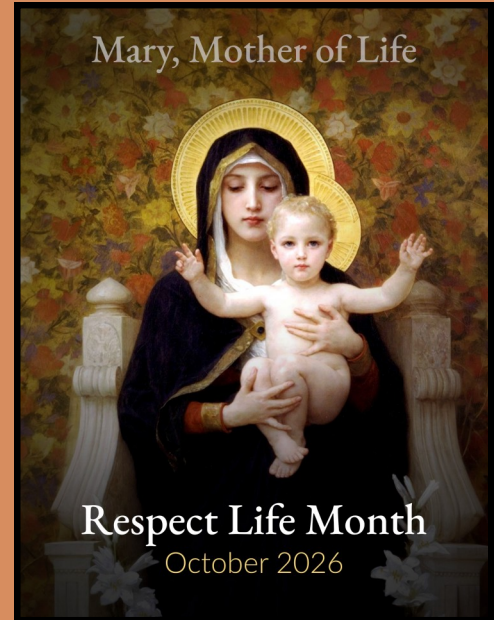


ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 4, 2026
27th 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

October 5 - October 11

Mon: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
Tue: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
Wed: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4
Thu: Galatians 3:1-5, Luke 11:5-13; Luke 11:5-13
Fri: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
Sat: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28
Sun: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 22:1-14

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 3	5:30 p.m.	Don R. Younger+ (anniv)
Sun	Oct 4	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 4	9:00 a.m.	Jarret Johnson+ (anniv)
Mon	Oct 5	8:10 a.m.	Flax-Friess Families (liv/dec)
Tues	Oct 6	8:10 a.m.	Agnes & Pete Plante-Nurse+, Kay Plante+, Tina Patten+, Doug Patten+, Fred Nurse+, and Belinda Shannon+, Families (liv/dec)
Wed	Oct 7	8:10 a.m.	Lewis (anniv) & Betty Augustine+, Lawrence+ & Norma Lang, Roger & Sheila Carper+, Kenny Augustine+ and Eric Augustine
EGSC		8:10 a.m.	Joyce Riedel-Richardson (anniv)
Thurs	Oct 8	10:00 a.m.	Coleen Dinkel+
Fri	Oct 9	8:10 a.m.	Agnes & Pete Plante-Nurse+, Kay Plante+, Tina Patten+, Doug Patten+, Fred Nurse+, and Belinda Shannon+, Families (liv/dec)
Sat	Oct 10	5:30 p.m.	Janice & Leland Werth Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 11	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 11	9:00 a.m.	Janice & Leland Werth Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for October 10 & 11

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
Presentation of Gifts	Sarah & Brecklynn Fischer	Alex & Kelsi Broadway Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Gordon & Geri Augustine Lacie Haas
Servers	Theodore, Oliver, Georgia Meagher	Adalyn & Ainsley Haas Emily Broadway
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Amy Staab	Youth Choir Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	Clarence Rupp Eugene Schuster	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Bailey Dinkel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	October 11 (Sun)	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	October 9 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	October 11 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	October 10 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. October 11 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	October	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Oct. 4	Feast Day of St. Francis Assisi Youth Choir Practice @ 2:00pm
Mon	Oct. 5	Blessing of the Pets @ 2:30pm—Circle Drive
Tues	Oct. 6	SMS 4th Gr. Ag Day in Hays
Thurs	Oct 8	SMS Picture Retakes Eucharistic Adoration: 9am-5pm Daughters of Isabella Meeting @ 6:30pm
Sun	Oct 11	St. Mary's Youth Choir Sings @ 9am Mass Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts

Parish Announcements



St. Mary's Youth Choir Practice is this Sunday, Oct. 4th at 2:00pm in the Church. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, just show up to practice.

- **Blessing of the Pets:** On Monday, October 5th, you are invited to join St. Mary's School students for their annual pet blessing at 2:30pm in the Circle Drive! Bring your pet (or favorite stuffed animal) to be blessed!
- **YDisciples Campfire, S'mores & Jesus:** You are invited to join us for a meal at 6:00pm then we will have a spirit filled fellowship with laughs, devotions and prayer. The same invitation given to us by Jesus alone that we said yes to, is still here waiting for you. Say yes while you have the time. Jesus is calling. Come as you are, and bring a friend too!
- **Second Sunday, Coffee & Donuts next Sunday!** The Autumn air is finally here! Come enjoy donuts, orange juice and warm coffee in the church basement after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, October 11th.

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

- St. Francis of Assisi

Parish Offering: September 19 & 20

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$991.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,796.00

Total Giving.....\$4,787.00

This weekend's collection is under by \$2,504.54

Parish Offering: September 26 & 27

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,039.60

Adult Envelopes.....\$7,630.00

Total Giving.....\$8,669.60

This weekend's collection is over by \$1,378.06

Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life. During the month of October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*. This Sunday, October 4, is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. This year's theme is, "Mary, Mother of Life," demonstrating how the life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Check out the bulletin insert and the Respect for Life pamphlets and materials on "What's on the Table" in the back of the church. We ask Mary's intercession in helping us to recognize the gift of human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service, as we did the last several years, the first Sunday of November, November 1, at 4:00pm for parish family members who have lost a loved one during the past year. We will be compiling a list of names. I'll publish in next week's bulletin the list of names we have so far. If you have a loved who died within the past year, and they are not on the list, please let us know, so we can add them to the list.

Annual Auction. It is hard to believe that our parish auction is just a little less than six months away. Save the Date: Saturday, April 3, 2027. We will be beginning to get things organized very soon. If you are interested in helping in some way or be on a particular committee, let us know.

