

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 15, 2023
28th 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 21 - Sept. 10, 2023

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 16 - October 22

Mon: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tue: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Wed: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9

Thu: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Fri: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Sat: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12

Sun: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Matthew 22:15-22

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Emily Mattheyer
School Principal	Mrs. Patti Park
Pastoral Council President	Mr. John Zody
Liturgy Chairpersons	Ruth Bollig and Alyson Johnson
Finance Council President	Mr. Melvin Augustine
School Council President	Mr. Matt Fondoble
Home & School President	Mrs. Jenni Bongartz
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 14	4:00 p.m.	LeRoy Steckline+
Sun	Oct 15	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 15	9:00 a.m.	Joseph & Mary Weber+
Mon	Oct 16	5:30 p.m.	Syl & Jeannie+ Rome
Tues	Oct 17	8:10 a.m.	Otto & Philemena Berens+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Oct 18	8:10 a.m.	Eugene & Melba Engel+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Members of Daughters of Isabella (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 19	8:10 a.m.	Dennis Schoenthaler+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Oct 20	8:10 a.m.	Lewis (anniv) & Betty Augustine+ Family, Eric+ (anniv) & Danielle Augustine, Scott & Jolene Augustine, and Kenny Augustine+
Sat	Oct 21	5:30 p.m.	John & Alice Gabel+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 22	7:00 a.m.	Cathy Katina+ (anniv) Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 22	9:00 a.m.	Laurian Leiker+ Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for October 21 & 22

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	Clarence Rupp Margaret Metzler	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Sarah Eck Mindy Eck (NEED A VOLUNTEER)
Servers	Rylan & Chase Aschenbrenner Willow Swagerty	John Hickert Jocelyn & Olivia Eck
Cantor / Musician	Lacie & Adalyn Haas	Amy Staab Cheryl Lang
Ushers & Greeters	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family Roberta Augustine	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Brad Deines Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Oct. 22 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	Oct. 20 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Oct. 22 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Oct. 21 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Oct. 22 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Josita Dreiling

Meetings & Events

Sun	Oct. 15	Pick Up Auction Items 9-11am Musicians' Meeting @ 10am
Thurs	Oct. 19	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm SMS to FHSU for Rewards Party

Parish Announcements

- **Pick Up your Auction Winnings on Today!** If you are unable to take your items home with you after the auction, please make arrangements to pick up your items on Sunday, Oct. 15th from 9-11am in the school gym!
- **Musician's Meeting, Sunday, Oct. 15:** Musicians and Cantors, we will have a meeting on Oct. 15th in the Rectory to schedule Advent, Christmas and through January. Please bring your calendars and holiday plans!
- **Weekly Collection:** It's been a busy week in the Parish Office, we apologize we didn't get the Weekly Collection from last week counted in time for print of the bulletin. Last week and this week's totals will be included in next week's bulletin!
- **World Mission Sunday Collection** will take place next weekend, October 21-22 at all masses.

School Announcements

October 17—Birthday Mass & Lunch
October 19—Pumpkin Patch Field Trips
 FHSU Reward Party
October 20—Early Dismissal at 12:40pm

- **No More Shorts or Sandals:** We are officially in the fall/winter months, just a reminder students are not allowed to wear shorts or sandals to school until the Spring.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are coming up. Please be sure to sign up for a time to visit with the teachers! A SwiftReach email was sent to all parents earlier this week!
- **Fleece Tie Blankets for Ellis Good Sam:** Students will soon be working on a project for Ellis Good Sam! We will be making fleece tie blankets for the residents and are looking for donations of fleece! If you can help us with this project, approximately 4 yards will be needed to make each blanket. Donations may be dropped off at the school or in the box in the back of church until October 20! We appreciate your help with this project!

Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life Month. Check out the insert “Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide” and table in the back of the church. Also check out the display in the back of the church.

World Mission Sunday Collection. World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 22. On this day, the entire Church comes together to support various mission works. Donations for World Mission Sunday are collected at Masses across the world and given in support of hospitals, schools & vocations.

