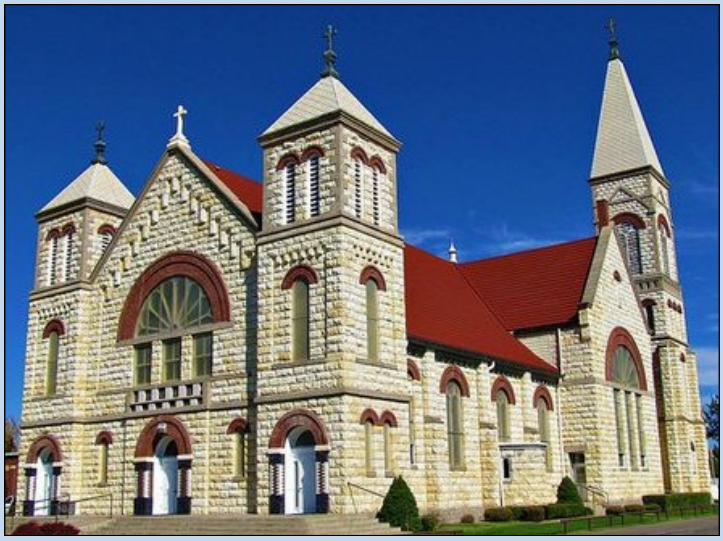
St. Mary's Parish

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

November 15, 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Parish: www.stmarysofellis.org
Diocese: http://salinadiocese.org

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, begins May 2027

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 16 - November 22

Mon: Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
Tue: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
Wed: Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
Thurs: Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
Fri: revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
Sat: Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
Sun: Revelation5:12; 1-6; Matthew 25:31-46

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 14	5:30 p.m.	Larry Dinkel+
Sun	Nov 15	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 15	9:00 a.m.	Manny Befort+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Mon	Nov 16	5:30 p.m.	George P. Jacobs+
Tues	Nov 17	8:10 a.m.	Thomas & Bertillie Windholz+ Family (l/d)
Wed	Nov 18	8:10 a.m.	Richard Geschwentner+
	EGSC	8:10 a.m.	Rose Dorzweiler+
Thurs	Nov 19	8:10 a.m.	Henry & Miriam Zody+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Nov 20	8:10 a.m.	Janet Augustine+
Sat	Nov 21	5:30 p.m.	Art Balthazor+ and Phyllis Murphy+
Sun	Nov 22	7:00 a.m.	Rosemary Pfeifer+ (anniv)
Sun	Nov 22	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for November 21 & 22

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Pat & Diane Kuhn	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld Paula Wasinger
Servers	Aschenbrenner/ Swagery Siblings	Hunter, Breckyn, Brielle Honas
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Sophie Seibel Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Roberta Augustine	Cody & Megan Honas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	November 22 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	November 20 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	November 22 (Sun) 10:00a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	November 21 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. November 22 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Andrea Zody Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	November	Lisa Weber Helen Fischer

Meetings & Events

Sun	Nov. 15	Auction Procurement Gathering @ 5:30pm
Mon	Nov 16	**Advanced Giving for #iGiveCatholic begins**
Thurs	Nov 19	Eucharistic Adoration: 9am-5pm
Fri	Nov 20	SMS Free-Dress Friday!
Mon	Nov. 23	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **YDisciples:** You are invited to attend our "Tied Together," blanket-making service project on Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:00pm with a meal. We will be making "cut-and-tie" fleece blankets to donate to surrounding hospitals. Together we make a difference!

- **Advanced Giving Days for #iGiveCatholic 2026 begins on Monday, November 16th!** Who will be our first donor?!? Hopefully you have received the mailing about St. Mary's School and Church participant in #iGiveCatholic for it's 8th year! But in case you haven't, we've included a bulletin insert with most of the details you'll need to know before tomorrow's Advanced Giving Day begins. We have over $10,000 of matching funds available to *DOUBLE* your gifts through the Advanced Giving Days and Giving Tuesday! You may give a monetary gift by either dropping it in the collection basket, stopping by the Parish Office or sending it via mail, or you may give online. Use the QR code on the back of the bulletin or the insert to visit our profile page!

