

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 13, 2024
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 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 14 - October 20

Mon: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32
Tue: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
Wed: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
Thu: Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54
Fri: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
Sat: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
Sun: Isaiah 53:10-11; Mark 10:35-45

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 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
Mon	Oct 14	5:30 p.m.	John R. Boss+
Tues	Oct 15	8:10 a.m.	Leonard Augustine+ (anniv)
Wed	Oct 16	8:10 a.m.	LaVerne Dinkel+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 17	8:10 a.m.	John F. & Bernadine Kuhn+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Oct 18	8:10 a.m.	Mike & Margaret Hoffman
Sat	Oct 19	5:30 p.m.	Lawdy Herman+
Sun	Oct 20	7:00 a.m.	Leo & Agnes Otter+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 20	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for October 19 & 20

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Cindy Zervas	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Austin & Kiedra Hickert Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Lacie Haas Peggy Seibel Paula Wasinger
Servers	Aiden, Rylan, Chase Aschenbrenner	Addalyn & Ainsley Haas
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Isabella Eck Nancy Cunningham
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Roberta Augustine Eugene Schuster	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Augustine Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	October 20 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Communion to Homebound	October 18 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	Oct. 20 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	October 19 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. October 20 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Roberta Augustine Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	October	Bob & Margie Mickelson
Coffee & Donuts Host	October	Steve & Peggy Seibel

Meetings & Events

Sun	Oct. 13	Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass Musicians Meeting at 10am Rosary Rally at Memorial Park @ 1:00pm Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat @ 4:00pm
Mon	Oct. 14	No School (Columbus Day) Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
Tues	Oct. 15	SMS Last Day to Wear Shorts & Flip Flops
Wed	Oct. 16	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 17	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm RCIA Class @ 7:00pm
Fri	Oct. 18	End of the First 9 weeks of School
Sun	Oct. 20	World Mission Sunday (special collection)

Parish Announcements

- This weekend we took up a second collection in to support the **Hurricane Helene relief** efforts through Catholic Charities, USA. This assistance, coordinated through CCUSA, will help local Catholic Charities agencies responding on the front lines. If you weren't able to donate this weekend, and still wish to do so, we are collecting donations throughout the month of October. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church and indicate that is it for the Hurricane Relief.
- YDisciples!** Is Sainthood even possible? Come find out beginning with a meal at 6:30pm followed by discussion!!!
- Next Sunday, October 20th, is **World Mission Sunday**. This is a unique opportunity for us to support the Church's mission work in over 1,150 territories worldwide. Our prayers and contributions help build churches, train clergy and provide essential services to those in need. Please consider how you can participate and give generously next week.
- 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. This week's bulletin insert is a detailed gift idea sheet with **Highly Desired Items* marked and more information on ways you can help! 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.

Notes from the Pastor

Hurricane Helene Collection. The Bishop has asked all of the parishes in the Diocese to do a 2nd collection for Hurricane Helene relief. We are taking up a collection this weekend. You can continue to donate by dropping off a donations in the collection basket or at the parish office sometime this month. Write checks payable to St. Mary's Church, and we will send one check to the Diocese of Salina at the end of the month. The diocese will send a single check to Catholic Charities USA for Hurricane Helene Response.

Respect for Life Month. Check out the insert "How to Build a Culture of Life" and table in the back of the church. Also check out the display in the back of the church.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally. I'm leading the rosary for this rally, organized by Leonard Schoenberger. The rally is this Sunday, October 13 at 1:00pm in the Ellis Memorial Park. Bring the family. It will be good experience for the children!

World Mission Sunday Collection. World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 20. 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 and vocations.

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service on Sunday, November 3 at 4:00pm for parish family members who have lost a loved one during the past year (or for loved ones who were laid to rest 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:

*Judy Abbott, Tim Augustine, Rose Blasing,
Herbert Bottomly, David Dreiling, Rose Egger,
Robert Feldt, Richard Geschwentner, Betty Haselhorst,
Lawrence Herman, Janetta, Heroneme, Betty Honas,
Lucille Kuhn, Amanda Metzler, Bill Pfannenstiel, Tim Ray,
Armellia Reiter, Rulene Rosproy, Margaret Rohr,
Marty Rohr, John Rupp, Kolten Schmidt, Shirley Shiltz,
Fred Taylor, Emma Weber, Barbara Wolf.*

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations



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.



Ellis Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat is THIS Sunday: Youth groups and volunteers will be going around the Ellis community this Sunday, October 13th beginning at 4:00pm to collect food items for our local food pantry. Youth and adult volunteers from Ellis will be giving their time to make this food drive a success! Please leave items on the porch if donors will not be home or do not want someone ringing the doorbell. Possible items to donated include canned fruits and vegetables, boxed dinners, jars of baby food, and any non-perishable food items. If you prefer to make a cash donation, volunteers will accept cash or check. Please make checks payable to Ellis Food Box Pantry.

