

RESPECT LIFE

*St. Joseph,
defender of life,
pray for us!*

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ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 26, 2025
30th 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 18 - Sept. 7, 2025

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

October 27 – November 2

Mon: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
Tue: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Wed: Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30
Thu: Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35
Fri: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
Sat: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Matthew 5:1-12a
Sun: Wisdom 3:1-9; John 6:37-40

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	Oct 25	5:30 p.m.	Simon & Alma Davignon+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 26	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 26	9:00 a.m.	Alan & Janetta+ Heroneme Family (l/d)
Mon	Oct 27	5:30 p.m.	Eddie & Fidelia Honas+
Tues	Oct 28	8:10 a.m.	Alfred & Josephine Urban+
Wed	Oct 29	8:10 a.m.	Timmy Ray+
EGSC		10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 30	8:10 a.m.	Edward & Berth Riedel+, Troy Riedel+, and Duane Riedel+ Families (liv/dec)
Fri	Oct 31	8:10 a.m.	Jake & Regina Schuster+
Sat	Nov 1	5:30 p.m.	George & Elizabeth (anniv) Amrein+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Nov 2	7:00 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
Sun	Nov 2	9:00 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>

Ministries for November 1 & 2

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Roberta Augustine	Paula Wasinger
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family	Brad & Tava Deines
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Lacie Haas Jackie Flax <i>Need (1) Volunteer</i>
Servers	Chase Aschenbrenner Maverick Swagerty	Sophie Seibel Emma Flax
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Amy Staab Emily Mattheyer
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson James Rome, Alyssa Rome Clarence Rupp	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	November 2 (Sun)	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	October 31 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	November 2 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	November 1 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. November 2 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	November	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Mon	October 27	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	October 29	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	October 30	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Fri	October 31	Happy Halloween! No School (Teacher In-Service)
Sat	November 1	All Saints Day
Sun	November 2	Daylight Savings Time All Souls Day Cemetery Prayer Service @ 10:00am Remembering Prayer Service @ 4:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **YDisciples:** Let's keep the momentum going with the video series "Created & Claimed" Session 3! Meal served at 6:30pm with discussion to follow! Bring a friend!
- **Feast of All Saints Day:** November 1st is not a holy day of obligation this year. At this time we will not be celebrating any additional Masses.
- **"Turn Back Time" Daylight Savings Time Ends, November 2:** Remember to turn back your clocks ONE HOUR before you go to bed Saturday night!
- **Cemetery Prayer Service** is scheduled for Sunday, November 2nd, following 9:00am Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery. All are welcome to join us.
- **Remembering Prayer Service** will be held at 4:00pm in the church on Sunday, November 2nd for all parishioners and families to remember those who have passed away in the last year.
- **There Is Still Time to Schedule to have Your Picture Taken for the Church Directory!!!** Time slots are filling up so don't delay! Call Emily at the Parish Office to schedule for your picture to be taken by Leann's Photos the weekend of November 8-9 or November 15! Reminder: Their services are *FREE!* Only expense for you is if you choose to purchase additional prints! **Submitting Your Own Photo** is welcome too! Submit a photo of you/your family by emailing Emily or stopping by the Parish Office to have it scanned in.

Parish Offering: October 18 & 19

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$906.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,590.00

Total Giving.....\$5,496.00

This weekend's collection is down by \$1,349.00

Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life Month. Check out the insert “St. Joseph, Faithful Protector of Mother and Child” and table in the back of the church.

“In Increased Offertory Program: Shining a Light on Growing Generosity.” The newsletter presentation was mailed last Saturday. You should have received it in the mail. Please be sure to read the bulletin insert “How Much Should I Give?” to help you get a better understanding of “tithing” and ways it could benefit our parish.

All Saints Day. Saturday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. It is a not holyday of obligation this year.

Cemetery Prayer Service. Our traditional Cemetery Prayer Service will be Sunday, November 2 following 9:00am Mass.

Remembering Prayer Service. Our Remembering Prayer Service is next Sunday November 2 at 4:00pm for parish family members who have lost a loved one during the past year (or for loved ones who were laid to rest during the past year). Invitation letters were mailed out this week to points of contact for each family. Our hope is they will then inform other family members who may wish to attend. All are welcome to attend.

