



# ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

**November 26, 2023**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**King of the Universe**

## Phone #s

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## Website

Parish: www.stmarysofellis.org  
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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

November 27—December 3

Mon: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tue: Daniel 23:31-34; Luke 21:5-11

Wed: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19

Thu: Romans 10:9-18, Matthew 4:18-22

Fri: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

Sat: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

Sun: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Mark 13:33-37

## 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<br>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   | Nov 25      | 5:30 p.m.  | LeRoy & Lois Aschenbrenner Fam (liv/dec)                                                               |
| Sun   | Nov 26      | 7:00 a.m.  | Phillip & Anna (anniv) Flax+ Fam. (liv/dec)                                                            |
| Sun   | Nov 26      | 9:00 a.m.  | For the Parishioners                                                                                   |
| Mon   | Nov 27      | 5:30 p.m.  | Leonard Wiesner+                                                                                       |
| Tues  | Nov 28      | 8:10 a.m.  | Weigel-Augustine Families (liv/dec)                                                                    |
| Wed   | Nov 29      | 8:10 a.m.  | Mary Wasinger+                                                                                         |
|       | <b>EGSC</b> | 10:00 a.m. | George Jacobs+ Family (liv/dec)                                                                        |
| Thurs | Nov 30      | 8:10 a.m.  | Jake (anniv) & Regina Dreiling+                                                                        |
| Fri   | Dec 1       | 8:10 a.m.  | George & Elizabeth (anniv) Amrein+ Family (liv/dec)                                                    |
| Sat   | Dec 2       | 5:30 p.m.  | William & Rose Augustine+ and Ken Augustine+ (anniv)                                                   |
| Sun   | Dec 3       | 7:00 a.m.  | Thomas & Tillie Windholz+ Family (liv/dec)                                                             |
| Sun   | Dec 3       | 9:00 a.m.  | Belinda Shannon+, Kay Plante+, Fred Nurse+, John Brown+, and Plante/Patten/Kingsley Families (liv/dec) |

## Ministries for December 2 & 3

| Ministry                       | 5:30 p.m.                                                        | 9:00 a.m.                                   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                  | Roberta Augustine                                                | Mindy Eck                                   |
| <b>Presentation of Gifts</b>   | Gary Luea<br><i>VOLUNTEER NEED</i>                               | Melvin & Gini Augustine                     |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b> | Barney Boos<br>Richard Bollig                                    | Lacie Haas<br>Paula Wasinger<br>Jackie Flax |
| <b>Servers</b>                 | Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield                                     | Emma Flax<br>John Hickert<br>Addalyn Haas   |
| <b>Cantor / Musician</b>       | Kinzie Sunley<br>Nancy Cunningham                                | Amy Staab<br>Cristi Werth                   |
| <b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>   | James & Sandy Rome Family<br>Gary Luea<br>Bob & Margie Mickelson | Mark & Sarah Eck Family                     |

## Other Ministries

|                               |                                                  |                                     |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>7:00am Lector</b>          | Dec. 3 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.                           | Joe Hertel                          |
| <b>Communion to Homebound</b> | Dec. 1 (Fri)                                     | Fr. Dana Clark                      |
| <b>Ellis Good Samaritan</b>   | Dec. 3 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.                          | Sharon Bittel                       |
| <b>Rosary Leaders</b>         | Dec. 2 (Sat) 5:30 p.m.<br>Dec. 3 (Sun) 9:00 a.m. | Roberta Augustine<br>Greg Augustine |

## Meetings & Events

|       |         |                                                 |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Mon   | Nov. 27 | Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00pm                 |
| Tues  | Nov. 28 | <b>Giving Tuesday! Donate to #iGiveCatholic</b> |
| Thurs | Nov. 30 | Eucharistic Adoration: 9am-5pm                  |
| Mon   | Dec. 4  | Return Warming Heart Tree gifts                 |

## Parish Announcements

- **Last Chance to Return Your Box of Joy:** If you took a box and have it filled, please return it back to the Parish Office ASAP! We will be taking the filled boxes back to Salina on Tuesday of this week! If you have any questions, please contact Emily in the Parish Office!
- **Give #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday!** Giving Tuesday is **November 28!** We ask that if you have not already donated to St. Mary's Church & School during the Advanced Giving Days, that you consider gifting on Giving Tuesday, November 28 from 12:01am to 11:59pm. We will have *matching funds available only on Giving Tuesday!* Check the back page of the bulletin for more information! *Reminder:* All donations processed online or offline through #iGiveCatholic or St. Mary's Church are tax deductible and all donations are to better our school and church for the next year!
- **Time & Talent Forms:** Please take a look at the form and consider volunteering for a ministry (individually or as a family)! The deadline to return the forms to the Parish Office is **Monday, December 11!** A 2024 ministry schedule will be distributed to you before the end of the year!
- **CCD Students & YDisciples:** We will be gathering on Wednesday, November 29th!!! **CCD Students**, please meet in the school cafeteria with your teacher, like normal! **YDisciples:** it's time to spread some Christmas joy on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> with our Good Samaritan friends! Meet up at Good Sam at 6:30pm for pizza followed by prayer and carol singing! Bring your rosary!
- **How can I spend an hour with Jesus?** Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration. ***We are in search of a volunteer to fill the hour of 2:00-3:00pm each Thursday.*** If you would like to sit with Jesus on Thursday's, please contact Roberta at 785-726-4991. ***I Thirst For You...***Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays, 9:00am-5:00pm (after morning mass until closing).

