

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

All Souls Day

November 2, 2025

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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

November 3– November 9

Mon: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
Tue: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24
Wed: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
Thu: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
Fri: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 15:1-8
Sat: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15
Sun: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; John 2:13-22

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	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>
Mon	Nov 3	5:30 p.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
Tues	Nov 4	8:10 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
Wed	Nov 5	8:10 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
Thurs	Nov 6	8:10 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
Fri	Nov 7	8:10 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
Sat	Nov 8	5:30 p.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
Sun	Nov 9	7:00 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>
Sun	Nov 9	9:00 a.m.	<i>Poor Souls Novena</i>

Ministries for November 8 & 9

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	Sandy Honas Verla Seibel	Ethan & Britny Cox Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Mindy Eck Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld
Servers	Caleb, Landon, & Mason Schield	John & Dean Hickert Gunner Gabel
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Kinzie Sunley	Cheryl Lang Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson James Rome, Alyssa Rome Clarence Rupp	<i>Needing Volunteers</i>

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	November 9 (Sun)	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	November 7 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	November 9 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	November 8 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. November 9 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zervas Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	November	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber
Coffee & Donuts Honas	November 9	Gary & Sheryl Luea

Meetings & Events

Sun	November 2	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS All Souls Day Cemetery Prayer Service @ 10:00am Remembering Prayer Service @ 4:00pm
Tues	November 4	Election Day—Go Vote!
Wed	November 5	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	November 6	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Fri	November 7	No School (Diocesan Teacher In-Service)
Sat	November 8	Take Your Picture with Leann's Photos
Sun	November 9	Take Your Picture with Leann's Photos Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass

Parish Announcements

- **Cemetery Prayer Service** is scheduled for this 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.
- **LAST CHANCE to Sign Up to get your picture taken by Leann's Photos:** We've come to the deadline to sign up to get your photo taken by the professional! Call Emily at the Parish Office to schedule by 4:30pm on Tuesday, November 4th! Reminder: Photos will be taken the weekend of November 8-9 or November 15! Leann's Photos are offering their services for *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. We ask that you please submit your photo by December 1st.
- **YDisciples:** Let us celebrate All Saints Day a few days late with a little fun...Saints BINGO! Meal served at 6:30pm for a meal, followed fun learning about saints! Bring friends!
- **Coffee & Donuts Next Sunday, Nov. 9th:** Make plans to join us after 9:00am Mass in the church basement for coffee, Daylight Donuts and OJ!
- **SAVE THE DATE: #iGiveCatholic Campaign** is happening soon! Advanced Giving days begin November 16th, with big giving day happening on Giving Tuesday, December 2nd! More information coming to you soon!

Notes from the Pastor

The next step in the ***“In Increased Offertory Program: Shining a Light on Growing Generosity.”*** is to invite several lay witnesses from the parish to share their deep commitment to our church. Included in this bulletin are “lay witness” presentations from Zachary Eck, Brian Serpan and Terry Zerfas. The bulletin insert also includes “Benefits of Online Giving.” Next week, a personalized letter will be mailed out that will include an “Increased Offertory Brochure” and a commitment card.

Cemetery Prayer Service. The Cemetery Prayer Service is this Sunday, November 2, following our 9:00am Mass at cemetery. All are welcome to come.

Remembering Prayer Service. Our Remembering Prayer Service is this Sunday November 2 at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

#iGiveCatholic. Our #iGiveCatholic campaign will be begin shortly. Letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Watch the bulletin for more details.

National Vocation Awareness Week. National Vocation Awareness Week is being celebrated in our country this week, November 2-8.

“Dear Lord, we ask for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of vocation. Amen.”