Catechism Trivia

8. What are the next stages of God's Revelation? God chose Abram, calling him out of his country, making him “the father of a multitude of nations” (Genesis 17:5), and promising to bless in him “all the nations of the earth” (Genesis 12:3). The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the divine promise made to the patriarchs. God formed Israel as his chosen people, freeing them from slavery in Egypt, establishing with them the covenant of Mount Sinai, and, through Moses, giving them his law. The prophets proclaimed a radical redemption of the people and a salvation which would include all nations in a new and everlasting covenant. From the people of Israel and from the house of King David, would be born the Messiah, Jesus. *Further reading: CCC 59-64, 72*

9. What is the full and definitive stage of God's Revelation? The full and definitive stage of God's revelation is accomplished in his Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the mediator and fullness of Revelation. He, being the only-begotten Son of God made man, is the perfect and definitive Word of the Father. In the sending of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, Revelation is now fully complete, although the faith of the Church must gradually grasp its full significance over the course of centuries. “In giving us his Son, his only and definitive Word, God spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word, and he has no more to say.” (Saint John of the Cross). *Further reading: CCC 65-66, 73*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Ellis Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat** will take place this Sunday, October 26th from 4:00-6:00pm. If you are able and wanting to participant, please put non-perishable food items on your porch and the Ellis organizations and students will pick them up! Let's help fill the Ellis Food Pantry!
- **St. Mar's Parish Auction 2026:** We are seeking volunteers to help with planning, decorating, soliciting businesses and more! Contact Emily in the Parish Office if you would like to help in any way! Without volunteers, this big event will not be successful! Please consider lending a helping hand!

Diocese of Salina News

- This weekend, Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas is excited to kick off the **2025 Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need!** Your generosity provides food, counseling and other essential services to those in need across our diocese. Every gift is matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$150,000! To give, use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes provided in the back of our church near the bulletins or visit www.ccnks.org/ignitinghope. Your support will bring hope and healing directly to families in need. For questions or more information, contact Megan Augustine at 785-833-9380 or maugustine@ccnks.org.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Robert Gerhardt**, who passed away on October 17, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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**Congratulations! Michael Goff & Leslie Gibson,**  
who were married here on October 18, 2025!

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Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Michelle Goldsberry, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Marvin King, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Andy Lynn Klaus, Agneta Kuhn, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Troy Mattheyer, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Ramona Patten, Kevin “Mo” Pfeifer, 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.

School Announcements

Tuesday, October 28:

4th & 5th Grades attend HAC “SchoolHouse Rock, Live”
Kindergarten & 1st Grade attend HAC “Three Little Pigs”
Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 4:00-7:00pm

Thursday, October 30:

6th Grade Saint Presentations
Fall Festival Classroom Parties
Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 4:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, October 29:

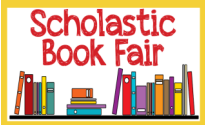
“Good Things Happen” in the LOFT

Friday, October 31:

Happy Halloween!
NO SCHOOL



Halloween Special: St. Mary’s School has chocolate bars for sale for your Halloween treats! While supplies last! Limited amount of flavors available: Almond, Dark Chocolate, Caramel, Peanut Butter and Crisp. Each chocolate bar is \$2.00 or you can purchase an assorted box of 36 bars for \$72.00! Call the School Office to place your order!



It’s Book Fair Time on October 28 & 29: Everyone is invited to attend our Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday, October 28 & Wednesday October 29th from 3:30-8:00pm at the Washington Grade School Library! It’s a great place to get a head start on early stocking stuffers for your students! Mrs. Hensley said “Funds from this Book Fair will benefit all Ellis school libraries—including St. Mary’s School!” Link to shop online: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/washingtonelementaryschool167>.

- **St. Mary’s Parents—Pick Up Fall Fundraiser Items:** Be on watch for an announcement on Class Dojo about when and how to pick up your student’s trash bags and pizza coupons! We plan to have them sorted and ready for pick up by Parent/Teacher Conference dates!
- **Happy Bottoms Diaper Drive:** Bring a box of diapers to our school between now and Thursday, Nov. 6th! They will be delivered to Catholic Charities in Salina, Hays or Manhattan to be shared with those in need throughout our Diocese! Because of YOU: These diapers will provide loving support to babies in need across Northern Kansas.

Community Announcements



The Great Pumpkin Hunt for High School Students ONLY: Friends, Treats, Prizes and tons of FUN at the Ellis Rec’s *High School Students ONLY* Great Pumpkin Hunt on Wednesday, October 29th at the Ellis K18/Legion Baseball Field! Be sure to bring your flashlight! Search for pumpkins around the baseball field for candy and prizes! Get there by 8:45pm sharp or you’ll be left in the dark!



Trick or Treat in Ellis on October 31st: So many opportunities throughout the community to make the most of this spook-tacular day! Make the **Ellis Rec Office** your first stop on the Halloween Haunt from 2:00-4:00pm! Pick up a special Halloween bag to carry your spooky goodies, enjoy some sweet treats, and grab a glow stick to light your way through the ghostly night. Continue the Halloween adventure on to the **Ellis Public Library** from 2:30-4:00pm, then “Meet the Spooks” at **Ellis Good Samaritan** from 3:00-4:00pm (*Children 12 yrs old and younger, and must be accompanied by an adult*). The Ellis Baptist Church & Ellis Police Department’s **Truck or Treat** will begin at 5:00-6:30pm at 9th & Jefferson Street. Of course, costumes are encouraged—let’s kick off the frightful fun together!!!