From the Diocesan Office of Education:

- **Support Your Catholic School — and Receive a 75% Tax Credit.** It is now easier than ever to support Catholic education! Through our partnership with ACE Scholarships, donors can make an online contribution and designate the Catholic school in the Diocese of Salina they would like to support. Eligible donations receive a 75% Kansas State Income Tax Credit, while the funds help provide scholarships for qualifying students to attend our Catholic schools. Our new online giving page is now live, so this is a great time to consider making a gift before the end of the year. Visit the ACE Scholarships giving page to make a gift, or read our recent article, *A New Opportunity to Support Catholic Education*, on the Diocese of Salina website to learn more.

**FORMED.org**
A vast library of Catholic resources,
including movies, documentaries,
audio talks, eBooks, and Bible Studies for all ages,
from children to adults! Check it out! It's FREE!

Parish Organizations

- **"Soup's On" for the Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting:** All members are invited to come to the Knights Hall to enjoy soup with us around the table at 6:00pm before our business meeting starts at 6:30pm.
- **St. Mary's Bible Study:** Our study group has just begun the next session of our Catholic Church History—we'd love to have you join us! We will be digging in to the first several hundred years after Christ's death and resurrection, with all the drama, intrigue, persecutions, saints and sinners galore! You are welcome to jump in now or ANY time, we'll be happy to help you catch up! We gather at 10:30am on Sundays in the church basement. For more info, please contact the Parish Office.
- **Month of the Rosary:** October is dedicated to the Rosary, specifically, October 7th we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We are encouraged to pray the Rosary each day, meditating on the mysteries of the lies of Jesus and Mary. If you wish, you may pray the Rosary in front of Our Lady of Fatima at Leonard's home any time during the month of October. He will be praying the Rosary on Wednesdays in October at 5:00pm, you are welcome to join him. You may also schedule at any time by calling him at 785-726-1278. We are hosting a public rosary rally Tuesday, October 13 at 4:00pm at Ellis Memorial Park. In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is more powerful than private pray to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Thomas "Tom" Zimmerman**, who passed away September 28, 2026. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Baby Noah & Parents,  
Emma Brouk, Preston Browning, Roman Carroll, Ed Collins,  
Marilyn Denning, Fr. Richard Daise, 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,  
Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge,  
Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton,  
Cheryl Noles, Ramona Patten, Shirley Pitner, Kelly Sanderson,  
Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Leonard Schoenberger,  
Cathy Sherfick, Keric Smith, 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**

### **Sunday, October 4**

St. Mary's Youth Choir Practice @ 2:00pm

### **Monday, October 5**

Annual Pet Blessing @ 2:30pm

### **Tuesday, October 6**

4th Graders attend Ag Day in Hays

### **Wednesday, October 7**

Fall Fundraiser Reward Party at FHSU

### **Thursday, October 8**

School Picture Retakes!

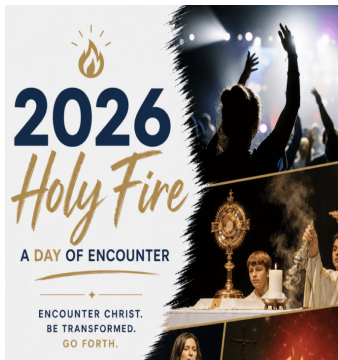


**Annual Pet Blessing on Monday, October 5 at 2:30pm** in the School Circle Drive! Bring your pet (or favorite stuffed animal) for a special blessing celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.

- **Fall Fundraiser Reward Party:** All of St. Mary's students will be treated to a fun afternoon at FHSU on Wednesday, October 7th for a "Job Well Done" on selling chocolate, pizza and trash bags!

## **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, register by visiting <https://salinadiocese.org/event/mass-for-parents-who-have-lost-a-child/>.



**Save The Date! Holy Fire**, a day of encounter, will be on November 7th, 2026 in Hays! This is an event for our 6th-8th grade students. There will be more details coming soon, but be sure to mark the date on your calendar! This was a very powerful event for our Junior High Students last year. We would love to see you there!

## **Community Announcements**

- **Ellis Community Clean-Up begins:** The City of Ellis will be conducting their annual Community Clean-Up beginning, Monday, Oct. 5th. Items must be out before 8am on October 5th. For more info, visit City of Ellis' Facebook page or call the Public Works Dept. at 785-726-4741 or 1741.
- **Ellis 5th Quarter Night** will be October 18th following the home football game at the Ellis United Methodist Church! It's FREE for all EHS Students! Come enjoy food, prizes and games!



### **Youth Scholarship Opportunities:**

The VFW Department of Kansas encourages students in the 6th-12th grades to participate in this year's **Patriot's Pen** and **Voice of Democracy** scholarship competitions! This year's theme is: "What a Veteran Taught Me About America." The Patriots Pen scholarship is for students grades 6-8; a written essay contest (300-400 words), sharing your thoughts on this year's patriotic theme. National awards up to \$5,000. The Voice of Democracy is for students in grades 9-12 and is an audio essay competition (record a 3-5 minute original audio essay) Compete for more than \$2 million in scholarship National First Place Scholarship is \$35,000. Submit your completed entry to your local VFW Post by October 31, 2026. These programs give Kansas students an opportunity to share their voices, reflect on the impact of our nation's veterans, and compete for scholarships at the local, state, and national levels. For more info about these scholarships and requirements, visit: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>.

## ***Please join us in praying the Rosary for America!***

**Tuesday, October 13, 2026**

**Ellis Memorial Park**

**4:00pm**

***This a whole family event.  
Bring your rosary, lawn chair  
and/or blanket.***

In case of inclement weather,  
we will meet at Leonard's house!  
Watch St. Mary's Church Facebook page  
for updates.

***"You shall obtain all you ask of me  
by the recitation of the Rosary."  
The Mother of God***



# Mary, Mother of Life



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

**Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”**

*Evangelium vitae*

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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