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service on Sunday, November 5 at 4:00pm for parish family members who have lost a loved one during the past year. At the prayer service, the name of the deceased will be announced and family members who are attending will come up and light a candle for their loved one. The prayer service concludes with the Way of the Cross in Time of Grief. Candles will have the name of the deceased on it, and at the end of the service families can take the candle they lit home with them. All members of the parish are invited to attend, even if they have no loved ones to remember. Below is a list of names I have. If I’m missing someone, or if you have a loved one you want remembered on this day who passed away during the past year, let us know and we will add them to our list:

*Mary Lou Schoenberger, Eddie Lang, Terry Gnad,
Bernette Stadelman, Marcella (Sally) Flax,
John Landauer, Freda Wiesner, Paul Dreiling,
Nila Mae Winder, Robert Nick Dreiling, Tom Wasinger,
Thomas L Boos, Riley Clark, Christopher Groff,
Johanna Gnad, Duane Riedel, and Gertrud Begler.*

Catholic Trivia

345. What is required when one of the spouses is not a Catholic? A mixed marriage (between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic) needs for liceity the permission of ecclesiastical authority. In a case of disparity of cult (between a Catholic and a non-baptized person) a dispensation is required for validity. In both cases, it is essential that the spouses do not exclude the acceptance of the essential ends and properties of marriage. It is also necessary for the Catholic party to accept the obligation, of which the non-Catholic party has been advised, to persevere in the faith and to assure the baptism and Catholic education of their children. *Further reading: CCC 1633-1637*

346. What are the effects of the sacrament of Matrimony? The sacrament of Matrimony establishes a perpetual and exclusive bond between the spouses. God himself seals the consent of the spouses. Therefore, a marriage which is ratified and consummated between baptized persons can never be dissolved. Furthermore, this sacrament bestows upon the spouses the grace necessary to attain holiness in their married life and to accept responsibly the gift of children and provide for their education. *Further reading: CCC 1638-1642*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Ask-a-Priest.** If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, or if you’ve been asked a question about a Catholic Church teaching and you’re stumped on how to respond, now you have a way to get your question answered anonymously from Fr. Fred Gatschet, Vicar General for the Diocese of Salina. Just go to dvmercy.com and click on the “Ask-a-Priest” banner. There, you can submit your question which will be answered on an upcoming episode of the Double-Edged Sword Program on Divine Mercy Radio. Check back often for upcoming show times.



- **Rachel's Vineyard of the Salina Diocese.** Women and men of abortion, weep no more. Jesus is calling you to follow Him. Give yourself the gift of a retreat weekend. *Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.* Next retreat: November 3-5, 2023. All information is confidential. To RSVP, please call 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383) or email rachels-vineyard@salinadiocese.org.

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Christopher Groff who passed away September 25th,**
Riley Clark, who passed away October 4th,
Johanna Gnad, who passed away October 8th.
May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Congratulations! **Eli Nicolas Schartz**, who was baptized here on October 8th. Son of Michael & Beth (Augustine) Schartz.

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Dean Augustine, Gilbert Augustine, Juanita Augustine, Mark Boos, Ken Collins, Janice Collins, Dianne Durler, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Lawdy Herman, Nathan Hively, Rob Hrabe, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Doug Kingsley, Clifford Kreutzer, Agneta Kuhn, Lucille Kuhn, Irene LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Holly Metzler, Bob Mickelson, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Jeanna Plante, Megan Ptscheck, Doug Rohr, Toyna Sterling, Tanner Sullivan, Marlene Tribble, 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.

Community Announcements

- **Fifth Quarter, Friday, Oct. 20th for EHS Students:** High School students, make plans to head down to the Ellis United Methodist Church after the football game on Friday night for food, fun, games, and prizes!!!
 - **Trick or Treat So Other's Can Eat** is planned for Sunday, October 22 from 4:00-6:00pm in Ellis. Residents can either put their donations on their porches for pick up or know that we will be knocking on doors if there is nothing on their porch. For donation pick up they can contact Audrey Schoenberger at 785-726-1021. This event is sponsored by Chapter FO of PEO and other Community Organizations Ellis Sunflowers, EHS's FFA Chapter, FCCLA, and KAYS Groups.
 - **High School Candy Dash:** EHS Students ONLY are invited to attend the Ellis Rec.'s High School Candy Dash on Wednesday, October 25th at 8:45pm at the K-18 Baseball Field. Bring your flashlight and grab candy and cool prizes!
 - **Mark your Calendars and Sign up for Christmas Food Boxes:** The next Ellis Food Pantry will hold a distribution on Monday, October 30th (This will be for November's distribution). If you are in the need of extra food during the holidays, now is your time to sign up for the Christmas Food Boxes!!!
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"The Rosary will focus you. It will calm your heart, mind, and spirit so you can hear the voice of God. It will open your heart so you can recognize him at work in your life."