Catechism Trivia

10. What is the value of private revelations? While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation which is Christ. *Further reading: CCC 67*

11. Why and in what way is divine revelation transmitted? God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to his own command, “Go forth and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition. *Further reading: CCC 74.*

12. What is Apostolic Tradition? Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity by means of preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations until the end of the world. *Further reading: CCC 75-79, 83, 96-98.*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Stag Night at Ellis Knights Hall:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus are hosting their Annual Stag on Friday, November 7th. Doors open at 5:00pm; meal begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$18.00 each. Come for a great time and enjoy mountain oysters, gizzards, ham & beans, refreshments, prizes, and a 50/50 raffle!
- **Ellis K of C Christmas Cash Drawing** is happening again this year! TEN DAYS of Winnings! The Ellis Knights are hosting a cash raffle for 10 days in December! Daily drawings for cash prizes will begin on December 1st! Get your ticket(s) today for a donations of \$20.00 per ticket by contacting a Knight! For more information call Gary K. (785-726-1400) or Allen Weber (785-249-8543 or 785-726-3113). As the drawing gets closer, more info will be shared!
- St. Ann's Altar Society, Liebenthal invites everyone to a **Roast Beef & Chicken Noodle Dinner** at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church School Basement in Liebenthal, on Sunday, November 9 from 11:00am-1:00pm. Meal will include mashed potatoes, veggie, dinner roll and dessert. Adults are \$14.00 and children 10 & under are \$8.00. A themed basket and cash raffle will be held at the event; tickets available at the door. Come hungry and leave happy! Sponsored by St. Ann's Altar Society.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Lawrence Locker**, who passed away on October 25, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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**Congratulations! Rowdy Dean Fischer**, who was baptized here on October 26th. Son of Lyle & Desirae (Melgoza) Fischer.

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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.

Parish Offering: October 25 & 26

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,012.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,284.00

Total Giving.....\$4,296.00

This weekend’s collection is down by \$2,549.00

School Announcements

Friday, November 7:

No School—Diocesan In-Service

- **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

Community Announcements



Ellis Recreations Commission's Thanksgiving Dinner: Senior Citizens—you are invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Knights Hall on Wednesday, November 19th. Doors open at 11:30am, Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner served at 12:00pm. Music provided by Verlin Honas. There is no fee to come, however, we do ask that you please bring (3) non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Ellis Food Box Pantry! Please RSVP to the Ellis Rec Office by November 5th to reserve your seat!



Be sure to stop by the **Ellis Christ the Lutheran Church's Hunter's Meal** 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 Soup, Grilled Cheese and/or Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Pie and more!

- **Sunday, November 9th at Hays VFW!** A portion of the tickets sold will go towards the Ellis VFW & Auxiliary programs! Pre-Ticket sale prices are: \$11.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children 5-12 years, and Free for children 5 and under! Menu includes: All-You-Can-Eat, pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits, gravy, toast, coffee & orange juice! Contact any Ellis Auxiliary member to take advantage of early ticket prices!
- **Ellis Food Box Pantry November Distribution** is set for Monday, November 10th, from 3:00-6:00pm. Use our convenient drive-thru to pick up!



Ellis Nutrition Center is Selling Holiday Pies and Offering Holiday Photos: 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 ENC.



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!

- **Musicians & Bell Ringers WANTED!** Join us as we celebrate the season with music, fellowship and the story of Christ's birth. The Ellis United Methodist Church invites the whole community to be a part of our **First Annual Christmas Program** on November 30 at 3:00pm at EUMC! We're looking for Hand Bell Ringers (no experience needed!), Singers, Instrumentalists & Groups, etc. All ages and styles of sacred or family-friendly Christmas music are welcome! To participate, contact: Katy H. @ 785-623-9398 or Cappy G. @ 785-650-7251, or email ellisumc@gbta.net.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY



It's time for our new Church Photo Directory!

We want you in it!

Leann's Photos will be on here to capture your photos!

Saturday, November 8 @ 8am-8pm

Sunday, November 9 @ 8am-5pm

Saturday, November 15 @ 10am-5pm

Call St. Mary's Parish Office today to schedule your photos,
785-726-4522

- 15 Minute Single/Couple/Family Session
- Complete Family—breakdowns welcome (Time permitting)
- One Outfit
- Multiple Poses (Time permitting)
- By Appointment by calling the Parish Office at 785-726-4522
- Online Sales (Parishioners will receive a QR code/link to view photos)
- Prints, cards and other products available
- No minimum purchase
- Purchased items mailed directly to you

**BOOK your session, CAPTURE memories and
HELP your church!**

Just in time for the Holidays! Give the gift of portraits!
Pick your favorite to be submitted to the St. Mary's Parish Directory!

