

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 22, 2023
29th 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 23 - October 29

Mon: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21
Tue: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wed: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
Thu: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Fri: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
Sat: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Sun: Exodus 22:20-26; Matthew 22:34-40

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 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)
Mon	Oct 23	5:30 p.m.	Barbara Wolf+
Tues	Oct 24	8:10 a.m.	Ralph Waldschmidt+
Wed	Oct 25	8:10 a.m.	Jake & Regina Dreiling+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Bertha Riedel+
Thurs	Oct 26	8:10 a.m.	Eddie (anniv) & Fidela Honas+
Fri	Oct 27	8:10 a.m.	Delbert Moeder+
Sat	Oct 28	5:30 p.m.	Bailey DeSjarlais+
Sun	Oct 29	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 29	9:00 a.m.	Alex Riedel+ (anniv)

Ministries for October 28 & 29

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Perry Mick	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	James & Sandy Rome Family	Jordan & Emily Mattheyer Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Sharon Bittel Duane Dorzweiler	Jackie Flax Peggy Seibel Curtis Weber
Servers	Jaren Frickey	Emma Flax Dominic & Isabelle Fondoble
Cantor / Musician	Men's Choir	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family Roberta Augustine	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning Brad Deines Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Oct. 29 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Joe Hertel
Communion to Homebound	Oct. 27 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Oct. 29 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	Oct. 28 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Oct. 29 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Craig Seibel

Parish Offering: Weekend of Oct. 7 & 8

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$7,433.34
 Offertory Loose Plate.....\$706.75
 Adult Envelopes.....\$4,497.00
Total Giving this week.....\$5,203.75
For this weekend the collection is under by \$2,229.59.

Meetings & Events

Mon	Oct. 23	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Thurs	Oct. 26	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm
Sun	Oct. 29	Guitar Practice after 9am Mass

Parish Announcements

- **World Mission Sunday Collection.** World Mission Sunday is this weekend, October 21-22. This weekend is when 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.
- **Parish Council Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 23 at 7:00pm in the Rectory. If you are interested in taking part in the discussion for the best of the parish, please join us to see what it's all about! We are in search of parishioners to join the council.
- **YDisciples!** Come share the love with our elderly friends at Good Samaritan as we host a Fall Fun Festival for them this coming Wednesday, October 25th. Meet at Good Samaritan at 6:30pm for pizza with good memories to follow!!!

Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Duane Riedel**, who passed away August 11. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Dean Augustine, Gilbert Augustine, Juanita Augustine, Mark Boos, Ken Collins, Janice Collins, Patty Dreiling, Dianne Durler, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Lawdy Herman, Nathan Hively, Rob Hrahe, 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 Ptascheck, 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.*

### Parish Offering: Weekend of Oct. 14 & 15

**Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$7,433.34**  
 Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,119.00  
 Adult Envelopes.....\$3,725.00  
**Total Giving this week.....\$4,844.00**  
**For this weekend the collection is under by \$2,589.34.**

## Notes from the Pastor

**Respect for Life Month.** Check out the insert “Catholic Consideration for Our Earthly Passing” and table in the back of the church. Also check out the display in the back of the church.

**Parish Auction.** Thanks to all the donors, bidders, and supporters who participated in our auction last week. Also, a big thanks to our auction committee and parish secretary for all their time and effort in putting the auction together. We don't have final numbers yet. Overall, the auction went very well! The special item for the remodeling of the school bathrooms took in over \$20,000!

**All Saints Day.** Wednesday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. It is a holyday of obligation this year. It is a day we honor all the faithful departed (our loved ones included) whose souls are in heaven. Masses will be on Wednesday at 7:00am, 8:10am (School Children's Mass) and 7:00pm.

**Remembering Prayer Service.** Our Remembering Prayer Service will be Sunday, November 5 at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Catholic Trivia

**347. What sins are gravely opposed to the sacrament of Matrimony?** Adultery and polygamy are opposed to the sacrament of matrimony because they contradict the equal dignity of man and woman and the unity and exclusivity of married love. Other sins include the deliberate refusal of one's procreative potential which deprives conjugal love of the gift of children and divorce which goes against the indissolubility of marriage. *Further reading: CCC 1645-1648.*

**348. When does the Church allow the physical separation of spouses?** The Church permits the physical separation of spouses when for serious reasons their living together becomes practically impossible, even though there may be hope for their reconciliation. As long as one's spouse lives, however, one is not free to contract a new union, except if the marriage be null and be declared so by ecclesiastical authority. *Further reading: CCC 1629, 1649.*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*

“Experiencing the unconditional love of God  
is what prayer, in the end, is all about.”