- Matthew Kelly *Rediscover the Rosary*

See You at the Pole Highlights



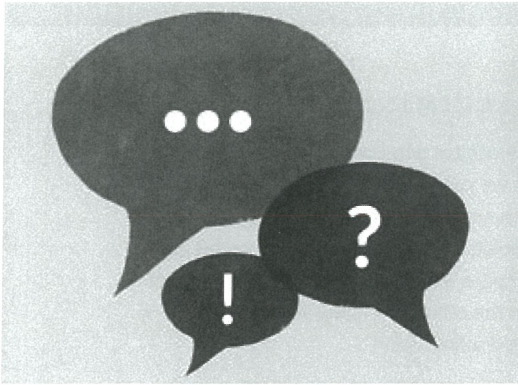
The YDisciples created their own rendition of See You at the Pole on Wednesday, Sept. 27th.

After gathering for a meal together, they took their rosaries and stopped at St. Mary's School, Ellis Memorial Park, Washington Grade School, Ellis Good Samaritan Center and Ellis High School, praying a decant of the rosary at each location.



See You at the Pole, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. Decades later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September. It is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God.

See you at the Pole is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event.



Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

The deadly and dangerous practice of assisted suicide is now legal in five states (Oregon, Washington, Vermont, California, and Colorado) and the District of Columbia, our nation's capital.¹ With new momentum and lots of money, assisted suicide proponents are pursuing an aggressive nationwide campaign to advance their agenda through legislation, ballot measures, litigation, and public advertising, targeting states they see as most susceptible to their message. Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. But the same polls show that when the public learns about the dangers of assisted suicide, especially for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care, their views shift against the practice. The following dangers are among the top reasons to oppose assisted suicide.

A DEADLY MIX WITH OUR PROFIT-DRIVEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

- Some patients in Oregon and California have received word that their health insurance will pay for assisted suicide but will not pay for treatment that may sustain their lives.^{2 & 3}

PUTS VULNERABLE PERSONS AT RISK OF ABUSE AND COERCION

- Once lethal drugs have been prescribed, assisted suicide laws have *no* requirements for assessing the patient's consent, competency, or voluntariness. Who would know if the drugs are freely taken since there is no supervision or tracking of the drugs once they leave the pharmacy and no witnesses are required at the time of death? Despite a reporting system designed to conceal rather than detect abuses, reports of undue influence have nonetheless surfaced in Oregon.⁴

- Elder abuse is considered a major health problem in the United States, with federal estimates that one in ten elder persons are abused.⁵ Placing lethal drugs into the hands of abusers generates an additional major risk to elder persons.
- Assisted suicide laws often allow one of the two witnesses to the request for lethal drugs to be an heir to the patient's estate. Therefore, an heir or friends of the heir can encourage or pressure the patient to request lethal drugs and then be a witness to the request.

DANGEROUSLY BROAD DEFINITION OF TERMINAL ILLNESS

- Assisted suicide laws typically appear to limit eligibility to terminally ill patients who are expected to die within six months but don't distinguish between persons who will die within six months *with treatment* and those who will die within six months *without treatment*. This means that patients with treatable diseases (like diabetes or chronic respiratory or cardiac disease) and patients with disabilities requiring ventilator support are all eligible for lethal drugs because they would die within six months without the treatment they would normally receive.

PAIN NOT THE PRIMARY ISSUE

Untreated pain is not among the top reasons for taking lethal drugs. Per official annual state reports, in 2016, 90% of Oregon patients seeking lethal drugs said they were doing so because they were "less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable" and were "losing autonomy," and 49% cited being a "burden" on family, friends or caregivers. And in Washington, 52% cited being a "burden" as a reason, while only 35% cited a concern about pain.

NO PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION OR TREATMENT REQUIRED

- Despite medical literature showing that nearly 95% of those who commit suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric illness (usually treatable depression) in the months preceding suicide,⁶ the prescribing doctor and the doctor he or she selects to give a second opinion are both free to decide whether to refer suicidal patients for any psychological counseling. Per Oregon's official annual