## Parish Offering: Weekend of Nov. 18 & 19

**Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$7,433.34**

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$877.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,261.00

**Total Giving this week.....\$6,138.00**

**For this weekend the collection is below by \$1,295.34.**

## Notes from the Pastor

**#iGiveCatholic.** This coming Tuesday (November 28) is #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday! If you haven't done so, please consider giving the parish an extra donation. You can donate by going to [salina.igivecatholic.org](http://salina.igivecatholic.org), and search for our parish and then donate.

**Advent.** The first Sunday of Advent begins next Sunday, December 3. It will be a short Advent season, only 21 days. It also means that Christmas will be just a little over three weeks away!

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a holyday of obligation. Because it falls on a Friday, and since Friday evenings tend to be busy for many with other things, I thought it would be better to offer the evening Mass for the holyday as a vigil Mass on Thursday at 7:00pm. So, Masses for this holyday will be Thursday at 7:00pm and Friday at 7:00am and 8:10am (school mass), with no evening Mass on Friday.

**Pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy.** I'm planning on having blessed, framed pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy (that I matted and framed) available during the Advent season. A donation may be given, if you so desire, by using one of the donation envelopes and placing it in the Sunday collection. I'm also planning to have some related Advent material on the table for those who may be interested.

**Church Doors.** I do have the old hardware (exit devices) that we replaced on the church doors, if anyone is interested – at no cost. Just let me know if you are interested. I'll eventually throw them away, if there are no takers.

**Year-end Gifts.** The end of the year is approaching fast. Keep the support of our parish in mind as you plan for your end of year giving.

### Upcoming Events

| Date        | Event                                                                 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/28 (Tue) | #iGiveCatholic Giving Day                                             |
| 12/3 (Sun)  | Advent begins                                                         |
| 12/7 (Thur) | Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm                |
| 12/8 (Fri)  | Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Holyday Masses: 7:00am and 8:10am |
| 12/24 (Sun) | Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm & 6:00pm                                 |
| 12/25 (Mon) | Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00 a.m.                                        |

*Have a good week! Fr. Dana*

## Parish Organizations

- **Help with the Finishing Touches:** The Good Hope Quilters are excited to be able to send over 30 quilts out to Samaritan House in Denver in mid-December! With the quilts, we like to include small personal items the families can use while they stay. We are asking for donations of personal items—things like hotel-size toiletries, hygiene products, rain ponchos, hats and gloves, little flashlights, chapstick, backpacks, pocket-sized New Testaments, rosaries, individual snack packs, etc. If you wish to donate items, please drop them by the Parish Office no later than December 1st or contact Gini Augustine at 726-4257 or 726-1257, Geri Augustine at 785-656-2466.
- **Last days to get your Christmas Cash Tickets!** The Ellis K of C Council Christmas Cash Drawing begins December 1st! TEN Days of Winnings!!! Get your ticket(s) today for a donation of \$20.00 per ticket. No more tickets will be sold after the first drawing on Dec. 1. Contact a Knight to get your tickets. All proceeds will go to the Ellis Council!
- **Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party:** Make plans to attend on Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00pm for our annual Christmas Party. Seasonal snacks and drinks will be served. An optional \$15 gift exchange will take place. Please join us! All are welcome!
- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees:** It's that time of year where we continue the tradition of our giving trees to the Ellis Food Pantry and Ellis Good Sam. Both trees are located at the entrance of the church. The **Ellis Food Pantry Warming Heart** tree is for Ellis community members who are in need of clothing this holiday season. There is the age, gender, size of clothing needed on each gold heart. Please gift them BRAND NEW clothing. **Gifts purchased for the Warming Heart tree need to be returned back to the church or Parish Office on or before December 4th.** If you wish to give a monetary gift, please contact Rita Younger at 785-650-4225. The **Ellis Good Sam Angel Tree** is for the residents of the Ellis Good Samaritan Center for Christmas Day. Each angel has a wish list for the designated residents, you only need to choose one item from the list. **Gifts purchased for the Angel tree need to be returned back to the church or Parish Office ONLY on or before December 18th.**
- **Toys for Tots Program:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus is helping the Marines in the collection of Christmas toys for needy families. Toys for Tots will have a box in the back of church until December 4th, where you can drop off a new unwrapped toy for a special child. All donations will stay in our local community.

### Please Remember in Prayer

Dean Augustine, Gilbert Augustine, Juanita Augustine, Mark Boos, Janice Collins, Patty Dreiling, Dianne Durler, Rose Egger, Sister Doris Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, 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 Ptascheck, Doug Rohr, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Toyna Sterling, Tanner Sullivan, Marlene Tribble, Brandy Womack, and the residents of EGSC.