- **THANK YOU for the Pumpkin Donations:** Some of you may have seen the big bulletin board in the back of church as changed again for the month of October! We would like to invite families to pray together at home using the prayer featured on the board. A kind hearted parishioner supplied us with pumpkins for families to take home on a first come, first serve, basis!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **John Rupp**, who passed away October 1st. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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.*

## **School Announcements**

### **Monday, October 14**

No School (Teacher In-Service)  
Home & School Member Meeting  
@ 6:00pm  
School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

### **Tuesday, October 15**

***Last Day To Wear Shorts & Flip Flops***  
PreSchool LOFT Lunch

### **Friday, October 18**

Creed Repertory Theatre Presentation  
PreK-2nd Grades visit Cottage Lane  
Pumpkin Patch  
End of the First 9 Weeks

- **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.
- **Groundbreaking Excitement!** The 2023-2024 Race for Education project for a new Walking Trail is underway! We can't wait to see the finished project! Thanks to Eck & Eck Construction for helping us make this project come to life! ▶▶▶



## **Community Announcements**



**Candy Donations Needed:** The Ellis Good Samaritan is looking for candy donations for their annual "Meet The Spooks" on Halloween, October 31. Last year they almost ran out so this year they are reaching out to the community for help. The Meet The Spooks have been a tradition for many years and the residents just love seeing all the children dressed in their costumes. If you wish to make a donation you may take the bags of candy to the Nurse's Station or to the EGSC Activity Room! You are also welcome to drop it off at the Parish Office with Emily and she will make sure it gets to EGSC! Be sure to drop your donations off *before* Halloween!

- **Hays Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat Food Drive Set:** Hays High DECA is excited to return to a traditional food drive that benefits the Community Assistance Center of Hays. This year's food drive, will be held on Tuesday, October 15th from 6:00pm-9:00pm. If you are a resident of Hays, youth and adults will be going around to pick up items off your porch. If you wish to make a cash donation, volunteers can accept cash or check donations the day of the food drive, made payable to the Community Assistance Center and may be mailed to 208 E. 12th, Hays, KS.



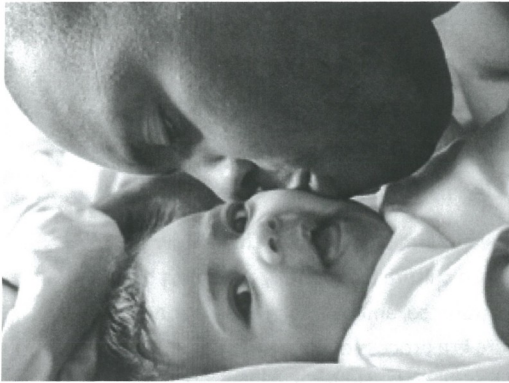
Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas' **Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need** kicks off next weekend! This campaign supports families in northern Kansas facing hunger, housing instability, and mental health challenges. Thanks to a **\$150,000 match**, your donations will go twice as far. **To donate**, use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes provided for you at the back of church or visit [ccnks.org/ignitinghope](https://ccnks.org/ignitinghope). For questions or more information, contact Jessica Allen at 785-833-9379 or [jallen@ccnks.org](mailto:jallen@ccnks.org).

- **Tickets for Chris Stefanick's REBOOT Are Still Available!** 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!



## **Diocese of Salina Announcements**

- **Adult Formation on Tuesdays with the Diocese:** Join adults of the Diocese of Dodge City and Salina to learn more about The Dignity of the Human Person, The Second Vatican Council, and Catholic Social Teaching the month of October. Plan to attend all three evenings or just one! Connect via ZOOM using your own device at 6:00-8:00pm. To sign up and receive the link, go to [dcdiocese.org/af](https://dcdiocese.org/af). **October 15th—Vanity Faith, Searching for Spirituality Among the Stars.** Presenter and Author Fr. Terrance Klein. The book, *Vanity Faith* reveals how God can be found in the movies and on television, and how you learn more about your faith than you could have ever thought.



# How to Build a Culture of Life

## THE PROBLEM.....

*Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?*

## OUR CHRISTIAN IDENTITY.....

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."<sup>1</sup>

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

## OUR MISSION AS CHRISTIANS.....

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

## MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP.....

This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization."<sup>2</sup>

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

## IDENTITY CRISIS.....

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

#### OUR RESPONSE .....

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows

how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

#### A CULTURE OF LIFE .....

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

1 John Paul II, Homily, 17<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002.

2 USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, *Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization*. Copyright © 2012, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org) to make your \$9 donation for each gift box or scan the QR code to pay.
4. If needed, secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



# GIFT IDEAS

## PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love it when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

### TOYS

**Ball (deflated) with pump\***  
 Balloons  
 Binoculars  
 Cars or trucks  
 Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)  
**Doll\***  
 Finger puppets  
 Handheld toys  
 Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument  
 Jump rope  
 Lego building blocks  
 Mini board games  
 Mini puzzle  
 Small balls (tennis, etc.)  
**Small plush animals\***  
 Slinky  
 Unopened fast-food toys  
 Yo-yo

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

**Coloring book\***  
**Crayons\***  
 Erasers  
 Flash cards  
 Glue stick (no liquid)  
 Notepads  
 Pencil case  
 Pencil sharpener  
 Pencils, colored pencils  
 Pens, markers  
 Safety scissors  
 Small board books  
 Solar calculator  
 Stickers

### CANDY & GUM

Unexpired candy that will not melt, sealed in a zip closure style bag

### APPAREL

Bandanas  
**Dresses\***  
 Flip-flops  
 Hats  
 Plastic poncho  
 Socks  
 Shorts  
**T-shirts\***  
 Underwear

### NECESSITIES/HOME

Bandages  
 Comb or brush  
**Cup or bottle with lid\***  
 Hand wipes  
 Lip balm  
 Manicure kit  
 Nail clippers or emery board  
**Toothbrush\***

### ACCESSORIES

Barrettes  
 Bracelets  
 Earrings  
**Hair bands or headbands\***  
**Hair ribbons\***  
**Necklace\***  
**Purse or wallet\***  
 Scarf  
**Sunglasses\***  
 Watch

### USEFUL ITEMS

Cross or rosary  
 Compass  
**Drawstring bag\***  
 Sewing kit  
 Utensils

\*Highly desired items.

## PLEASE DO NOT PACK

Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, etc.)  
 Food or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® • Medicine or vitamins • Anything with a battery  
 Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards

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