



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

November 9, 2025
The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica

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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 10 – November 16

Mon: Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Tue: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10
Wed: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thu: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Fri: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Sat: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8
Sun: Malachi 3:19-20a; Luke 21:5-19

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 8	5:30 p.m.	Poor Souls Novena
Sun	Nov 9	7:00 a.m.	Poor Souls Novena
Sun	Nov 9	9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls Novena
Mon	Nov 10	5:30 p.m.	Poor Souls Novena
Tues	Nov 11	8:10 a.m.	Lawrence+ (anniv) & Norma Lang, Bertha Lang+, Kenny Augustine+, Godfrey & Lillie Lang+ and John M. & Clara Augustine+ Families (liv/dec)
Wed	Nov 12	8:10 a.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (l/d)
Thurs	Nov 13	8:10 a.m.	Thomas & Tillie Windholz+ Family (l/d)
Fri	Nov 14	8:10 a.m.	Irvin & Darlene Werth+
Sat	Nov 15	5:30 p.m.	Rose Egger+
Sun	Nov 16	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 16	9:00 a.m.	Manny Befort+ (anniv) and John & Agnes Befort+ Families (liv/dec)

Ministries for November 15 & 16

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Brian Serpan
Presentation of Gifts	Brian & Michele Frickey Family	Brandon & Jordan Gabel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Peggy Seibel Curtis Weber Paula Wasinger
Servers	Brecklynn Fischer	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Emily Mattheyer	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson James Rome, Alyssa Rome Clarence Rupp	<i>Needing Volunteers</i>

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	November 16 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	November 14 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	November 16 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	November 15 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. November 16 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	November	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber
Coffee & Donuts Honas	November 9	Gary & Sheryl Luea

Meetings & Events

Sun	November 9	Take Your Picture with Leann's Photos Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass
Tues	November 11	Veterans Day
Wed	November 12	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	November 13	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Fri	November 14	No School (Diocesan Teacher In-Service)
Sat	November 15	Take Your Picture with Leann's Photos
Mon	November 17	Advanced Giving for #iGiveCatholic begins

Parish Announcements

- **Church Directory Photos:** Leann's Photos are busy taking photos this weekend with a full weekend—however, if you missed getting scheduled and would like to have your family photo taken professionally, please call the Emily at the Parish Office on Monday...there are only a few spots open for next Saturday, Nov. 15th! **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 no later than December 1st.
- **YDisciples:** Session 3 is on deck for this week's group discussion! Come enjoy a great meal before we dive into discussion on the final video of "Created & Claimed" this Wednesday! Bring a friend!
- **SAVE THE DATE for #iGiveCatholic 2025!** St. Mary's Church & School are proud to announce that we will be participating in the worldwide campaign again this year! More information should be reaching your mailbox very soon! We are only ONE WEEK away from Advanced Giving Days which begin on Monday, Nov. 17th! The annual campaign day is Giving Tuesday, December 2nd! We've got some exciting new on how your donations can be MATCHED! Be sure to pick up a bulletin next week!
- **Time & Talent Forms:** We are working on getting our annual Time & Talent forms ready to mail to all of you! Please prayerfully consider volunteering, sharing your time and talents with the parish!
- **Parish Council Minutes** have been uploaded to the church website from our October meeting.

Notes from the Pastor

“In Increased Offertory Program: Shining a Light on Growing Generosity.” Phase 3 of the program is the Commitment Phase. Letters were mailed out Friday which includes an Increased Offertory Brochure and a Commitment Card. We ask that you read the brochure and fill out the commitment card and return to us.

Remembering Prayer Service. Thanks for all who attended this service. We had about 90 people there.

#iGiveCatholic. Advanced Giving begins on Monday, November 17, with Giving Tuesday on December 2nd. Show your support for our church and school by taking advantage of this opportunity.