- **Time & Talent Renewal Forms:** Please watch your mail for the upcoming annual Time & Talent forms that were mailed out last week! Please take time to review it and return back to the Parish Office in a timely manner for planning for the upcoming year. Emily forgot to put a deadline on when to have them returned back to her office, so help us spread the word: Monday, December 7th! This will allow her enough time to schedule for 2027 and have them out to you before the end of the year! Prayerfully consider volunteering and sharing you & your family's time and talents with the parish!

Parish Offering: November 7 & 8

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27: $7,291.54
Offertory Loose Plate…….$1,122.00
Adult Envelopes…….$7,189.00
Total Giving…….....$8,311.00
This weekend's collection is above by $1,019.46

Did you know if you attend Mass at any church of the Heartland Parishes: You can put your SMC envelope in their collection and it will be sent to SMC? In other words, if you find yourself attending Mass at another parish in the area, it would be safe to say your tithing envelope will make it back to SMC!

Notes from the Pastor

#iGiveCatholic. Advanced Giving begins this Monday, November 16, with Giving Tuesday on December 1st. Show your support for our church and school by taking advantage of this opportunity.

Thanksgiving Holiday Mass Time. Thanksgiving Day is approaching fast. We will celebrate Mass on Thursday, November 26 at 8:10am, our regular daily Mass time. This is a good time to come and thank God for his many blessings.

Auction Update ("The Fabulous Fifties"). Save the Date magnets were mailed out Friday to potential businesses and all parishioners. The Procurement Committee met for the first time last Sunday. We are meeting again this Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 5:30pm in the church basement to continue brainstorming and strategizing. We can use more help. Please consider joining us! It is a lot of fun! During this meeting we will:

- Brainstorm and begin categorizing desired items, building a "wish list" of items.
- Analyze past event sales data to identify which items historically had the highest bids and went well.
- Begin to review and update lists of past donors, sponsors and local businesses.
- Review a business donation request draft letter and donation forms.

Did You Know? Fifties Trivia

★ *I Love Lucy* premiered on CBS in 1951, starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz.
★ DJ Alan Freed popularized the term "rock and roll". Elvis Presley rose to global stardom with hits like "Hound Dog" and "Jailhouse Rock."
★ Walt Disney's first theme park opened its doors in Anaheim, CA on July 17, 1955.
★ The Hula Hoop became a massive nationwide craze in 1957/1958 .
★ Barbie made her official debut at the American International Toy Fair in 1959.
★ The very first universal credit card, the Diners Club card, was introduced in 1950.

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
11/16 Mon)	#iGiveCatholic Advance Giving Begins
11/22 (Sun)	Feast of Christ the King
11/26 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Mass @ 8:10am
11/29 (Sun)	Advent begins
12/1 (Tues)	#iGiveCatholic Giving Day

Have a good week! ***Fr. Dana***

Parish Organizations

- **Ellis K of C Christmas Cash Drawing** is happening NOW! Get your tickets from a Knights of Columbus member! The guys are giving away TEN DAYS of Winnings in December! Daily drawings for cash prizes will begin on December 1st. Get your ticket(s) today for a donation of $20.00 per chance by contacting a Knight. For more information call Gary K. (785-726-1400) or Allen W. (785-249-8543). More info will be shared as drawing gets closer!

- **Giving Gift Trees:** Next weekend we will have our annual Gift Giving Trees set up at the front entrance of the church. One tree will be for the Ellis Food Box Christmas *Warming Hearts,* gifts are for children in need of warm clothing this winter season. The other will be the *Angel Tree* for the Ellis Good Samaritan Residents. If you are able, please pick a gold heart and/ or angel from the trees! More information about each of the trees will be in next week's bulletin.

"The voice of God is the one that most challenges and stretches us, even as it is the only voice that ultimately soothes and comforts us."

Ronald Rolheiser
Prayer: Or Deepest Longing,
Dynamic Catholic

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulation to ***Chet Leland Pfeifer,***
who was baptized here on November 8, 2026.
Son of Kyle & Baylee (Werth) Pfefier.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Preston Browning, Roman Carroll, Ed Collins, Marilyn Denning, Fr. Richard Daise, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Bob Gabel, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Nathan Honas, Rob Hrabe, 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, Lee Stueve, Tanner Sullivan, Mary Ann Taylor, 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



- **LOFT Lunch with a Veteran:** Veterans Day was extra special for the First Grade Class as they hosted Mr. Swede Holmgren, a Vietnam Veteran, at their LOFT Lunch. The students loved all his stories and experiences he shared, along with a 49-star American flat that he proudly owns! Each student colored a picture with a message for him and shared their stories with him too!

