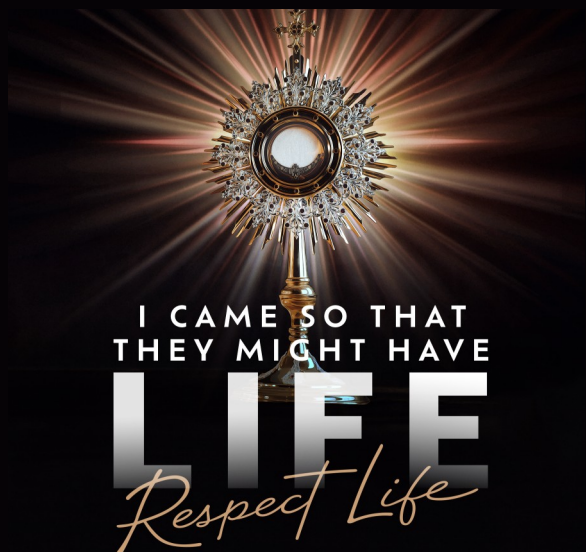


ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 6, 2024
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 19 - Sept. 8, 2024

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 7 - October 13

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
Fri: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
Sat: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28
Sun: Wisdom 7:7-11; Mark 10:17-30

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
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 5	5:30 p.m.	Frank+ & Juanita Augustine and John M. & Clara Augustine Families (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 6	7:00 a.m.	Julius & Dorothy Urban+
Sun	Oct 6	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Oct 7	5:30 p.m.	Richard & Charlene Flax+
Tues	Oct 8	8:10 a.m.	Doug Patten+ and Agnes Plante+ Families (liv/dec)
Wed	Oct 9	8:10 a.m.	A.A. & Clara Herman+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Johanna Gnad+ (anniv)
Thurs	Oct 10	8:10 a.m.	Jacob & Otilia Kinderknecht+ Family (l/d)
Fri	Oct 11	8:10 a.m.	James Newton+
Sat	Oct 12	5:30 p.m.	Joseph & Elizabeth Schaeffer-Schoenberger Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 13	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 13	9:00 a.m.	Gilbert & Janet+ Augustine

Ministries for October 12 & 13

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family	Craig & Becky Seibel Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Gordon & Geri Augustine Curtis Weber
Servers	Jaren Frickey	Hunter, Breckyn & Brielle Honas
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Emily Mattheyer	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Roberta Augustine Eugene Schuster	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Augustine Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	October 13 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	October 11 (Fri)	Diane Kuhn
Ellis Good Samaritan	Oct. 13 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	October 12 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. October 13 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Ginger Schoenthaler Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	October	Bob & Margie Mickelson
Coffee & Donuts Host	October	Steve & Peggy Seibel

Meetings & Events

Wed	Oct. 9	SMS to FHSU for Reward Party Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 10	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm Daughters of Isabella Meeting @ 6:00pm RCIA Class @ 7:00pm
Sun	Oct. 13	Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass Rosary Rally at Memorial Park @ 1:00pm
Mon	Oct. 14	No School (Columbus Day)

Parish Announcements

- **Second Sunday, Coffee & Donuts!** Come welcome the Autumn season with us in the church basement after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, October 13th for warm coffee, cool orange juice and delicious donuts!
- **YDisciples!** Let's continue learning more about our journey to become Saints this Wednesday, October 9th! Meal at 6:30pm with discussion to follow!
- As we begin the month of October, we enter into a special period of reflection and action for our Church's missionary efforts worldwide. **World Mission Sunday**, celebrated on October 20th, is a vital time for all Catholics to support the spread of the Gospel in mission territories. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," emphasizing our call to bring God's love and message to all corners of the world. Historically, the Church in the United States was once a beneficiary of these missionary efforts, and now we have the opportunity to give back and support our brothers and sisters around the globe. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to engage fully in this mission through the month.
- **Box of Joy:** St. Mary's Parish will be participating in the Box of Joy, a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach, again this year. This organization sends Christmas boxes that we fill with \$20.00 worth of necessities and toys to bring joy to boys and girls suffering from extreme poverty. We have provided a box for you to take home and fill on the table in the back of church, along with a pamphlet with ideas of items for your box. We ask that you please return your filled box back to the designated box in the back of church or the Parish Office by Wednesday, November 6th. Watch in next week's bulletin for a detailed gift idea sheet with **Highly Desired Items* marked and information on more ways you can help these children or check the back table.

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 (the first Sunday of October) is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. This year's theme is "*I Came So That They Might Have Life*." During this month, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that project life from conception to natural death." Check out the bulletin insert "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" and the respect for life pamphlets and material on "What's on the Table" in the back of the church.