2026 Calendars are available on the tables in the back of the church.

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
11/17 (Mon)	#iGiveCatholic Advance Giving Begins
11/23 (Sun)	Feast of Christ the King
11/27 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 8:10am
11/30 (Sun)	Advent begins
12/2 (Tues)	#iGiveCatholic Giving Day
12/7 (Sun)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm
12/8 (Mon)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception. <i>Holyday</i> Masses @ 7:00am, 8:10am, & 5:30pm
12/24 (Wed)	Christmas Eve Masses @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm
12/25 (Thu)	Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
12/31 (Wed)	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm
1/1 (Thu)	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God <i>Holyday</i> Masses @ 7:00am & 9:00am

Catechism Trivia

13. In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur? Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form. *Further reading: CCC 76*

14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture? Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation. *Further reading: CCC 80-82, 97*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus November Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 12th at 7:00pm. Cards to follow.
- **Daughters of Isabella Thanksgiving Potluck:** All members are invited to attend our annual Thanksgiving Potluck on Thursday, November 13th at 6:00pm at the Knights Hall. We ask if you plan to attend to please bring a dessert or salad! Business meeting will follow at 6:30pm.
- **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!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Gilbert Augustine**, who passed away on November 2, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, 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, 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.**

“Without heroes, we are all plain people,  
and don’t know how far we can go.”

*-Bernard Malamud*

**THANK YOU, VETERANS**  
*for your service.*

### Parish Offering: November 1 & 2

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,307.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$7,322.68

**Total Giving.....\$8,629.68**

**This weekend’s collection is above by \$1,784.68**

## *School Announcements*

### Tuesday, November 11: Veterans Day

Veterans Day program at 10:30am

### Friday, November 14

No School

- **All Saints Day Festival:** The 6th Grade Class hosted an All Saints Day Festival last week for the entire school to enjoy! Be sure to ask them about their saints when you see them. Saints represented were: St. Carlo Acutis, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Irma Duce, St. Sebastian, St. Luke, St. Fiacre, St. Martha and St. Mary Magdalene. ▶▶▶▶
- **Mark Your Calendars: St. Mary's School Carnival 2026:** The St. Mary's Home & School Association is in the planning stages of the annual School Carnival and Soup Luncheon set for Sunday, January 25, 2026! The day will be full of soup, carnival games and raffle! We are currently taking donations for Prize Central and the Raffle! If you would like to donate, we ask that all items be brand new. Please deliver them to the school no later than January 16, 2026. If you have questions, please contact Bailey Dinkel (785-259-1858) or Megan Honas (785-650-1041). Watch the bulletin for more ways to help in the weeks ahead! We appreciate your continued support!



## *Community Announcements*

- **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!



**Veterans Day Ceremony at Ellis High School:** The Ellis High School KAY organization is hosting the Annual veterans Day Ceremony on **Tuesday, November 11th** at 9:00am in the Ellis Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasium. All veterans, families and community members are invited to honor those who have served.

- **Ellis Nutrition Center is Selling Holiday Pies and Offering Holiday Photos:** The Ellis Nutrition Center has two fundraisers happening NOW! **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. **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!



**Christmas Light Installation:** This Christmas season, Cole Feldt is offering Christmas light installation in Hays and surrounding town, including Ellis! Whether you don't have time, can't get on your roof anymore, or just don't know how, he is ready to help! Call or text Cole at 785-656-0058 for more information!



**Special Christmas Program:** The most joyful season of the year is just around the corner, and Ellis United Methodist Church is beginning preparations for a special **Christmas Program**—filled with music, praise, and celebration of Christ's birth on Sunday, November 30 at 3:00pm. We want to make the event very special, and **we need your help!** **Now Recruiting: Bell Ringers & Musical Acts:** Whether you're a seasoned performer or someone who simply loves to make music for the Lord, we invite you to be part of this festive and faith-filled event. All ages and styles of sacred or family-friendly Christmas music are welcome! If you're interested in participating—either as a bell ringer or performer, please contact: Katy H. @ 785-623-9398 or email her at [btricks@gbta.net](mailto:btricks@gbta.net).



# From the Diocese



## November: Love for the Poor

We have many relationships in our lives—with our family, our friends, our co-workers, and perhaps even with our favorite sports team! Pope Leo XIV is also inviting us to have a relationship with the poor and those in need.