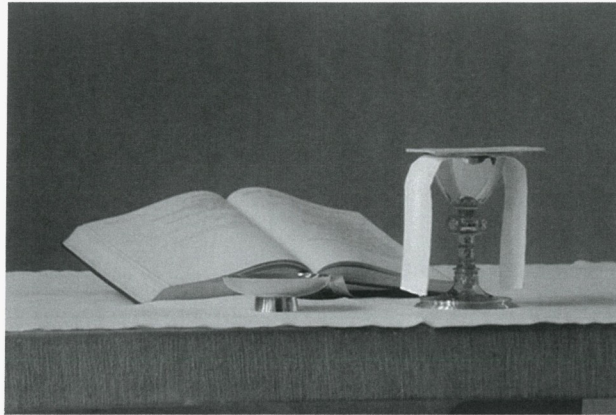
Ellis Food Box Pantry Christmas Boxes: If you or someone you know could benefit from a special Christmas Box, you will need to reserve one by October 31st with Rita Y. (785-650-4225) or Millie W. (785-726-1127). Christmas Box Pick up is the week of December 15th!

- **Mark Your Calendars for the Ellis Hunter’s Meal** held at Christ the Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 8th, 11:00am-1:30pm! Dine In or Take Out! Everyone is welcome to enjoy chicken noodle soup, Taco Soup, Homemade Chili, Green Bean Dumpling, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Pie and Cinnamon Rolls.
- **Ellis Nutrition Center Fundraisers:** The Ellis Nutrition Center has two fundraisers happening NOW! **Pie Fundraiser:** Pre-Order delicious Village Pies for \$20 each by November 18 and pick up on Nov. 19th, just in time for holiday season! Many flavors to choose from: Apple, Berry Melody, Black Cherry, Cherry, Peach, Pecan, Pumpkin, Strawberry Rhubarb! **Holiday Photo Shoot:** Come to the Ellis Nutrition Center for your holiday photos—Bring the kids, your pet, your significant other! For a small donation of \$15.00, you will get (1) 8x10 and (2) 5x7 prints. Dates available are Nov. 8, 10am-4pm, Nov. 9, 1-5pm, and Nov. 22 from 10a-2pm. Call the Ellis Nutrition Center at 785-726-3388 or Leonard S. at 785-726-1278 to place your pie order or sign up for holiday photos! All proceeds from both fundraisers go to the Ellis Nutrition Center.



Christmas Cash Bash with the Ellis High School Alumni: The EHS Alumni Association is selling chances to win cash in December for a \$10.00 donation! There are only 400 tickets available! Contact a EHSAA Board Member or VENMO @EHS-Alumni to get your tickets!

How Much Should I Give?



St. Mary's Parish

You may say "I understand the need to be generous and give to God and his Church. But how much should I give?"

We have all heard the word "tithing." But what does it mean? The word *tithe* literally means "tenth." A *tithe* was a rule from the law of Moses requiring 10% of an Israelite's first fruits be given in offertory. Because God provided the harvest, this first part was returned to Him. It was a reminder that all things we have are His. It is a show of thankfulness for His blessings. It also provided for the Levitical priesthood, festivals, and the needy.

In Genesis, Jacob vowed ... "Of everything you give me, I will return a tenth part to you without fail." (Genesis 28:22)

Read ahead to the New Testament and we learn that throughout Jesus' teaching on giving, He does not undermine the principle of the *tithe* but encourages people to practice their giving in meaningful ways.

In Mark we hear the story of the widow and her gift.

"He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to Himself, He said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.'" (Mark 12:41-44)



This is a beautiful picture of the widow's trust in God. What beautiful trust that God will take care of her.

And Christ's response to the widow's act of faith demonstrates God's feelings toward our sacrifice and generosity. It is also interesting to note that Jesus took time to sit and watch people give their offerings. God's interest in our giving is sincere. He recognizes more than we do how **our faith is revealed in our habits of giving.**

The widow's story also reminds us that we should give in proportion to the many blessings – our very lives, the food we eat, the air we breathe, our families, our faith – we have received from God. And through our employment, he provides us with financial means to give. As you consider how much to give, Paul reminds us in Corinthians.

"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.** Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6–8)



But still, you may ask "**how much am I expected to give?**" Only you can answer that question. And it will come to you after prayer with God. A tithe might be the place to start. Or 10% might strain your budget. God expects us to grow in our faith. **Our gifts will grow as our faith grows. Start with an amount that works for your budget and faithfully share that each week or month.** Next year, evaluate your giving, and increase your offertory gift if you can. After a few short years, you may be giving 10% or more.

How much? Only you can answer this after you prayerfully consider your family's financial situation. With God's guidance you will make a decision appropriate for you and your family. As our blessings – i.e., Income – increase, so should our giving.


Stewardship
Prayer, Service & Generosity

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38

St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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