 6:45pm. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12oz), or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad, and dessert. \$30 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Contact Glenn Gabel at 785-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin at 785-623-0580.
- **Cruise, Worship, & BBQ at St. John's Lutheran Church:** Join us (7 miles North of Ellis) on September 27th at 9:30am for a Car Shop + Donuts & Coffee. We will have a Service with Pastor Christine beginning at 11:00am, followed by a BBQ Lunch at 12:00pm! **Also Place a Pre-Order** for the St. John Women's Homemade Famous Vanilla (\$15 for a 4oz bottle), German Pretzel Cookies and Hemetschwengers (\$15/dozen)! Orders will be filled in November. Call or text Sue at 785-259-5289!