-Ronald Rolheiser *Prayer Our Deepest Longing*

## Parish Organizations

- **New Adult Formation opportunity: Tuesdays with the Diocese:** Join adults of the Diocese of Dodge City and Salina on Oct. 24, and Nov. 14 to learn more about The Second Vatican Council, Scripture and Synod. You are invite to attend all three evenings or just one at no cost. Connect via Zoom using your own device at 6:00-8:00pm. To sign-up and receive the link, go to [dcdiocese.org/af](http://dcdiocese.org/af).
- **Oct. 24 - Scripture with Fr. Reggie Urban.** How to understand the Bible better, especially the New Testament.
- **Cards Night at the Knight Hall:** Members of the Knights of Columbus are invited to come play cards on Wednesday, Oct 25 at 7:00pm at the Knights Hall! All Knights are welcome. Get your team together.
- **Mother/Daughter Social:** Daughters of Isabella will have their Mother/Daughter social on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6:00pm at the Knights Hall. All women are welcome.
- **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 [rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org).



### Box of Joy

Bishop Vincke along with Diocese of Salina would like our parish to participate in an event to help children across the globe. The organization is

called **Box of Joy** and they are a Catholic based company that sends boxes to Catholic schools, parishes, and organizations which in return fill the boxes with \$20.00 worth of necessities and toys to bring joy to a boy or girl suffering from extreme poverty.

We would like to invite your family to fill a box if you are able to and bring it back to the church by **November 20th.**

We ask that you purchase items for a boy or a girl and mark off the age group that you bought for on the sheet provided, and put it back in the box; we will adhere it to the box accordingly. If you're able to fill a box, we ask that you follow the gift ideas page provided with the box and bring joy to those in need.

**Boxes are still coming from the Diocese!**

**Please check the back of church this week for their arrival!**

If you rather make a monetary donation, you may either visit [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org) to make your \$9 donation for each gift box, scan the QR code to process your donation, or give a donation to the St. Mary's Parish Office to help with shipping of each box.



## *School Announcements*

**October 24** - Picture Retakes

1st Grade LOFT Lunch

Hays Arts Council Presentation in Hays

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7pm

**October 26** - Good Things Happen in the LOFT

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7pm

**October 27: NO SCHOOL**

- **Trash Bag Pick Up:** Parents, please plan to pick up all of your trash bag orders from the Fall Fundraiser during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday and Thursday. Watch for more information about Pizza coupons and MaryKay orders coming soon!
- **Fun Lunch under the Gazebo!** The Kindergarten Class had the honors of being the first class to eat lunch under the new gazebo last week! They were recognized as the Good Things Happen (GTH) Class!



## *Community Announcements*

- **Trick or Treat So Other's Can Eat is This Sunday, Oct. 22nd** 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.
- **Ellis High School Students ONLY Candy Dash - Oct. 25th:** EHS Students, you 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!
- **Ellis Food Boxes' November Distribution is Monday, October 30th** from 3:00 to 6:00pm at the Food Pantry. Free food boxes for those living in USD 388 who feel the need! No sign up. No income restrictions. No walking or carrying food boxes. Just come to our convenient drive-thru. **Sign Up for Christmas Boxes NOW!!!** Reservations must be done for these special boxes and will only be taken until October 30th!!! Call the Alliance Office before October 30th to get your name on the list or tell the ladies during Pick Up at the Pantry!
- **Meet the Spooks on October 31st:** Don't forget to take your kids to see the residents at Ellis Good Sam on Halloween! They will be welcoming trick-or-treaters from 3:30-5:00pm!

# THANK YOU!

We take a moment to say ***THANK YOU*** to all those who helped plan, decorate, lend a helping hand, donated items and/or made monetary donations, attended the evening, and donated towards the Special Project at this year's **29th Annual St. Mary's Parish Auction!** We appreciate your generosity so much!

### **Mardi Gras Madness \$8,000 Cash Raffle Winners**

\$6,000 - Duane Lang  
\$1,000 - Megan Ptascheck  
\$500 - Melanie McCoy  
\$250 - Stephanie Dinkel  
\$250 - Lyle Gottschalk



**Take A Chance to Win \$2,000 Cash Winner**  
**Dawson Augustine**



# Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

*We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. Although certainly not comprehensive, the following considerations are provided as starting points for understanding and preparing for this transition, whether it is imminent or not.*

## NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH<sup>1</sup>

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions. For example, through prayer and regular reception of the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, we obtain grace to live in ever-deeper communion with God and with one another in lives of faith, charity, and justice.<sup>2</sup> We ask for Our Blessed Mother's help now, and we entrust ourselves to her further as we "surrender 'the hour of our death' wholly to her care."<sup>3</sup>

## FORMING OUR CONSCIENCES.....

Our journey with Christ naturally includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments and acting accordingly.<sup>4</sup> Learning about the dignity of human life and the indispensable respect for it,<sup>5</sup> as well as applicable principles for medical care, is particularly important in preparing for our eventual passing.