STEWARDSHIP

Prayer,
SERVICE &
Generosity



Increased Offertory Parishioner Testimonies

*As we continue on the journey of the Increased Offertory Program,
this week we share with you testimonials from parishioners of St. Mary's Parish;
parishioners who share a seat in the pew next you every weekend.*

Zachary
Eck

I grew up in St. Mary's Parish, where I attended school from kindergarten through sixth grade and regularly attended Mass. Many of my earliest experiences of the Catholic faith took place there—I received several of the sacraments for the first time and was among the first groups to go through the YDisciple program. At the time, I thought our parish was just like every other small-town parish. I didn't realize how fortunate I was to grow up in a community with both a Catholic grade school and a beautiful, thriving church. It was easy to take that for granted, having never known anything else.

When I left for college, I spent a lot of time at the Catholic Campus Center at Fort Hays, where I met many other students from small towns across Kansas. Through conversations with them, I came to understand just how unique our parish truly is. St. Mary's is one of the few small towns in our diocese that still has its own Catholic school. Because of that, we are blessed with a full-time, diocesan priest that is dedicated to serving us in countless ways. Our school and church work hand in hand—each helping the other to grow and flourish.

This past July, my wife, Payton, and I welcomed our first child, Theodore. Becoming a father has led me to reflect on my own upbringing and the things that shaped me most. I now recognize the tremendous impact my Catholic education had on my faith, values, and sense of community. It's something I hope Theodore—and all the children in our parish—will have the same opportunity to experience, for generations to come.

These blessings don't come without cost. Our school depends on the time, talent, and financial support of our parishioners to remain open. It takes proud and faithful parishioners to keep our school open and our parish strong. Each generation has been blessed because those before them chose to give of themselves, to see the value in Catholic education, and to invest in the future of our children. If we, as parishioners, continue to take pride in what our school represents and support it with our time, talent, and treasure, St. Mary's will remain a thriving parish of faith for generations to come.

Brian
Serpan

St. Mary's Catholic Church and School not only serves faithful Catholics from Ellis and the surrounding areas, but also travelers, visitors, its students, the community, and beyond. Our parish consists of families who have been in this area for generations and those who have just moved to town. The pews in this church have seen everything from car seats and crayons to wheelchairs and canes. The church has witnessed floods and droughts, unimaginable joy and heart-wrenching sorrow.

According to a reflection from the USCCB, "The parish is where the Church lives... Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament

and come in touch with the source of the Church's life." Our parish and our school provide a number of programs to help us grow in faith and community. I am personally grateful for the closeness and availability of the sacraments. While we might all have different tastes in music or preferred "little-t" traditions, our church gives us the opportunity to experience Christ through his sacraments and grace, and it's right here in Ellis.

Having a church and having those graces does not come without costs. It costs money to have physical buildings with lighting, heating, cooling, and plumbing. That doesn't include all the programs and activities that help us grow in faith. Having an attractive church where people can experience God through beauty, and trying to maintain that also costs money. Nobody likes to be asked for money all the time, and I can tell you, it's not fun asking for it either. We all have other expenses, and we can feel assaulted when someone asks us for more. Unfortunately, we need more. We have a parish that serves the community, and we're working in a deficit. The goal isn't to generate income; it's to keep the lights on. And while the school is a source of great pride to some and sore spot for others, I have seen the benefits it provides for its students and Ellis. I am personally glad for the opportunity to have my children attend.

I don't like to talk about what or how we give to the church, because it's such a personal topic. Yet I was asked to talk about why we give. *These* are the reasons we give: We give to keep the church operational. We give to help provide community benefits. We give because we care. We give because it's the right thing to do. Our family personally uses automatic payments instead of envelopes. While this is less personal, it helps make sure we don't forget to grab an envelope or cash on the way out the door with our kids. I also like it because even if we travel, I know St. Mary's will still be receiving our weekly payment.