Auction 2025. Our auction is just a little less than six months away, the last Saturday in March, March 29, 2025. We are beginning to get things organized. Instead of one committee doing all of the work, we are creating a number of subcommittees to better divide up the work. Each committee will focus on a particular area of the auction. A bulletin insert is provided with a list of the committees we have defined so far, and what they will be responsible for. A person, of course, can help on more than one committee. For example, the members of the procurement committee may also help in setting up and displaying the items they procured. If you are interested in helping in some way or to be on a particular committee, please let us know. One critical committee that needs to be formed as soon as possible, is the Procurement Committee. This committee, as stated, is responsible for acquiring items. There is a lot of jobs that committee needs to do. It is not all about going and asking for donations. We have a list of tasks that need to be worked on. Contact the Parish Office if you'd be willing to volunteer your time for this special event for the parish!

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service, as we did the last several years, the first Sunday of November, November 3 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 the list of names from funeral service I had this past year in next week's bulletin. If you have a loved who died within the past year and they are not on the list, let us know so we can add them to the list.

Catechism Trivia

516. What is the task of business management? Business managers are responsible for the economic and ecological effects of their operations. They must consider the good of persons and not only the increase of profits, even though profits are necessary to assure investments, the future of the business, employment, and the good progress of economic life. *Further reading: CCC 2432*

517. What are the duties of workers? They must carry out their work in a conscientious way with competence and dedication, seeking to resolve any controversies with dialogue. Recourse to a non-violent strike is morally legitimate when it appears to be the necessary way to obtain a proportionate benefit and it takes into account the common good. *Further reading: CCC 2435*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus Members Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00pm at the Knights Hall!
- **Daughters of Isabella Members Meeting** will be held on Thursday, October 10th beginning at 6:00pm with a soup supper, followed by business meeting at 6:30pm in the Knights Hall.



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally, Sunday, October 13th at 1:00pm: Are you looking for an outdoor, safe, family, faith activity? Come and pray at Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 13 at 1:00pm in Ellis Memorial Park. Bring your rosary and a lawn chair/blanket if you wish. All are welcome! Pray for the urgent conversation of America! Please contact Leonard S. (785-726-1278) with any questions. "Finally, My Immaculate Heart will triumph!"—Our Lady of Fatima, 1917.

Diocese of Salina Announcements

- **Annual Anniversary Masses:** Bishop Vincke & the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary & all other wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years in 2024. Couples will need to register at www.salinadiocese.org on which Mass they wish to attend: **Sunday, October 27 @ 3:00pm in Hays** or Sunday, November 3 @ 2:00pm in Salina.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Holly Dinkel, Joe Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Doug Kingsley, Agneta Kuhn, Tim Kingsley & Family, , Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Indiana Landess, Joani Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Riley Moore, Brandon Schoenthaler, LaVerne Schuster, Joe Sloan & Family, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, 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 Sept. 28 & 29

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2024-25: \$6,641.73

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$942.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,927.00

Total Giving.....\$4,869.00

After this weekend the collection is below by \$1,772.73.

School Announcements

Tuesday, October 8

4th & 5th Grades go to Pa's Pumpkin Patch for Ag Day

Wednesday, October 9

Fall Fundraiser Reward Party at FHSU for ALL students!

Monday, October 14

No School (Teacher In-Service)

Home & School Member Meeting @ 6:00pm

School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

- **Need More Chocolate?!?! We still have plenty of the premium bars left for you to enjoy! All flavors available for just \$2.00 each (Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Toasted Almond, Crisped Rice, Caramel and Peanut Butter)! Needing Halloween candy or maybe get a head start on holiday stocking stuffers, we've got you covered! Please give the school office a call to place your order! We are grateful for your continued support!**

- **St. Mary's Supporters and FUTURE Railroaders:** The Ellis High School Booster Club has a **NEW ENDOWED FUND** to support extracurricular opportunities for students! This Endowed Fund for the



Booster Club is intended to create enriching experiences that elevate the educational journey for our students. By supporting this fund, you can help provide essential enhancement opportunities to foster growth, inspiration, and community spirit! Long-term goals for the fund include college game experiences, theater and arts attendance, and educational travel opportunities. By contributing to this endowed

fund, you play a vital role in creating a vibrant school community that prioritizes student development and fosters lifelong memories. Advanced Online Giving is already happening! Your support can make a transformative difference in our students' educational experience! **Your donation during Give Fest on October 10 will be matched up to 100% out of a \$150,000 match pool!** To donate and learn more, visit www.hearlandgivefest.org to donate or learn more!



Box of Joy 2024! We are participating in the box of Joy, a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach, again this year! One box per family has been sent home this past week, along with a more detailed gift idea sheet with more desired items marked! From Bishop Vincke and all of us at St. Mary's, **THANK YOU** for making a child's Christmas extra special. Please have boxes returned to school by Nov. 6th.