Some bishops offer guides applying moral principles to local legal options.<sup>6</sup> Parish and online resources are also widely available for careful and prayerful study, and the *Ethical and Religious Directives* from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops give direction for health care services to those who are seriously ill or dying.<sup>7</sup>

## A NOTE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES.....

No summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, but some general principles are clear. We are entrusted by God with the gift of life, and in response, we care for our lives and health in obedience and gratitude to our Creator.

This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. However, even effective treatments may at times impose such a great burden that we, in good conscience, may forgo or discontinue them. This applies even to life-sustaining treatments. Of course, nothing should be done or deliberately omitted to hasten death.<sup>8</sup>

The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. In principle, assisted feeding and hydration should be provided unless it cannot sustain life or is unduly burdensome to the patient, or if death is imminent whether it is provided or not.

Moreover, no one should choose suicide, nor counsel or assist another to take his or her own life.

## DISCERNING TREATMENT OPTIONS.....

Judging the effect and burden of treatments can be difficult, especially as death draws near. To understand health facts and treatment options, we need professional medical advice. To understand Catholic moral teaching, we need to consult Church teaching and those who can faithfully explain it.

## SPEAKING WITH LOVED ONES.....

After informing our consciences, we need to inform our families. If we are unable to make decisions, they most often have legal authority to make surrogate decisions on our behalf. Or we may designate a health care agent by a durable power of attorney.

Though it is often helpful to also have written, signed documentation, no living will "check box" can ever replace clear conversations about our faith-guided principles. The best option is to choose an agent who will make medical decisions on our behalf in accord with our Catholic faith and Church teaching.

We should also inform family of our pastoral care preferences, and make clear that after death, we desire prayer, funeral rites, and Christian burial.<sup>9</sup>

## ACCOMPANIMENT BEFORE AND AFTER DEATH<sup>10</sup> .....

Those who are sick should not be alone, as multiple popes have reminded us in messages for the annual World Day of the Sick. Patients who have serious or life-threatening illnesses, as well as their families, can be provided with physical, psychological, and spiritual care through team-based palliative care.<sup>11</sup> Hospice care can provide similar integrated care for those nearing death and for their families.

Pastoral care is integral to both palliative and hospice care, and includes making available the Eucharist, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, and Viaticum.<sup>12</sup> It also includes supportive

prayer<sup>13</sup> and support for decision makers. It may be helpful to familiarize ourselves with local services available in preparation for our own passing or that of loved ones.

Even after death, accompaniment continues. Our prayers can help those who are being purified in Purgatory, so it is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for those who have died.<sup>14</sup>

## HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION.....

Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.

We need not fear. Christ is with us.

1 Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd ed., 2012 ff.

2 See Pope Francis, General Audience, 27 November 2013 (Libreria Editrice Vaticana), [https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2013/documents/papa-francesco\\_20131127\\_udienza-generale.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20131127_udienza-generale.html).

3 Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2677.

4 Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1776 ff. *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006), pg. 314.

5 Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1701 ff., 2258 ff.

6 Many state conferences of Catholic Bishops have published materials which may help you with decisions about advance directives. To find these and other resources, contact your local diocesan Respect Life office. A directory is available at [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/diocesan-pro-life-offices.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/diocesan-pro-life-offices.cfm).

7 *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 5th ed. (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009), <http://www.usccb.org/about/doctrine/ethical-and-religious-directives/>. (See especially Part 5.)

8 See Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 15.

9 A summary is found here: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/overview-of-catholic-funeral-rites.cfm>.

10 Pope Francis uses the term "accompaniment" often; see its many occurrences in *Evangelii gaudium*.

11 Pope Francis, "Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to Participants in the Plenary of the Pontifical Academy for Life" (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), [https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/march/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150305\\_pontificia-accademia-vita.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/march/documents/papa-francesco_20150305_pontificia-accademia-vita.html).

12 Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1499–1532. See also Pope Benedict XVI, "Message of the Holy Father on the Occasion of the Twentieth World Day of the Sick" (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2012), [https://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/messages/sick/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_mes\\_20111120\\_world-day-of-the-sick-2012.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/messages/sick/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20111120_world-day-of-the-sick-2012.html).

13 See for example these prayers at the time of dying and death <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/prayers-for-death-and-dying.cfm>.

14 Pope Francis, General Audience, 30 November 2016, (Libreria Editrice Vaticana), [https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2016/documents/papa-francesco\\_20161130\\_udienza-generale.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20161130_udienza-generale.html)

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