- **Help Us Feed Others In Need:** Let's help replenish the Ellis Food Box Pantry by bringing canned food or other non-perishable items to school! We will collect this week and take what is collected to the Food Box Pantry before Thanksgiving Break.





FREE DRESS FRIDAYS begin November 20th! The Dominic Savio Club is hosting "Free-Dress Fridays" beginning November 20th–December 18th. For $1.00 each week, students and staff may take part in Free Dress Fridays (following handbook guidelines). Proceeds will help with Dominic Savio Christmas projects.

- **Seeking Donations for Prize & Raffle Items:** As many know, our annual School Carnival is coming up in January 2027! We are currently taking donations for Prize Central and the Raffle! If you would like to donate items, we ask that all items be brand new. Please deliver them to the school no later than January 15, 2027. If you have any questions, please contact Bailey D. (785-259-1858) or Megan H. (785-650-1041). Watch the bulletin for more ways to help in the weeks ahead. We appreciate your continued support!

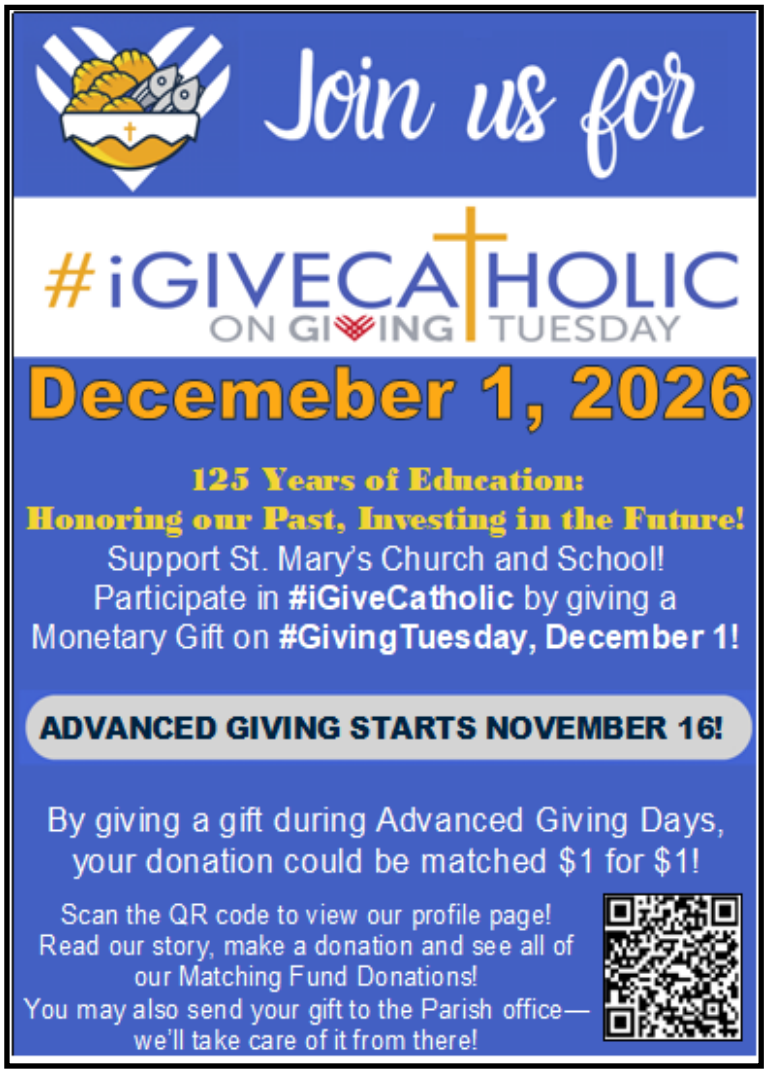
Community Announcements



Free Community Thanksgiving Day Meal: You and your family are invited to attend a *Thanksgiving Day Free Meal*, sponsored by a St. Mary's Parishioner. The meal will be held from 11:00am-2:00pm, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall, 1013 Washington Street, Ellis. No reservations are required; the meal is first-come, first-served for 100 people. If you need a ride or a meal delivered, please call Barney B. at 785-623-0528 by November 24th.