Community Announcements



THIS MONDAY!!! Ellis Food Box Pantry Open & Taking Christmas Box Reservations: Be sure to stop by the Ellis Food Box Pantry for their distribution held this Monday, October 7th! from 3:00-6:00pm. They will also be taking reservations for Christmas Boxes at this time!



Historic Films to be Shown: In conjunction with last week's grand opening of the Ellis Historic Walking Trail, John Begler will be hosting an event at the Ellis Public Library Conference Room on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00pm. He will be presenting 5 films by Dr. G.A. Surface, and will be joined by 2 guest speakers! The films will include: 1951 Bartell Motors Fire, Cedar Bluff Dedication, Elk Hunting Trip Taken, Basketball Game @ Old High School & Family Christmas. Thanks, John for your hard work and education in preserving and sharing the history of not only our town, but the people who call it home!

- **Flu Shot Clinic on Wednesday, October 9th:** Ellis Co. Health Department is hosting a Flu Shot Clinic at the Ellis City Hall Council Room on Wednesday, October 9 from 2:30-4:30pm. Please bring with you a government issued ID and insurance info! Self-pay cost: Regular Flu (\$40), Flublok (\$60.26) or High Dose Fluzone (\$90.25).

ELLIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FLU SHOT CLINIC



Please bring a government issued ID and insurance info.

Self-pay cost
 Regular Flu is \$40.00
 Flublok (egg free) is \$60.26
 High Dose Fluzone is \$90.26

Wednesday, OCTOBER 9, 2024
 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Ellis City Hall –Council Room
 815 Jefferson

- **Have you Got your tickets for REBOOT???**

REBOOT is a fun, inspiring, and practical experience for everyone 12 years of age and older! REBOOT will show you how to apply the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life – from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health, and more!! Mark your calendars for this exciting and life changing event – November 20th at 7:00pm at the Colby Event Center. Tickets can be purchased at a discounted early bird rate of \$33 per ticket! You may purchase your discounted ticket online at <https://auctria.events/reboot>. There are a limited number of tickets available at this price so don't wait too long to get yours!





THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

A BRIEF SUMMARY

The prophetic papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) was written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

The Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world.

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with himself, the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior through the ministry of the Church, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is always good.

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the “Word of life” (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we bear. Even within the mystery which surrounds suffering and death, these experiences can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's own sacrifice. By making human life the instrument of our salvation, the Son of God shows us the priceless value of human life.

Although the roots of violence against life are not new—going all the way back to Genesis,

when Cain took the life of his brother Abel—our modern world is now suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However, the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope.

To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.

Christ's gift of himself on the Cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.



Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Each life is a gift from God and ultimately belongs to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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ST. MARY'S 30TH ANNUAL PARISH AUCTION

MARCH 29, 2025

For the past 29 years, there has been one "Planning Committee" made up of 10-20 members who have taken on the task of making the parish auction a success. This year, we are looking at dividing up the work and creating a number of subcommittees.

If you are interested in helping in some way or to be on a particular committee to continue the success our parish auction brings to the school and church, please contact the Parish Office and let us know as soon as possible!

Some committees are very important in these beginning planning stages!

Without volunteers, this special evening cannot be a success! Please consider being a part!

AUCTION STEERING COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for overall management of the auction. It organizes and oversees the subcommittees that will do much of the work. It proposes the major decisions, such as the date, the theme, admission price, types of auctions, types of raffles to run, and what the special item will be. They are under the authority of the Parish Council and report to them for approval.

PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for acquiring the auction items, both Silent and Live. The committee will identify potential donors and items to procure and try to match items with donors. One of the first tasks of this committee will be to conduct brainstorming sessions to identify potential items to pursue. Another task will be to organize and train those who will go into the community to do the asking for the items. ******This committee is very critical and needs to be formed as soon as possible!***

ADVERTISING/PROMOTING COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for advertising and promoting the auction.

ITEM MANAGEMENT & DATABASE COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for working with the auction software to ensure that all data related to the event is entered and properly tracked and accounted for. It is also responsible for creating and maintaining the auction website, along with receiving and securely storing the items and for transporting them to the auction site.

AUCTION BOOK COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for putting together the auction book. This is the document given to the bidders for the evening event, which includes auction rules, acknowledgements, and a list of the evening's events, the auction items and possible event advertisements.

AUCTION NIGHT CHECKOUT COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for managing the checkout process, which includes recording bid sales and checking out bidders at the night of the auction.

AUCTION SET-UP & DISPLAY COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for setting up and displaying the Silent and Live auction items and for monitoring the Silent and Live auction areas during the event.

DECORATION COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for dressing up the auction location for the evening and showcasing it in the most festive way possible.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for making sure that the guests are treated to the best service regarding food and drinks.