Recently, our Holy Father issued his first papal exhortation on Love for the Poor. I am not sure how many of you read papal encyclicals. But, I want to encourage you to read this one. It's an easy read and very down-to-earth, consisting of five chapters and 121 paragraphs. It all starts with God's love for us. Pope Leo said his desire is "that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor."

Perhaps we can ask the question, "Who, me? What can I do for the poor?" Saint Mother Teresa went through these questions, too. She said, "I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family! St. Peter, with passion, tells us that "God has filled us with every blessing from the heavens." We give thanks to God for all the blessings bestowed on us. I am reminded of a homily from a bishop who asked one of his retired priests why he is so joyful. The priest shared that when he was 13 years old, on his birthday, he was encouraged to write down all the things that he was grateful to God for. He then said that he had been doing that on his birthday ever since. The list grew, and yes, there were many difficulties and struggles, but giving thanks to God is what he felt gave him peace and joy.

*+ Gerald L. Veneke*

**Dilexi Te**



**Scan to  
read Pope  
Leo XIV's  
first Papal  
Exhortation  
on Love for  
the Poor**



## —Upcoming Events—

■ 11/1

**All Saints' Day**

**Holy Fire**

Beach Schmidt, FHSU, Hays

**S.H. School Auction**

Colby, 6:30p.m.

■ 11/2

**All Souls' Day**

■ 11/4

**Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests**

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 12:05p.m.

■ 11/7

**Teacher's Institute**

St. Mary's, Salina, Mass at 9a.m.

**Catholic Charities**

**Annual Adoption Mass**

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 5p.m.

■ 11/16

**World Day of the Poor**

■ 11/17

**iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving**

■ 11/17-18

**Thanksgiving, Chancery Closed**

■ 11/20-22

**NCYC**

Indianapolis, Indiana

***Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!***

## SAINTS + THEIR FRIENDS

November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints' Day, a day we celebrate all the canonized Saints! Many saints have had friends in Heaven, or with them on Earth, that have helped on their journey. Through roommates, siblings, and strangers, the Holy Spirit has brought about beautiful, sometimes unexpected, sanctifying relationships.

### ST. FRANCIS & ST. CLARE

St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare of Assisi lived in the 1200s. As a teen, Clare was inspired by Francis' preaching. The two grew to love each other deeply.



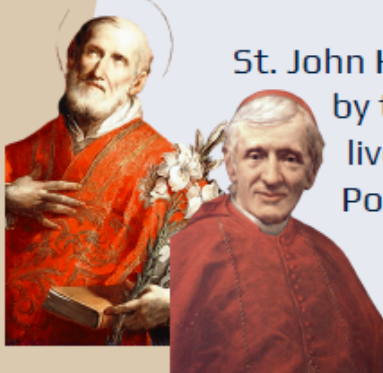
### ST. BENEDICT & ST. SCHOLASTICA

St. Benedict and St. Scholastica were twins! Once, Scholastica prayed that she could talk to her twin for longer- and then it started storming outside, keeping him at the convent longer!



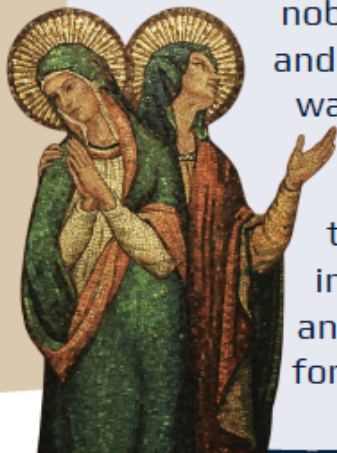
### ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN & ST. PHILLIP NERI

St. John Henry Newman was inspired by the life of St. Phillip Neri, who lived 300yrs before him. Soon, Pope Leo is set to declare John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church!



### ST. PERPETUA & ST. FELICITY

St. Perpetua was a noblewoman, and St. Felicity was a slave. Around the year 200, they were imprisoned and martyred for their faith.



### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS & ST. TERESA OF AVILA

St. Teresa of Avila was 27yrs older than St. John of the Cross, and they both had very different personalities. Yet, they grew to be great, holy friends.



This November, think about all of the people and friends in your life that draw you closer to Heaven. Take some time in prayer to thank God for them! Ask some saint friends to be with you, too.