Whether you pay with electronic bank transfers or envelopes, loose cash or a written check, I'm asking for your help. Help us to keep this parish alive. Help us to keep it open. Help us to continue bringing the sacraments and grace to people in times of despair and in times of hope. Thank you.

Terry & Cindy
Zerfas

We have always had good fortune throughout our lives and it was not by accident, it was by our faith and belief in the Lord, Jesus Christ. He has given us a pathway if we will accept it and will shelter us.

Everyone is looking for a good deal where they can invest money in. We have chosen to invest money into the church and its ministries. We do not know of any other investments that do as much GOOD as the church, its programs and ministries. Faith is something a person believes in – we have faith in Christ and it has grown as he leads us. Jesus said it best "YE OF LITTLE FAITH."

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10



Benefits of Online Giving?



St. Mary's Parish

What is online giving?

What are the benefits of online giving? For me? For my parish?

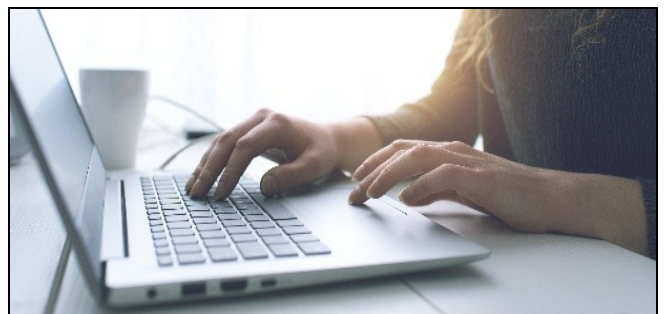
How do I do this? On my phone or tablet?

Should I put my offertory gift in the basket at Mass? Oops, I forgot my envelope.

Online giving is the act of making a gift online for our parish. It can be done by accessing a website from your home computer, your phone, or your tablet. Like buying online, you enter your credit card information. Or if you prefer, you can enter your bank account information with, often, less expensive fees for the parish. When you complete the form and submit it, your gift is transferred directly to the parish's bank account. You will have the option of setting it up to happen regularly – weekly, monthly, or annually.

Benefits for our parish

- Online giving offers numerous benefits for our parish.
- Streamlines the donation process, reducing administrative work and processing time.
- Less administrative costs to record check, deposit check and less worry about cash handling procedures.
- More secure since there is less access to loose cash and temptation for theft.
- Your gift goes directly from your bank account to the parish account.
- Your gift helps create a steady stream of income for our parish.



Benefits for Donors

- Convenient and accessible anytime.
- You can use a debit card, credit card or directly from your bank account.
- Set it up once and you are done. (If your situation changes, your donation can be evaluated and changed anytime you wish.)
- At Mass, no need to worry if you forget your envelope or your checkbook – no worries, your gift is being electronically transferred.
- “Peace of mind” – “You know that every week or month your gift will be delivered into the parish bank account. You can smile as the offertory basket passes by, and smile when you are on vacation knowing your local parish is still benefiting from your gift. Every month, you will be making a real and lasting difference – one gift at a time.



Will I be the only person who gives online?

- Online giving is growing in popularity.
- One parishioner worked months to convince her parish to set up online giving. That is the only way she wants to pay bills.
- We recently learned of a parish that receives up to 75% of their contributions online. Only about 25% of gifts are dropped in the offertory basket. The parish “money counters” are spending less and less time counting.

All this is good, but **“I think it is important that my family/fellow parishioners see me put an envelope in the basket at Mass.”** Easy solution would be to put a note in your envelope with a note saying, “I gave online.”

How to give Online:

Call or visit the St. Mary’s Church Parish Office to speak with Emily to set up your electronic bank transfers (ACH) with the church. If you are already using this service, you may consider increasing your amount.

OR

We are able to collect tithing through the Catholic Foundation. Your donation can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. You will be able to make your parish tithe any time of day from the comfort of your home, while on vacation, or other circumstances that may prevent you from attending Mass. **Donate Now** scanning this QR code or using this website <https://givecfd.org/give/parish/>.