## School Announcements

**November 22-24**

**No School—Thanksgiving Break**

**Monday, November 27**

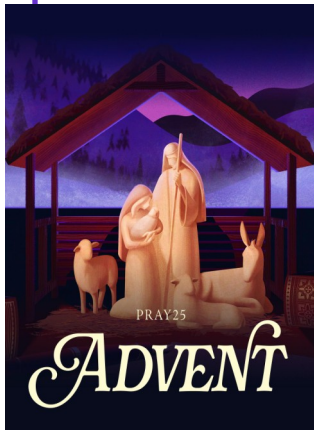
LAST DAY to Return your Box of Joy

**Thursday, November 30**

4th Grade book Club Lunch

- **Mark Your Calendar:**

- **Home & School Meeting:** All parents/guardians are invite to attend the Home & School Meeting on Monday, Dec. 4th at 6:45 at the School.
- **St. Mary's School Christmas Concert,** is set for Wednesday, December 6, at 6:00pm in the gym!



St. Mary's Parish has partnered with [Hallow](#), a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps you deepen your relation ship with God through audio-guided prayer sessions! We want to encourage all parishioners to surrender it all this Advent season and prepare your heart for Jesus like never before with readings from the works of C.S. Lewis, voiced by award-winning actor and the voice of Aslan in the Narnia movies, Liam Neeson. Jonathan Roumie and Sr. Miriam

James Heidland, SOLT, will guide us through prayer and reflection on these powerful writings to prepare our hearts for Christmas and rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming into this world and into our hearts in the [Advent #25 Challenge](#)! More information coming next week, but feel free to check out the bulletin insert, church website and our Facebook page!

## Community Announcements

- **All Aboard the Ellis Polar Express!** Catch a ride on the enchanting immature train in downtown Ellis for just a small suggested donation of \$5 per person. Don't miss the chance to be transported to a magical world! Hop on board one of the three nights! A weekend you don't want to miss!

**December 1: Train Ride Only from 6:00-8:00pm**

**December 2: Train Ride from 6:00-9:00pm and Cookies & Visit with Santa in the Ellis Public Library**

**December 3: Free Candy Cane Hunt at 5:30pm sharp! Train Rides from 6:00-8:00pm with Santa will be back in the Library!**



**Senior Citizens & Friends: We invite you to enjoy lunch at the Ellis Nutrition Center (Mealsite):** The Ellis Nutrition Center (Mealsite) offers home cooked, well-balanced meals every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:30am for a price of \$3.75 per meal for guests over 60 years of age! Guests under 60 are

welcome too, thought you must pay the full cost of a meal, which is \$6.75. Can't beat those prices for a delicious meal!!! We have offer Carry Out and Delivery services as well! Carry out meals are ready to pick up by 10:45am each day of business! We ask that you kindly call to give us a notice that you'd like a meal a day ahead of time, whether its Dine-In, Carry Out, or Delivery by calling Donna Huff, our new cook at the Nutrition Center, at 785-726-3388 during business hours 7:30am-12:30pm or leave a message! What's on the menu for the week? Check out the *Ellis Review* or ask for a monthly menu at the Mealsite!



**#iGIVECATHOLIC**  
**November 28, 2023**

### **Ellis Daughters of Isabella support #iGiveCatholic for St. Mary's Church & School!**

Your Ellis Daughters of Isabella, St. Gilbert Circle #323 has made a \$500 donation to #iGiveCatholic to be matched by gifts made to St. Mary's Church & School on Giving Tuesday, November 28th!

We invite our fellow sisters to make a gift to our parish that we feel so passionate about!

Gifts will be matched from the Ellis Daughters of Isabella as funds are available! They will match gifts \$1 for \$1, up to \$100 per donor!

Gifts may be given online through our profile page:  
<https://salina.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-mary-parish-ellis> OR given to Emily in the Parish Office!

*Matching Funds from St. Mary's Home & School Assoc. will need to be matched in it's entirety before the D of I Matching Funds will begin!*

SCAN HERE TO DONATE



**Daughters of Isabella**  
**St. Gilbert Circle #323**

will match up to

**\$500**

to **St. Mary's Church & School**

for gifts made

during **ONLY**

on Giving Tuesday,

November 28!



**Hallow**

# *FIND PEACE IN GOD THIS ADVENT*

LIZZIE VELASQUEZ   MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

"The Hallow app helped me open up my front door to Jesus and reminded me I have never and will never be ALONE thanks to Him."

FR. JOSH JOHNSON   AUTHOR & PODCAST HOST

"The resources on this app draw me to reorient my attention to the face of God and the voice of Christ."



PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

# ADVENT

*"This app has been an answer for my weary soul. I am finding peace for the very first time."*

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### Family Content

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, or guide your little ones with introductory prayer sessions for ages 3 and up as well as sacrament prep.



### Bible Stories & Sleep Content

Close your day with Christ with an Examen, Night Prayer, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.