Ellis High School Alumni Cash Bash: The EHS Alumni Association has Cash Bash tickets available now through December 9th, or until sold out! Tickets are $10.00 donation each! There are only 400 tickets available! Drawing will be the week of December 10-18; (3) $50.00 winners daily LIVE on the EHS Alumni Facebook page. Each daily winning ticket will be put back in the hopper so you have multiple chances to win. On December 19th, there will be a grand prize drawing and some lucky person will win $250. Contact a EHSAA Board Member or VENMO @EHS-Alumni to get your tickets!



Join us for

#iGIVECATHOLIC ON GIVING TUESDAY

Decemeber 1, 2026

125 Years of Education:
Honoring our Past, Investing in the Future!

Support St. Mary's Church and School!
Participate in **#iGiveCatholic** by giving a Monetary Gift on **#GivingTuesday, December 1!**

ADVANCED GIVING STARTS NOVEMBER 16!

By giving a gift during Advanced Giving Days, your donation could be matched $1 for $1!

The back page gives you details on how to donate!
Scan the QR code to view our profile page!
Read our story, make a donation and see all of our Matching Fund Donations!
You may also send your gift to the Parish Office—we'll take care of it from there!

SCAN ME

What is #iGiveCatholic Campaign?

#iGiveCatholic is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation (and the globe!) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools and ministries in participating arch/ dioceses. Why host a day of Catholic Giving on #GivingTuesday? We have a day for giving thanks. We have two days for purchasing gifts for loved ones – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Beginning its 14th year, #GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to generosity fueled by the power of social media, collaborating, and a lot of publicity. #GivingTuesday also kicks off the charitable season when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. This year's #iGiveCatholic takes place on #GivingTuesday, December 1, from 12:00am to 11:59pm for gifts given online or offline through a donation of cash or check directly to the Catholic organization of the donor's choice. In addition, there is an Advanced Giving Day phase for both online and offline "pre-Giving Day" gifts running from 12:00am on Monday, November 16 through 11:59pm on Monday, November 30.

We Have Matching Funds

- **St. Mary's Home & School Association:** This organization, made up of parents of our school students, has made a donation of $2,000 for St. Mary Church & School to match your gifts up to $2,000 during the Advanced Giving Days, beginning November 16th. (Gifts will be matched $1 for $1, while funds last, with a maximum match of $250 per donor).
- The family of a deceased member of St. Mary's decided to give back to St. Mary's Church & School **In Memory of a Faithful Member of St. Mary's** by making a donation of $3,000 as matching funds during the Advanced Giving Days. (Gifts will be matched $1 for $1, up to $250 per donor.) *This matching fund will begin once the Home & School Association match donation has been fulfilled.*
- **Ellis Knights of Columbus Council #2133:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus Council has offered to match up to $5,000 for St. Mary Church & School. Gifts will be matched $1 for $1 while funds last, with a maximum match per donor of $500. *These matching funds will begin once the In Memory of a Faithful Member Matching Gift donation has been fulfilled.*
- The **Ellis Daughters of Isabella, St. Gilbert Circle #323** has offered a match ***only on Tuesday, December 1st between 11:00am-1:05pm!*** They challenge you to a ***125-Minute Challenge***, a flash donation lasting exactly 125 minutes to raise funds for St. Mary's Church & School! Gifts will be matched $1 for $1 up, while funds last, with a maximum match per donor of $100. *This matching fund will pause the Knights of Columbus match donation if it is not yet fulfilled.*

To take advantage of the matching funds, we invite you to donate early.
Advanced Giving Days open on Monday, November 16 at 12:00am through December12 at 11:59pm.

How to Donate:

ONLINE (*using your credit card or bank transfer*):

1. Visit: salina.igivecatholic.org
2. Search for our site: St. Mary Church and School (Ellis)
3. Select: DONATE
4. Select / Enter a donation amount and answer the optional questions

** You are welcome to read our story, share our profile with family and friends!

OFF LINE (*cash or check):*

You may donate a monetary gift of cash or check to St. Mary's Parish. You may drop it off or send it to the Parish Office, or drop it into the collect basket (please indicate #iGiveCatholic in the memo line). We will enter your gift into the system for you!

St. Mary's
We achieve.
We believe.
We care.

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